



*St. Giles Presbyterian Church*

*116 Foxridge Road, Orange Park, FL 32065*

*March 19, 2023*

*10:00AM*

*Rev. Jake Young, Pastor*

*Rev. Jessi Higginbotham, Parish Associate*

## THE LITURGY OF PREPARATION

*Please silence your cell phone during worship.*

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

THE PRELUDE - Merrie Shoemaker "Variations on Land of Rest"

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

If you would like more information about St. Giles or are interested in uniting with us please contact Pastor Jake or Pastor Jessi.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to sanctify ourselves.

*We come seeking to be worthy of our call.*

The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

*But seeks to know what is in our hearts.*

Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

*That we might live as children of the Most High.*

SONG OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" St. Giles Praise & Worship Team

### OPENING PRAYER

#### RESPONSE: (CONGREGATION SINGS)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness*

*And all these things shall be added unto you Allelu, Alleluia!*

CHILDRENS SERMON Rev. Jessi Higginbotham

\*HYMN GTG #744 "Arise, Your Light is Come"

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

How do we know when our actions are right? When the fruits of our labors are good and true. Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment. Therefore, let us hold up our sins to Christ's gaze.

#### \* PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

*God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.*

*(Silent Prayer)*

*Amen*

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.*

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen, Amen.*

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US

ANTHEM "When Peace Like A River" Geoff & Michelle DuChemin

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

SERMON "What is Your Blindside?" Jake Young

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation

\* The Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Prayer of Dedication

NEW MEMBERS JOIN

\*HYMN GTG #803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Go Now In Peace*

\*THE POSTLUDE - Merrie Shoemaker "Holy, Holy, Holy "

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*Website: www.stgilesfl.org*



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& Donna O'Brien

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**Lord I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
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### **Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

### **John 9:1-41**

<sup>9</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' <sup>11</sup>He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.'

<sup>12</sup>They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' <sup>25</sup>He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' <sup>26</sup>They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' <sup>27</sup>He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?'

<sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' <sup>30</sup>The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' <sup>34</sup>They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' <sup>36</sup>He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' <sup>38</sup>He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.'

### **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

Psalm 23 remains the most well-loved and often re-cited psalm, and Isaac Watts' powerful paraphrase, coupled with the peaceful yet strong American folk tune, make this hymn a moving rendition of that psalm. Watts' interpretation of the last line of psalm, "and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever," gives us a new understanding about the original psalm text: "No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home." Watts gives us a concrete image of dwelling – a child, knowing he or she is safe and secure, and in a place of love and comfort – to help us understand what it is we hope for. The same peace and security we find in the pasture and by the stream is what we will find in the house of the LORD, to which our Shepherd is leading us day by day.

Information from [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)

## ***HYMN NOTES***

### **Arise Your Light Is Come!**

Ruth Duck (B. 1947) wrote the text for this hymn is based on Isaiah 60:1 when the prophet encourages Israelites to hold on to their faith and their hope. It was a time when both Assyrians and Babylonians were threatening God's chosen people. The country was devastated by war and only the city of Jerusalem was left standing. Life seemed dark and hopeless, yet Isaiah prophesized that the Messiah was coming and the glory of God will be with you.

The message in the hymn is still relevant today. While we may be despairing of our current world or life circumstances, we are reminded that the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. We do not belong in the dark but should arise and shine. Our light is come!

Information from [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org) and <https://steadfastlutherans.org/>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Church Members

**Dee Adams & Family**

**Roger Andrews**

**The Ankens**

**Chris Baker**

**Bill Barrett**

**April Barrier**

**The Bridges**

**Doris Burns & Family**

**Paula Burtless**

**June Chandler**

**The Cheatum Family**

**Sally Covington**

**Dr. Sue Dorsch**

**Linda Dugger**

**Steven Geron**

**Bill & Irene Harrell**

**Glenn Holcombe**

**Tom & Janet Jackson**

**Janet Keskinen**

**Trish Keskinen**

**John Kirkham**

**Kathy Kleist**

**Lorraine Lightsey**

**Cheryl McDavitt**

**Sharon Martin**

**Ray Meeks**

**Tom Nissen**

**Chip Pallman**

**Mal Roessler**

**Beverly Rogers**

**David Sampson**

**Arlene Wilkins**

**Mitch & Jean Williams**

**Blane Wilson**

### Family & Friends

The Ankens daughter-in law, **Michelle Anken**

Chris Baker's friend, **Mary Lockwood Andrews**

**William Harlow, NinaJo Dyess and**

**Sharon McBride**

Jason Bridges' friend, **Kristin Plymale**

Karen Bridges' friends, **Patti Major**

**Darlene Grant & Denis Mobley**

Karen Bridges' uncles, **Charles Beckman and**

**Calvin Knotts**

Karen Bridges' brothers, **Tom & Dale Haydon**

Jane Bryant's mom, **Susan Wilson Stewart**

Liz Bungard's friend, **Maureen Gray**

Liz Bungard's friend, **Laurel Holliday**

Liz Bungard's friend, **Isaiah Johnson**

Al Bungard's brother in-law, **Raymond**

**Kloppenber**

Irene Cheatum's brother-in-law, **Greg Nichols**

Sue Dorsch's brother in law, **Dave Goff**

Kathy Ebener's friend, **Laura MacDowell**

Bev Elliott's brother in law, **John Williams**

Irene Harrell's friend, **John Usury**

Janet Jackson's granddaughter, **Lea**

**Scrapchansky**

Elton Kleist's brother, **Errol Kleist**

Kathy Kleist's sister, **Annette Hopp & Hopp**

**Family**

Kathy Kleist's brother, **Jerry Streekstra**

Sharyn Kramer's friend, **Pam Spooner**

Helen MacInnis' nephew, **Cary Reily**

Jane Malcolm's friend, **John Scone**

Jane Malcolm's cousin's daughter, **Breckanne**

**Nandor**

John Manning's Father-in-Law, **Tom Howard**

Sandi Nisson's friend, **Sandy Young**

Mary Ellen Olsen's friend, **Mike Gray**

Mary Ellen Olsen, **Jenni Underwood**

Kathy Ott's daughter, **Teresa**

Mark Pettigrew's daughter, **Klara Pettigrew**

Martha Rich's friend, **Madysen Darner**

Carole Sander's brother, **Terry Symons**

Carole Sander's daughter's friend, **Pat Mecca**

Carole Sander's friend, **Barbara Anderson**

Alice Schroeder daughter, **Kathryn Kort**

Doris Small's granddaughter, **Melanie Burdick**

Bruce and Judy Snyder, **Bill Learn**

Sarah Sullivan's daughter **Stephanie and**

**family**

Anita Taylor's friend, **Janette Sparrow**

Al Tidball's friend, **Tricia**

Carolee Weidner's sister, **Sue**

Doris Wellner's grandson, **Seth Ziegler**

**Arlene Wilkins son,**

**Military Personnel**

**Jon Bothel**, U.S. Navy

**Andrew Rosepiller**, U.S. Airforce, friend of

Haydon Bridges

**William Davis CPO**, U.S. Navy

**Daniel Delano**, U.S. Navy, Eric & Dawn Koch's

son

**Kristopher Gallanger**, U.S. Air Force,

son-in-law of Karen Bridges

**CW2 Jake Goodall**, U.S. Army, son of Ray

Goodall

**Staff Sargent Wayne Kraemer, Jr**, USAF

Sharyn Kraemer's grandson

**Colin Malcolm**, USAF, Jane Malcolm's nephew

**Ben McCrosky**, U.S. Marines

**Matthew Richardson**, U.S. Army

**Jay Smith**, U.S. Navy

**Will Sullivan**, U. S. Air Force

**Andrew Pentecost**, U.S. Army, Sue Wagers'

grandson

**Jack Wilkins**, U.S. Army, Wilkin's Grandson

**Sergeant Matthew Vohree**

**Kevin McGlothlin**, The McGlothlin's son,

Foreign Service Officer, Washington D.C.

**LTJG. Joseph Young**, U.S. Navy

**Missionaries**

**The Carden Family**, Missionaries in Serbia

**Karla Koll**, PCUSA Mission Worker in

Guatemala



### Sunday, March 19

Session Meeting (Called) @ 9am

Adult Sunday School @ 9am

Worship Service @ 10am

St. Patrick's Day Fellowship @ 11:15am

Drama Rehearsal @ 2:30pm—(Starke)

### Monday, March 20

Session Mtg @ 7pm (JHR)

### Tuesday, March 21

Staff Meeting @ 10am—(P)

Alateen @ 7pm (JHR)

Alanon @ 8pm -FH

### Wednesday, March 22

Gentle Yoga @ 10am— (FH)

Bible Study @ 4pm—Via Zoom

Praise Team @ 5pm- (S)

Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 (S)

### Thursday, March 23

Chair Yoga @ 10am (FH)

Bell Choir @ 7pm (S)

### Friday, March 24

Private Room Rental @ 10am (JHR)

Sew & Sews @ 1pm (JHR)

### Saturday, March 25

PW Parking Lot Sale—8am-1pm



### Prayer Request Emails

Please notify Carole Sanders of your prayer requests by either phone or text (904-472-0533), or email [Carole2819@att.net](mailto:Carole2819@att.net); Contact the Church Office (Dee)

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Email: [carole2819@att.net](mailto:carole2819@att.net) or [office@stgilesfl.org](mailto:office@stgilesfl.org) or call us at 272-1244.

# ATTENDANCE

Date	Live Stream	10:00	Total
03/12	15	79	94
03/05	20	95	115
02/26	21	81	102



Easter Egg Hunt  
April 1, 2023 @ 10am

## ***Dramatic Presentation***

***"This Do In Remembrance of Me"***

By Carol Dulmes

Maundy Thursday,  
April 6, 2023, 7pm  
(St. Giles)

Good Friday,  
April 7, 2023, 7pm  
(Starke)



**PARKING LOT GARAGE SALE  
MARCH 25TH**

**PARKING SPACES  
STILL AVAILABLE!**

**SEE IRENE HARRELL  
FOR DETAILS**