

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How Are You Righteous Before God?

*Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart*

\*HYMN GTG #547

*"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"*

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Go Now In Peace*

\*THE POSTLUDE - Kathy Ebener

*"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"*

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## ***St. Giles Presbyterian Church***

*116 Foxridge Road, Orange Park, FL 32065*

***March 12, 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 - Kathy Ebener

*"Magnificat in G Major"*

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

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

*Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.*

Even in the deserts of our lives,

*God is among us.*

Come, let us worship and bow down;

*Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

SONG OF PRAISE

*"Put Your Hand in the Hand"*

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 #267

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were sinners. We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

\* PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

*Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.*

*(Silent Prayer)*

*Amen*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, *and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts. Thanks be to God!*

**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 "Amazing Grace" St. Giles Praise & Worship Team

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

SERMON "He Cannot Be the Messiah, Can He?" Rev. Jake Young  
(John 4:29b)

**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

**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**

**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**

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**

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, **Madyson Darnier**

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

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**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS**

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## Put Your Hand in the Hand by Ocean

**Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.**

Every time I look into the Holy Book, I wanna tremble When I read about the part where a carpenter cleared the temple For the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas than what I profess to be. And it causes me shame, to know We're not the people we should be.

**So Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.**

My momma taught me how to pray before I reached the age of seven. She said, There'll come a time when there will probably be room in heaven But I'm feeling kinda guilty 'bout the number of times to do what we must do, But we forget what he said, when we figure that he'd still make room.

**So Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.**

### Romans 5:1-11

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' <sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'



## Come Christians Join To Sing

Christian Henry Bateman (1813-1889) was a Congregational minister who composed so many hymns that he eventually published his collection in *The Sacred Songbook* and *The Children's Hymnal and Christian Year*. The hymn we sing today was first intended for children. The original opening line began as "Come children, join to sing" but was later changed to include all age groups. Bateman's text contains direct and uncomplicated language suited for children – and adults. Each verse begins with an invitation to "Come" or "Praise" as an explanation on why we are singing. The "Alleluia! Amen! Is interjected three times in each stanza to further emphasize the message. The first verse reminds us that Christ desires our praise. The second verse reassures us that Christ is our guide and friend, and the third verse is intended to reassure us that we need not fear death. Beyond life, our songs of praise will continue on "heaven's blissful shore... singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!"

[Information from Hymnary.org](#) and [Discipleship Ministries | History of Hymns: "Come, Christians, Join..." \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](#)

## HYMN NOTES

### Go Children, With My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda (b. Lorain, OH, 1919; d. 2008) of Slavic descent was a Lutheran pastor in English and Slovak-speaking congregations in the United States. He wrote the text for the hymn we sing today and set it in a traditional Welsh tune. The text is an expansion of the Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26) and is often used as a benediction. The contemporary arrangement is simple yet profound. It is as if each of us are hearing God's voice speaking to us as it is sung by the congregation.

[Information from Hymnary.org](#)



### 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)



**Sunday, March 12**  
Adult Sunday School @ 9am  
Worship Service @ 10am  
Drama Rehearsal @ 2:30pm–(S)

**Monday, March 13**  
Christian Ed. Mtg. @ 6:30pm Via Zoom  
Stewardship Mtg @ 7pm

**Tuesday, March 14**  
Staff Meeting @ 10am–(P)  
Alateen @ 7pm (JHR)  
Alanon @ 8pm –FH

**Wednesday, March 15**  
Gentle Yoga @ 10am– (FH)  
Bible Study @ 4pm–Via Zoom  
Praise Team @ 5pm- (S)  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 (S)

**Thursday, March 16**  
Chair Yoga @ 10am (FH)  
Bell Choir @ 7pm (S)  
Finance Cmte. Mtg @ 7pm

**Friday, March 17**  
Bunco @ 7pm

**Saturday, March 18**  
Clothes Closet @ 9am



## The Clergy Renewal Program

The Lilly foundation is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the United States. In its lifetime the Lilly Foundation has give over \$10 billion to more than 10,000 nonprofit organizations and individuals. The Clergy Renewal Program is just one of the many programs funded by the Lilly Foundation.



The National Clergy Renewal Program Grants provide opportunities for congregations to explore new endeavor through renewal projects *and* provide opportunities for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life, and to engage in a period of intentional renewal and reflection.

If awarded this sizeable grant St. Giles and Rev. Jessi Higginbotham will begin their renewal program in January of 2024. Jessi will step away for a period of 12 weeks while St. Giles will use this time to explore new ideas in children's ministry, mission work, and other exciting projects we've been dreaming about.

More Information Coming Soon.

# ATTENDANCE

Date	Live Stream	10:00	Total
03/05	20	95	115
02/26	21	81	102
02/19	15	150	165

**2022 Giving Statements**  
are available via ShelbyNext.

If you are unable to  
print out your statement,  
please contact Dee in the Church Office.

19th - Top 'o the Morning To Ya!  
A St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Event



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**