

*St. Giles  
Presbyterian  
Church*

*116 Foxridge Road,  
Orange Park, FL 32065*

*May 14, 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      "Meditation on The Lord's My Shepherd"

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

Our God gathers us here,

*We have been tested, we have suffered, but God has brought us through.*

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

*We cried aloud to God, and God listened and answered.*

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAISE SONG

"Garment of Praise"

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*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Jessi Higginbotham

(Children dismissed to Sunday School)

\*HYMN GTG #275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not reject our prayers. God does not withdraw love from us. Even when we fail to love others and struggle to love ourselves, God's love is steadfast. Let us lift our prayers to God.

\*PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

*Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to*

*love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.*

*(Silent Prayer)*

*Amen*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives.

*This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise God!*

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

*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	“Just Like That”	Allison & Rob Arthurs
SCRIPTURE		Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
SERMON	“Christ Leaves Us With Hope”	Rev. 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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. To live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*

**\*HYMN GTG #12**

**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

***Go Now In Peace***

**\*THE POSTLUDE - M. Shoemaker**

**"Welcome, Happy Morning"**

The QR code can be used for Offerings and much more!  
Just point your phone camera at the QR code and follow the instructions.



**Parish Associate:** Rev. Jessi Higginbotham

**Praise Leader:** Rob Arthurs

**Musicians:** Merrie Shoemaker,  
M. Kathy Ebener & Donna O'Brien

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## **Garment of Praise**

**Put on the garment of praise For the spirit of heaviness  
Lift up your voice to God Praise with the Spirit  
And with understanding Oh magnify the Lord!**

All you that mourn in Zion I have authority  
To appoint unto you in Zion Oil of joy that will set you free

**Put on the garment of praise For the spirit of heaviness  
Lift up your voice to God Praise with the Spirit  
And with understanding Oh magnify the Lord!**

Lift up the hands that hang down Lift up the voice now still  
Give unto God continuous praise Sing forth from Zion's hill

**Put on the garment of praise For the spirit of heaviness  
Lift up your voice to God Praise with the Spirit  
And with understanding Oh magnify the Lord!**

Sing to Yahweh, alleluia! Worship and praise our God  
Praise and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Oh, magnify the Lord!

**Put on the garment of praise For the spirit of heaviness  
Lift up your voice to God Praise with the Spirit  
And with understanding Oh magnify the Lord!**

**Oh magnify the Lord!**

**Acts 17:22-31**

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**John 14:15-21**

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

This hymn praises and glorifies God, inspired by the words in Timothy 1:17. The text was written by Scottish born Chambers Smith (1824-1893) to celebrate our Lord who created and sustained all live creatures. Smith was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and served as an ordained minister in London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. He wrote many poems and several hymns but this hymn, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, is the only hymn that remains in use. In the first, second, and fourth stanzas, blinding light is the prevailing metaphor for God's glory. The theme of stanza three is the eternal God as the Giver of life. The tune is based on a traditional Welsh ballad and is popular in most congregations because it is easy to sing.

*Information from hymnary.org*

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

This hymn is often referred to as “the battle hymn” of the Reformation. Many stories have been relayed about its use. Albert Bailey writes, “...It was sung in the streets...It was sung by poor Protestant emigres on their way to exile, and by martyrs at their death...Gustavus Adolphus ordered it sung by his army before the battle of Leipzig in 1631...” (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 316). This hymn has had a part in countless celebrations commemorating the men and events of the Reformation; and its first line is engraved on the base of Luther’s monument at Wittenberg. The hymn is not polished but rugged and strong like Luther himself, whose very words seem like deeds” As you can see, this is a hymn close to the hearts of Protestants and Lutherans, a source of assurance in times of duress and persecution. The text is not restricted however, to times of actual physical battles. In any time of need, when we do battle with the forces of evil, God is our fortress to hide us and protect us, and the Word that endures forever will fight for us.

*Information from hymnary.org*

# ***HYMN NOTES***



# Church News

## ATTENDANCE

Date	Live Stream	10:00	Total
05/07	23	96	119
04/30	15	77	92
04/23	12	110	122

Carole Sanders will be championing the **Prayer Request Emails**. Please notify her of your prayer requests by phone or text (904-472-0533), or email Carole2819@att.net.

**Flower Donation** sign up, please contact the church office. Please take the time to pick a week or two and donate arrangements for Sunday worship throughout the year. Flower arrangements are \$25 each (paid in advance) and are yours to keep. Thank You!



### Calendar

#### Monday, May 15

Session Meeting @ 7pm (E-6)  
Scouts Troop Meeting @ 7pm (FH)

#### Tuesday, May 16

Staff Meeting @ 10am (PO)  
CLC Graduation & Reception @ 11am (S & FH)  
Evening Birthday Bunch @ 5:30pm (Cracker Barrel)  
Alanon @ 7:30pm (FH)

#### Wednesday, May 17

Chapel Time @ 9:15 am (S)  
Gentle Yoga @ 10am (FH)  
Bible Study @ 4pm (Z)  
1st & 3rd Wednesday @ 5pm (FH)  
Praise Team @ 5:30pm (S)  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30pm (S)

#### Thursday, May 18

CLC Last Day  
Chair Yoga @ 10am (FH)  
Scouts Pack Meeting @ 7pm (FH)  
Bell Choir @ 7pm (S)

#### Friday, May 19

Bunco @ 7pm

#### Saturday, May 13

Clothes Closet @ 9am

- **Food Basket Drive starts May 14, 2023**
- **CLC Graduation—May 16, 2023 (S & FH)**
- **Evening Birthday Bunch—May 16, 2023, 5:30pm at Cracker Barrel**
- **1st & 3rd Wednesday's—May 17, 2023 @ 5pm—Dinner will be Build your own Chef Salad**
- **CLC Last Day of School—May 18, 2023**
- **BUNCO—May 19, 2023 @ 7pm (FH)**
- **Per Capita Sunday, May 21, 2023—The denominational per capita rate approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022) is \$9.85 for 2023**
- **VBS—July 10-14th, 9am to 12:30pm “Changemakers Lab”  
\$5 Registration Fee**
- **Help Fund the Van! “Part by Part” we can build a better future for the clients of The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry. Goal \$100k by July 31st. Donation forms in Narthex.**

***ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS  
CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OR  
ON THE ST. GILES WEBSITE. ([www.stgilesfl.org](http://www.stgilesfl.org))***

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

### **Church Members**

**Dee Adams & Family**  
**Roger Andrews**  
**The Ankens**  
**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**  
**Jane Malcolm**  
**Sharon Martin**  
**Mickey Matheny**  
**Ray Meeks**  
**Tom Nissen**  
**Chip Pallman**  
**Mal Roessler**  
**Beverly Rogers**  
**David Sampson**  
**Al Sanders**  
**Arlene Wilkins**  
**Mitch & Jean Williams**  
**Blane Wilson**

### **Family & Friends**

The Ankens daughter-in law, **Michelle Anken**  
 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 Bungards's friend, **Maureen Gray**  
 Liz Bungard's friend, **Laurel Holliday**  
 Liz Bungard's friend, **Isaiah Johnson**  
 Al Bungards's brother in-law, **Raymond Kloppenberg**  
 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**  
 Mary Ellen Olsen's son in-law, **Daniel Underwood**  
 Kathy Ott's daughter, **Teresa**  
 Mark Pettigrew's daughter, **Klara Pettigrew**  
 Martha Rich's friend, **Madyson Darner**  
 Al Sander's brother in-law, **Michael Loden**  
 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**  
 Alice Schroeder's granddaughter, **Sydney Stephens**  
 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**  
 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.  
**L.T. Joseph Young**, U.S. Navy  
**Missionaries**  
**The Carden Family**, Missionaries in Serbia  
**Karla Koll**, PCUSA Mission Worker in Guatemala

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS**

Email: carole2819@att.net or office@stgilesfl.org or call us at 272-1244.



## Food Basket Drive - Starts May 14th

The Outreach Committee has decided to do just ONE food basket this year, and has chosen to make up food baskets to help children in June, during the summer, when they're not in school receiving meals. We would like to include some fun activities for kids, as well: crayons, coloring books, small puzzles, etc. These items will be bagged separately for the counselors to distribute to the appropriate aged children. The baskets cost \$35 each to fill, and we give out 40 of them to the "Clay Behavioral First in Kids" clients. We will begin collecting items and donations on May 14th - you may put them in the blue bin in the Narthex.

**Please donate to this important cause by putting it in the weekly offering with a note for food baskets. OR - if you prefer, you can donate online by selecting "Food Baskets" from the drop down box.\* THANK YOU!**

## Help Fund the Van!

"Part by Part" we can build a better future for the clients



YES ! I'd like to fund a "PART" of the van as indicated below:

- Engine .....\$15,000
- Transmission .....\$10,000
- Air Conditioning ..... \$5,000
- Catalytic Converter ..... \$2,500
- Alternator ..... \$1,000
- Battery ..... \$500
- Oil Change ..... \$100
- Spark Plugs ..... \$50
- Miscellaneous Parts ... \$ ??? Any Amount!!

**GOAL = \$100,000 By July 31**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

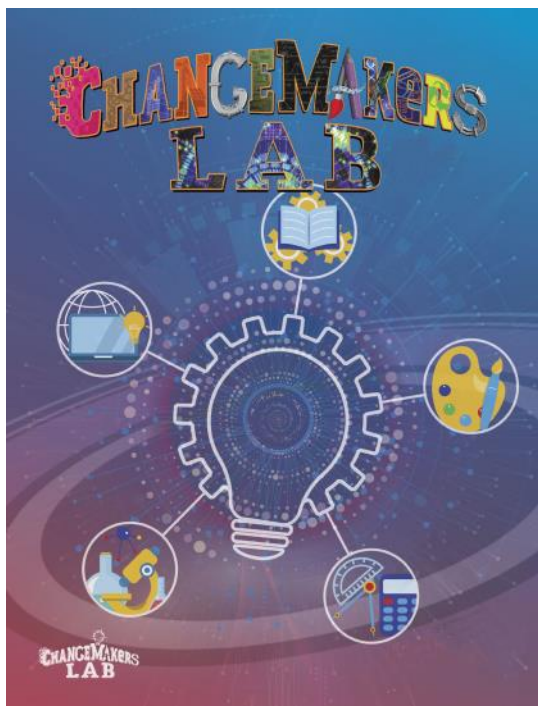
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May we include you in our email communications – updates, special events, critical needs?

YES  NO

Please return this form with your donation and send via mail or deliver per cover letter.  
Checks should be made payable to The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, with "for van" in the





## Vacation Bible School Registration begins May 1st!

You can register your children  
Grades K-5 NOW!  
Details and a registration form are  
available in your Shelby Next App or  
you can register online.

July 10-14, 2023

