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Pastor – St. Giles Presbyterian Church

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I believe in one God with a triune nature:

God the parent created the universe and everything in it;
all was created good;
humans were created with the rest of the universe, but with the special roles of
being in conscious relationship with God
and stewards of creation;
God did not create evil, nor did it exist before God's creation;
however, evil emerged as an active force in creation
and is purveyed by humans who, by willful actions and neglectful inactions,
commit sins against God, one another, and creation.

Jesus Christ is God in human form;
fully human, fully divine;
born and raised Jewish in ancient Palestine;
Jesus proclaimed God's Kingdom:
healing the sick,
casting out demons,
teaching the masses,
befriending the socially ostracized,
and rebuking hypocritical religious leaders, oppressive government, and
exploitative economic practices;
because of his ministry, Jesus was unjustly condemned to die on a cross;
but God raised Jesus on the third day after his death, thereby
conquering sin and evil,
providing means for all humans to be forgiven and come to know and be in
proper relationship to God and creation once again.

The Holy Spirit is the messenger and presence of God sent from the Creator as promised
by Christ;
present at creation and with the prophets of old, the Holy Spirit is with us now:
binding believers in Christ together as the Church,
where we symbolize Christ's saving power and our commitment in baptism
and remember and celebrate Christ's sacrifice and victory through the Lord's
supper,
inspiring Scripture as witness to the gospel of Christ and instruction for the
Church,
and empowering Christians to
live lives apart from sin,
proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ,
and exhibit the Kingdom of God in the fallen world in which we live until
Christ comes again.

Originally from Hampton, Virginia, I currently reside in Wilmington, North Carolina. I am a Teaching Elder member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and serve on the Committee on Ministry. I just completed a two and a half year Transitional Pastorate at Topsail Presbyterian Church a few miles up Highway 17 in Hampstead, North Carolina.

In 1995, I began pursuing a sense of calling to ministry while my spouse and I were living in St. Louis, Missouri and attending Second Presbyterian Church. I was a graduate student in anthropology at the time (M.A., Washington University '95). We moved to Columbia, Missouri, later that year where my spouse undertook her three year medical residency training program. I worked as a medical research assistant during that time. I also used those years to come under care of Missouri Union Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. My sons, Joseph (22) and Benjamin (20) were born in Columbia and baptized by Rim Massey at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

In 1998, we moved to Chicago and I began attending McCormick Theological Seminary. I had many great experiences during my theological training including an internship with an active, loving church (Yorkfield Presbyterian Church in Elmhurst, Illinois) and a gifted, generous mentor (Mike Toburen) and opportunities to serve on Student Session, the Board of Trustees, and as event planner for the Seminary's fall retreats.

I graduated seminary and was ordained in 2001, accepting a call to be Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois in the Presbytery of Great Rivers. This was a generalist Associate position and I worked closely with the Head of Staff, Gordon McLean (retired), learning a great deal about many aspects of ministry in a 500 member, downtown church. The leadership at First Presbyterian was very supportive of their staff participating in the work of more inclusive governing bodies. Therefore, I became active in Presbytery and served as the Chair of one of four Regional Commissions on Ministry. Great Rivers is a geographically large presbytery and the Committee on Ministry formed the standing Commissions to facilitate meeting its many responsibilities. I was honored to serve and gained valuable experience working with the 38 church's in my region during those years.

In 2004, I met the Pastoral Nominating Committee for North Anderson Community Church, Presbyterian (South Carolina) at General Assembly in Richmond. I accepted the call to be their pastor and moved to Anderson with my family in November of that year. I served North Anderson with joy and energy for seven and a half years before resigning at the end of April, 2012. As a member of Foothills Presbytery, my service includes being a member and chair of the Inspiration and Support team of COM, being a member of an Administrative Commission for a church in Greenville that was undergoing a period of transition, and other forms of connectional service.

Following separation from my spouse in 2013 and divorce in 2014, I moved to coastal South Carolina (Murrells Inlet). I earned my USCG Charter Captain's license. I took a page from Christ's disciples' playbook when they had little idea what the future held during a time of major transition...and went fishing. For two years, I was a fishing guide in Murrells Inlet during the fishing season and worked as an engineer and deckhand on tugboats in Tampa during the Cruise ship season. During this time, I was an active participant in the worship and mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside, South Carolina. A veteran Interim Pastor and superb preacher and counselor, Lewis Johnson, served Trinity during this time. So, when I sensed God leading me to return to fulltime parish-based ministry during the winter of 2014-15, I sought the counsel of Lewis and others who became part of confirming this renewed sense of call.

I began Transitional Ministry training during my call search (and completed it one year later). The loving folks of Topsail Presbyterian Church invited me to be their Interim/Transitional Pastor in October 2015. I joyfully

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Jake Young Compensation Package



Personal Compensation

Annual Cash Salary	\$50,000
Housing Allowance	\$18,000
Utilities Allowance	\$ 6,000

TOTAL EFFECTIVE ANNUAL SALARY \$ 74,000

Expenses

Reimbursable Auto Allowance	\$ 3,666
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 2,000

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES \$ 5,666

Benefits

Major Medical	\$17,020
Pension	\$ 8,880
SECA Reimbursement	\$ 5,661

TOTAL ANNUAL BENEFITS \$ 31,561

Total Annual Financial Package \$111,227

Other Items

Vacation – Four Weeks annually
Continuing Education Leave – Two Weeks annually