



### Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation

- Lifelong Discipleship Formation
- Intentional Authentic Evangelism
- Outward Incarnational Focus
- Empowering Servant Leadership
- Spirit-Inspired Worship
- Caring Relationships
- Ecclesial Health

Check out the resources on the presbytery website

<https://www.staugpres.org/vital-congregations/>

**Worship Participants:** (*\* indicates Vital Congregations*)

*Liturgists* -\*Julie Higbee (First, Fernandina Beach), \*Mary Beth Neely (Fort King, Ocala),

Mac Noden (First, Fernandina Beach)

*Sermon* - \*Carlton Johnson - Associate for Vital Congregations, Presbytery Mission Agency

*Offering* - Hunter Camp (Memorial)

*Communion* - Jeff Beebe (Trinity) \*Vickie Bussuot (Riverside House & Apts/Lakewood)

*Special Music* -The Trinity Handbell Choir is directed by Lillian Warner

*Accompanist* - Heasusk Che (Director of Music, Trinity)

## Order of Worship Fall Stated Meeting 2022

**Call to Worship** *from Revelation 4*

**Rev. Julie Higbee**

One: Lord, you are Holy! You are our God Almighty!

Many: **You are the one who was and is and is to come.**

One: You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power,

Many: **for you created all things. Everything exists because of you.**

All: **Let us worship the one who lives forever and ever!**

†*Please rise in body or in spirit for our hymn of praise*

†**Hymn of Praise**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Glory to God #1

**Call to Confession**

**Rev. Julie Higbee**

One: Missing the mark is another way of saying we've sinned. This morning, we recognize how many marks of vitality the church has missed or neglected. Holy Friend and Savior, hear the confession of your church.

**Prayer of Confession**

All: **Lord Jesus, you call us to lifelong discipleship; instead, we expect programs to transform hearts and minds. You commission us to share your gospel, and we assign that work to a committee. You ask us to turn our attention to neighbors, but we gaze inward, worried about survival. You model servant leadership, yet we fail to develop the spiritual gifts of our members and volunteers. Our worship services can be routine and comfortable, requiring little response. Sometimes, our fellowship resembles a social club, rather than a place for building bridges between people. As a community, we embody unhealthy habits: we gossip, we blur boundaries, we are anxious and reactive. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Strengthen our vitality. Move us forward, for your sake and for the sake of the world you love.**

(Silent prayers)

**Promise of Grace** *from Psalm 130*

One: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?  
All: **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**  
One: Friends, take heart, for with the Lord, there is steadfast love.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
All: **And also, with you!**  
One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Elder Mac Noden**

Living God, by your Word and Spirit, help us to know and trust the new thing you are doing among us, that we may bear witness to your saving work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**     **Luke 3:1-6, 21-22**

**Elder Mac Noden**

**Anthem**     *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - arr. Ingram*     **Trinity Handbell Choir**

**Morning Message**     **“Take Me to the Water...Again”**     **Rev. Carlton Johnson**

**Call for the Offering**     **Rev. Hunter Camp**

Everything we have is a gift from God. How we choose to use those gifts is a statement of faith. May we be generous with what we have been given.

**Offering**     **Rev. Hunter Camp**

*This morning's offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

**†Affirmation of Faith**

**Elder Mary Beth Neely**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**  
*(taken from The Confession of Belhar, section 10.5)*

**The Lord's Supper**

**Rev. Jeff Beebe & Rev. Vickie Bussuot**

*Communion is by intinction today; gluten-free thimble elements are offered at the table as an alternative to dipping the bread in the common cup. Gluten-free bread is also offered. Please come forward as directed by the ushers; please raise your hand if you need elements brought to you.*

**†Hymn of Sending**     *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*     **Glory to God #700**

**Charge and Benediction**     **Rev. Carlton Johnson**

*We are grateful to our siblings in Christ here at Trinity for their gracious hospitality! Some of our \*worship leaders are part of the Vital Congregations effort in our presbytery. They are here to answer your questions. Please turn the page for a list of all worship participants.*