

PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE
May 2, 2023
Service of Worship for Spring Stated Meeting
Preparation for Worship

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering Around the Word

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 136, selected verses)

L: Give thanks to the Lord because the Lord is good.

P: God's faithful love lasts forever!

L: Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders.

P: God's faithful love lasts forever!

L: With one voice and one heart, we gather to worship.

P: Let us praise God, for God's steadfast love lasts forever!

***THE OPENING HYMN** *We All Are One in Mission* #733

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are in the presence of God who is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and filled with unfailing love; with humble hearts, let us confess our sin together:

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we are a self-centered, shortsighted people. Each new morning bears witness to your wondrous works; why, then, do we dwell in yesterday? You generously shower us with blessings and yet we wallow in our disappointments. Your forgiveness is abundant, while we are stingy with our compassion. How can we let go of our sin if we fail to recognize your daily gifts of grace? How can we be open to new possibilities when we cling tightly to the past? Forgive us and help us sing a new song, one that reminds us that you are God -not we ourselves- and that you are our greatest joy.

(Please take time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;

People: God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

Leader: God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God,

All: Thanks be to God for this amazing gift of grace! Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF THE LORD: Psalm 137: 1-4

THE SERMON "How?" Rev. Bryant Anderson

Responding to and Sealing the Word

***THE HYMN** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* #314

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE JAMAICA MISSION TEAM (See insert)

THE MINUTE FOR MISSION Thornwell Home

THE OFFERING:

(This morning's offering will go to Camp Montgomery for camper scholarships)

***THE RESPONSE** "Doxology"

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER BY INTINCTION

(Guidance on how Communion will be served is on the back of the bulletin)

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution & Communion of the people

Prayer after Communion

***THE CLOSING HYMN:** *My Life Flows On* #821

WE GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

THE PARTICIPANTS:

The Liturgy Created By: Jerie Lukefahr, CRE, Chair of the Coordinating Council,
First Presbyterian, Fernandina

The Welcome: Rev. Dr. Brian Lays, Pastor/Head of Staff, Riverside Presbyterian

The Liturgists: Rev. Erin Horne, Area Relationship Coordinator, Region 3
Rebekah Rodgers, Executive Director, Camp Montgomery,
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The Minute for Mission: Rev. Dr. John Ragsdale, HR, Presbytery Treasurer

The Commissioning: Rev. Dr. Susan Rose, Presbytery Moderator, Memorial Presbyterian

The Celebrants: Rev. Deb Henning, HR, Stated Supply, First Presbyterian, Crescent City
Rev. Dr. Joe Rigsby, HR, Area Relationship Coordinator, Region 4

Teaching Elders Serving Communion: Rev. Ann Graham-Johnson, HR, and Rev. Larry
Graham-Johnson, HR, Co-Pastors, St. Andrews Presbyterian

The Preacher: Rev. Bryant Anderson, Pastor/Head of Staff, Palms Presbyterian

The Guest Organist: Clifford Parrish

Communion Guidance

- Everyone is invited to the table.
- Those who would like to receive communion will come forward pew by pew.
- Elements are received by intinction (pick up a piece of bread and dip it in the cup).
- Gluten free bread is available.
- For those with limited mobility, please stay seated and communion servers will come to you.

