



*The Presbytery of St. Augustine
Worship with Us*

**Preaching – Valerie Young
Accompanist – Merrie Shoemaker
Offering – Mental Health Assistance Fund**

**October 3, 2023
9:30 AM**

THE LITURGY OF PREPARATION

**Those who are able please stand.*

THE PRELUDE - St. Giles Praise Band

"This is Amazing Grace"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesse Bozeman

We gather here to worship God

We gather from North, South, East, and West

We gather here to listen to the Spirit

We gather as those who lead and serve

We gather here to follow Christ

We gather as disciples to grow in faith

Let us worship God

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PRAISE SONG

"Holy Spirit"

St. Giles Praise Band

OPENING PRAYER

Jesse Bozeman

Let us pray, come be among us Lord God, send your spirit to inspire us. Send your spirit to bless us and our time together.

Come be among us Lord God, as we know you always are, as we know you have always been.

Come be among us Lord God, open our hearts, our minds, and our hands. Move us, enlighten us, and show us how to receive your word.

Come be among us Lord God here in this place. Amen.

OFFERING

Mental Health Assistance Fund

Rev. Jessi Higginbotham

*HYMN GTG #463

"How Firm a Foundation"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dawn Mayes

First John tells us if we say we have no sin we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us but when we confess our sins – God hears our prayers and forgives us. We bring our sins before God today, knowing we are imperfect and we desire to be closer to God.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we distance ourselves from you in our words and deeds. We ignore the cries of those in need. We turn our backs on people too easily. We shame those

who are different. We don't trust each other and we don't trust you. We are quick to anger and judgement. Work in us, O God, help us when we lack the ability to forgive, trust, love, and embrace. Hear our silent confessions...

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news for the good news is here among us. The Lord our God is not quick to anger or judgement. God hears our prayers, forgives our sins, this day and every day. Alleluia.

In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven! Amen.

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	"Ain't No Grave"	St. Giles Praise Band
SCRIPTURE		Philippians 3:4b-14
SERMON	"Shake It Off"	Valerie Young

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BLESSING FOR NEW LEAD PRESBYTERY -REV. DR. DAVID ROLLINS

CHARGE	Rev. Bryant Anderson
BLESSING	Rev. Dr. John Ragsdale

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Jean Goodwin & Rev. Mark Hults

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

*INTINCTION

*HYMN GTG #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

*THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

*THE POSTLUDE

Merrie Shoemaker

**The elements used for our Communion today are gluten free.*

About our Offering and the Mental Health Assistance Fund

The Presbytery of St. Augustine is proud to announce the establishment of a Mental Health Assistance Fund.

The purpose of this fund is:

- To financially assist individuals in need of counseling.
- To financially assist churches interested in hosting events relating to mental health.
- To financially assist churches interested in establishing support groups and/or providing grief counselors for congregations after a major mental health crisis.
- To financially assist congregations and/or organizations within our presbytery interested in providing support group training and education events.

The Presbytery of St. Augustine is committed to addressing the current mental health crisis in our country. If you or your church are currently providing or working to provide any kind of mental health services, and/or support groups, initiatives, please contact the presbytery – info@staugpres.org

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If you or your congregation would like to contribute to the Mental Health Assistance Fund, you may send checks to the Presbytery Office marked; Mental Health Assistance Fund.