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What do
you fear?
LET FEAR FUEL A FIRE FOR JUSTICE

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**HODGES BOULEVARD
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CHURCH**

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Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #119

CHILDREN'S TIME Hearts & Hands Gary McGhee

CALL TO CONFESSION Jordan Kennison

Family of faith, Scripture instructs us to do justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with God. So much of the time, our lives do not reflect this teaching. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess the truth of our lives, praying together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God-with-us, your Word tells us that one king's violent rage led to the murder of children and forced you to become a refugee, driven from your home in the middle of the night. These are the hard stories of Scripture we would like to forget. We prefer to remember you safe in a manger, surrounded by devoted parents. We would rather forget that some children in our city do not have a loving home. We choose to sidestep people on the street with no place to go on a cold night. But you ask us to pay attention to the things we would rather ignore – things are painful to see. Forgive us for denying the realities of our neighbors in need. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts; help us become instruments of your grace. . . (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when we fail to seek justice for the innocent, to offer mercy to those who suffer or to listen for what God is trying to tell us, God still loves us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: We belong to God. We are held in God's grace. In Christ, we are forgiven and able to serve.

All: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

**All who are able may stand*

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Doxology

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Family of God

(Please stand and pass the peace of Christ.)

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jordan Kennison

Thank you, God, for your Word. May those who seek your truth, hear your voice clearly. May those who hear your voice clearly, share your love generously. Thank you, God, for your Word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

Are We Listening?

Jerie Lukefahr

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

The First Nowell

#147

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World

#134

***BLESSING**

Acts 20:32

Now I entrust you to God and the message of God's grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all whom God has made holy.

***CHORAL AMEN**

***PARTING MUSIC**

Welcome Guests

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today. If you are our guest, we pray that your experience will nurture your faith and that you feel welcome in this community of faith.

Nursery: Available from 8:45 –11:15 am

Children's Worship: K-2nd Grades

After the Children's Time during the service, staff and volunteers walk the K-2nd grade children to classroom 4 for special stories and activities geared just for them. Parents please pick them up after worship. We invite older children to worship with us. They may use the Prayground quietly or sit with parents in the pews.

Wiggle Room: At the back of the sanctuary you may take advantage of the Wiggle Room, available for all ages. The service is piped in so you won't miss a thing.

Guest Pastor Jeri Lukefahr

A native Texan, Jerie Lukefahr moved to Fernandina Beach in 2014 from St. Louis, MO, with her husband, Steve. She served as Moderator and Council Chair of the Presbytery of St. Augustine and is currently a member of the Commissioned Ruling Elder Ministry Team. Jerie facilitated visioning here on two occasions and is very grateful for the invitation to worship again with her friends at Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

Remember in Prayer

Margo Grout, Brant Newland, Bill Salisbury (Tammie Wright's father)

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