

Epiphany of the Lord
2nd Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Preservice

Words of Welcome

Reverend Cameron Smith

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem Setting

Carl Schalk

Call to Worship

Sing praise to God, who gathers us here in the New Year;

From the ends of the earth God's people come.

*With a word of promise, a spring of water, a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine,
God turns our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into journey.*

A New Year is born. Come, let us worship the Lord!

Hymn

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?

'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed";

And lo! The eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.

While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys

And urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the
guidance of your light to use.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, even in this difficult year You have given us everything we need, yet we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ, You have given us Your living Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, You have given us Your light, we try to hide ourselves from Your glory. In Jesus Christ, You have given us Your life; even this precious gift we have not fully received. Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power to become what You have created us to be; beloved children, full of grace and truth.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

GLORIA

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson		Psalm 147: 12-20
Children's Time		Cameron Smith
Anthem	<i>We Three Kings</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
Epistle Lesson		Ephesians 1: 3-14
Sermon	A STRONG WILL FOR THE STRONG-WILLED	Reverend Sam Martin
Offertory	<i>What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright</i>	arr. Hugh Knight
Doxology		OLD HUNDREDTH

BY BODY AND BLOOD

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are You, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your only Son, whom You sent out of love for the world to be our Savior. By the Holy Spirit's power, He was born of us, shared our joys and sorrows, and offered His life in perfect obedience and trust. By His death, Christ delivered us from our sins. By His resurrection, He grants us new and abundant life. By His love, He sanctifies the church to be His holy bride and now, prepares the wedding banquet.

Dying, You destroyed death. Rising, You restored life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Together we pray...

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer

Unison

Father, we thank You for this meal, shared in spirit with Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who makes us new and strong, and brings us eternal life. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

Postlude

All Hail to You, O Blessed Morn!

George Phillip Telemann

(Please remain seated until directed by ushers to exit.)

Reverend Sam Martin
Hugh Knight, Organist
Cameron Smith, Children's Time

Special Thanks:

Thank you to the Flower Guild for providing the weekly chancel floral arrangements.
Georgia Arends, Preservice
Congregation from 1/30/20, Hymn

Anthem

David Parler, John Quinn, and Billy McCord
Mary Ellen Huddleston, Costumes
Taylor Keathley, Technical Support

Psalm 147:12-20 (NRSV)

147 ¹² Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! ¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. ¹⁴ He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. ¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. ¹⁷ He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold? ¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. ¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)
Spiritual Blessings in Christ

1 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Please join us in prayer...

We extend condolences to the family of Darrell Weathers, who passed away on Christmas day. His father, Darus, stepmother, Catherine, and sister, Andie, all are active in the life of our congregation. We also extend Christian sympathy to Tim, Keillor, and Emerson Osbon and their many friends and family members for the passing of Paige Osbon on December 30.

JIPC STAFF

Reverend Sam Martin, Senior Pastor
Reverend Cameron Smith, Associate Pastor
Barbara Manaker, Director of Music
Hugh Knight, Organist & Handbell Director
Allison Hubbard, Director of Discipleship
Elizabeth Souter, Director of Children's Ministry
Elizabeth Parler, Administrator
Marissa Whaley, Administrative Assistant
Ricky Willis, Sexton
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**Mid-Week
Prayer Services**

Wednesdays, 12:00-12:30 pm
JIPC Sanctuary

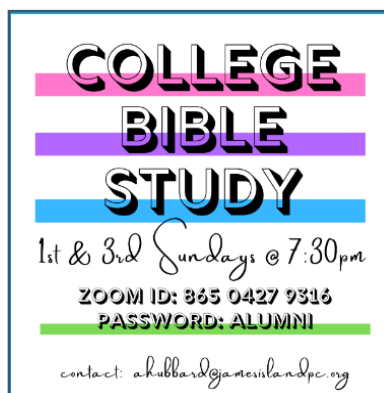


We will gather in the sanctuary for Bible readings, musical meditations, and prayer while social distancing. Please bring a mask or wear one that is provided.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Jan 3	EPIPHANY Online Worship Available 10:00am Sunday School NO EN GEDI CLASS 11:00am Worship 7:30pm College Bible Study	Wed, Jan 6	12:00pm Mid-Week Prayer Service 6:15pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm Pastor Led Bible Studies In Person w/ Sam 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Mon, Jan 4	10:30am In Person Women's Bible Study- Hunter House	Sat, Jan 9	8:00am Men's Bible Study
Tues, Jan 5	6:30am Men's Bible Study	Sun, Jan 10	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Online Worship Available 8:30am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship

NURTURE



THE EN GEDI SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will start a new series on RNM "The Perfect Blend of Politics and Religion" by Andy Stanley beginning on Sunday, January 10 through January 24. Anyone that would like to attend is welcomed to do so. Meetings will be held, in person, at 9:30am in the Education Building each Sunday. The classes will also be streamed for anyone who would like to participate remotely.

MISSION

THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE AND SERVED! We were able to provide gift cards for children in foster care, turkeys and hams for James Island neighbors, gifts for James Island children, and meals for the warming shelter.

STEWARDSHIP

Amount Received to Date \$867,379
Amount Budgeted to Date \$999,677

Stewardship 2021: We thank each of you who has turned in a pledge card for 2021. We have received 174 cards for \$718,804. It's not too late to help the Session and staff plan its ministries and missions for next year by letting us know your plans via your pledge! Contact beth@jamesislandpc.org if you need a pledge card.

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