



NOVEMBER 19, 2023

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Preservice

(Please sign the friendship pad located in the pew. This helps us to have a record of your presence.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tricia Petraven

Prelude

Flower Duet from "Lake"

Leo Delibes

Introit

I Am His Child

Moses Hogan

Call to Worship (**Bold** indicates congregation in unison)

Adapted from words written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things;

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you have done marvelous things!

When we were walking in darkness, you were there,

when we were kneeling in weakness, you were there,

when we drew near feeling worthless, you were there,

when we were needing forgiveness, you were there,

when we were searching for your grace, you were there, you were there.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you have done marvelous things!

*Hymn of Praise #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(Requested by John Quinn)

Prayer of Confession

God, we come to confess again our struggles to be faithful disciples.

Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful of misusing them,

missing the chance to be a blessing to others.

Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand in dark corners

keeping company with our old selves.

Called to be emptied for those who struggle,

we resist the hand-up we could offer and miss our own transformation.

Always intent on serving ourselves, we hear your call to revisit the choices we make.

Have mercy, God; have mercy on us.

Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Adapted from words written by Thom Shuman and posted on his excellent Lectionary Liturgies website.

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Glory Patri #581

GLORIA PATRI

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.

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit open our minds to receive your Word, cause our hearts to love it, and inspire our wills to abide by it in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Gospel Lesson
(NT pg. 205)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Anthem
Lyrics refer to hymn #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folk Melody
arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Children's Time

Gospel Lesson
(NT pgs. 28-29)

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

Rev. Terri Wetherell

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Hymn of Reflection #336
(Requested Anonymously)

We Gather Together

KREMSER

Affirmation of faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life. It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Offertory

Badinerie from Suite No. 2 in B minor

J.S. Bach

Doxology #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Sending #370
(Requested Anonymously)

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

Postlude

Léfebure Wély

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Sun, Nov 19</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>9:45am</p> <p>10:15am</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p>COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Cherub Choir</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church</p>	<p>Thur, Nov 23</p> <p>Fri, Nov 24</p> <p>Sat, Nov 25</p> <p>Sun, Nov 26</p>	<p>Thanksgiving - church office closed</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00AM Faith builders</p> <p>9:45am Cherub Choir</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:15am Worship</p>
<p>Mon, Nov 20</p> <p>6:00pm</p> <p>6:30pm</p>	<p>Dolly Girls</p> <p>Higher Ways Wellness</p>		

NURTURE

ADVENT PROGRAMMING:

- **Wreath Making and Lunch**, December 3 following worship. Join us for lunch and the creation of a beautiful Advent Wreath that will help your family focus on the light of Christ this Advent Season. Each Wreath Making Kit is \$5
- **Share the Joy and Lunch**, December 10, following worship. All ages are invited for delicious lunch to be followed by a gift making program! We will Share the Joy through handmade gifts for loved ones and a few of our mission partners.
- Scan the QR code to sign up for meals and reserve your wreath making kit.



UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- High School Backpack Buddies Packing, November 30 at 5:30-6:15pm at JI Outreach. Help us pack bags of extra food for our friends and neighbors in need!
- Kids' Kirk is meeting on December 15 at 5:30pm! This is for all children in 5K to 5th grade.
- Sign up for all C&Y Programs using the link in the C&Y Monday email or email Allison, ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org

CRAFT LEADERS are still needed for our Share the Joy Advent program. The program will be held December 10 following worship. Craft leaders will help others make gifts for loved ones and a few of our mission partners. Craft leaders can also choose their own craft or from a craft list. All supplies can be provided and glitter use is optional! Contact Allison Hubbard, ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org for more information or to sign up!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAMPOUT at JI County Park will be December 1-2, 1pm-11am. We invite all our members to enjoy a night under the stars with our church family, tour the lights together, and play in the park and in Santa's Village!

Scan the QR code to make your camping reservation and/or get more information.



THE GIVING TREES are up! Please visit either tree in the sanctuary to see what gifts are available. We currently have HALOS Angel Tags for local children in kinship care and Turkey Tags for holiday meals for JI Outreach clients. We will add gifts for James Island students referred by their schools soon. If you are able, pick a tag and fill out and return the bottom portion to help us love and spread holiday cheer in our community!

OH THE PLACES WE GO December 17 @ 2pm King's Counterpoint Christmas concert, cost \$5. Travel across the ages for glorious choral music of the season! Dinner after TBD. Sign up by December 1 by emailing Nancy Tassin at tassin@comcast.net or the church office at office@jamesislandpc.org.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HONOR A LOVED ONE'S IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE? The Flower Guild encourages you to commission flowers for worship which they are happy to beautifully arrange. Arranged flowers can be for any occasion and then taken home following worship. The cost is \$60. Simply scan the QR code to reserve a Sunday.



MISSION

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE is looking for people who are willing to help drive our seniors to appointments. You must be available during the day and willing to run errands, shop or go to the library. Its such a great service to folks who can't drive and/or struggle with mobility issues. Please contact Cheryl Tracey at cherylstepkatracey@gmail.com or Jane Crawford at jcrawford264@gmail.com, if interested.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA During Advent, Christmas gift boxes are delivered to seafarers who visit the port of Charleston. You can take a box from the Narthex or by the church office and fill it with the items listed for around \$20. Return the box to the church, gift wrapped, by December 1.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at James Island Outreach. 1st Saturday each month for car line food distribution, from 8am-11:30am (set-up and breakdown) or just come for an hour to help. Email Jill Jenkins, jenkijm@yahoo.com with questions or to sign up to be on the team.

JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH urgently needs our donations of canned goods, especially canned pasta. You can deliver it directly to JIO or leave it here at the church and we will deliver it. Thank you! Donated – 89 Goal – 400

WORSHIP

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you can help with our nursery care and are a parent or a member, please scan the QR code to sign up. Thanks for helping our children!



NURSERY is available for children 3 & under and is in the gym building. Care is available for children, 1st grade and below, after Children's Time. Children will be escorted for supervised care for the remainder of worship.

JIPC STAFF

Rev. Tricia Petraven, Interim Sr. Pastor
Rev. Terri Wetherell, Interim Assoc. Pastor
Barbara Manaker, Director of Music
Hugh Knight, Organist & Handbell Director
Allison Hubbard, Dir. of Children & Youth Ministry
Elizabeth Parler, Administrator
Meredith Knight, Administrative Assistant
Ricky Willis, Sexton
Dan O'Brien, Sexton/Maintenance
Taylor Hill-Keathley, Technical Support

Weekly Stewardship

Amount Received as of 11-12 \$744,042
Amount Budgeted as of 11-12 \$759,556
Worship Attendance: 182 Online Views: 154

Stewardship 2024

Pledges received to date: 98
Amount pledged for 2024, to date: \$414,817

Fill out your pledge card for 2024 online at
www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/

Calling all Angels and Shepherds!

If you would like your child to participate in the Christmas pageant 12/24 at 10:15 they should start attending one of the youth choirs (Cherubs, Elementary or Mid/Sir High)

Reach out to
Barbara Manaker at
843-270-4253 if you have
questions.



We offer special thanks for those helping to lead worship today:

Pastor

Reverend Terri Wetherell

Liturgist

Reverend Tricia Petraven

Organ

Hugh Knight

Flute

Keith Howard

Cello

Andrea Quinn

Djembe

Jacob Henley

Preservice

Josh Hornig

Introit

5th Graders w/ Youth Choir

Deacon of the Week

Lucia Oswald

Gospel Reader

Beth Tyrrell

Community
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

4:00PM - 5:00PM
HOSTED BY FIRST BAPTIST OF JAMES ISLAND
1110 CAMP ROAD, CHARLESTON, SC 29412

SUNDAY NOV 19

JIPC worship services are live streamed and published on the website and church social media.