



MARCH 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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.)

Georgia Arends

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tricia Petraven

Minute for Mission

Shamus Gillen

Prelude

*Largo in D minor*

Franciszek Walczyński

Introit

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

*God reaches out to us through God's words and God's Word.*

**God's purpose is to reveal God's self and God's heart to us,  
in order to heal the wounds of our human hearts.**

*As we respond to God's call to draw near, we are gathered into a loving embrace.*

**Our freedom and our rest are found there.**

**Let us worship our God whose words of love are spoken over us.**

\*Hymn of Praise #213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

Prayer of Confession

**God of deliverance, you have proved throughout human history that your foolishness is wiser and more powerful than our best ideas. It was humans who thought it best to do away with Jesus Christ, your very presence with us. How foolish we are! You have always spoken out of love. We have tendencies to speak out of hate and rejection. The contrasts are a reminder to us of how much we need your intervention in our hearts and daily lives. Forgive us for the ways we dishonor Jesus' sacrifice for us. Forgive us for the ways we fail to follow his example of service and love. Forgive us for the ways we ignore your words to us. Now we offer our silent and personal confessions as we ask you to restore us to a relationship of integrity and righteousness with you.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

*As we lay aside our human wisdom that we are so proud of,*

*we are able to hear the wisdom of God saying,*

**"Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and compassionate,**

**slow to anger and abounding in love." In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

Response Hymn #306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

## HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Help us to open our hearts, O God, to take in your words so that our hearts may expand with your love and wisdom. Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit as we listen. Amen.**

Hebrew Lesson

God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses

Exodus 20:1-17

(OT pg. 66)

Anthem

*Then Sings My Soul*

by Stuart K. Hine

Choral Setting by Mary McDonald

Children's Time Marilyn Muckenfuss  
Gospel Reading God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom I Corinthians 1:18-25  
(NT pg. 166)  
Sermon THE COMFORT OF THE COMMANDMENTS Rev. Terri Wetherell

### RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Hymn of Reflection #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK  
Offertory *Lift High the Cross* by Sydney. H. Nicholson  
arr. Hugh Knight  
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

### CELEBRATE GOD'S TABLE

(Note that all bread served to the congregation is egg and gluten free, so that all may participate together. The cup contains nonalcoholic grape juice.)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*In this season of Lent, as we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness  
and his journey to the cross, we hear his call to believe and repent.  
He said, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand."  
Our faith calls us to know what is happening, to agree with Christ, and to rely on him.  
If we are honest, we acknowledge that we are all seeking something.  
We come together as a community of believers to experience the divine  
and to turn toward God and each other, to find holy ground,  
to see the Christ in each other, and to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit.  
To welcome the Spirit is to find the inner self that God sees...*

*The God of light and dust 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 God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God, you have found us here in our seeking, so we offer our thanks and praise.**

**Pour out your Spirit on these ordinary elements of bread and cup so that our souls are nourished  
and inspired to stay on this journey with Jesus.**

**We remember our weaknesses; you offer us grace.**

**You have given us new life in your Spirit. It is your life and power breathed into us.**

**Unite us in Christ as we gather at your table. Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn of Sending #450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE  
\*Benediction  
\*Response  
\*Postlude *Adagio con Espressivo* Edward Redhead

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>Sun, Mar 3</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>9:45am</p> <p>10:15am</p> <p>11:15am</p> <p>11:30am</p> <p>Mon, Mar 4</p> <p>10:30am</p> <p>6:30pm</p> <p>Tue, Mar 5</p> <p>5:30pm</p>	<p>Sunday School Worship Together</p> <p>Cherub Choir Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Worship &amp; Music Committee Children &amp; Youth Discipleship</p> <p>High School Youth Group</p> <p>Women's Bible Study</p> <p>First Monday Circle</p> <p>Mission &amp; Outreach Committee</p>	<p>Wed, Mar 6</p> <p>12:00pm</p> <p>5:00pm</p> <p>6:15pm</p> <p>7:30pm</p> <p>Thur, Mar 7</p> <p>5:30pm</p> <p>6:00pm</p> <p>Sat, Mar 9</p> <p>8:00am</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>Sun, Mar 10</p> <p>8:45am</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>9:45am</p> <p>10:15am</p> <p>11:15am</p>	<p>Lenten Prayer Service @ St. James PC</p> <p>Elementary Choir Youth Choir</p> <p>Adult Handbells Chancel Choir</p> <p>Backpack Buddies Personnel Committee Florence Crittenton Dinner</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Middle School Lock-in</p> <p>Discover JIPC Class Sunday School Worship Together Cherub Choir Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Nursery Training</p>
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## NURTURE

### UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Worship Together: Through March 24, 9-9:45am
- High School Youth Group: March 3, 11:15 – 2:00pm
- Middle School Lock-In: March 9-10
- Kids' Kirk and Club 45 Lock-in: March 22

Please use links in the weekly C&Y Enews or contact Allison Hubbard, [ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org), for more information.

**MEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - Spring Men's Retreat at Johnny Gamble's farm near Greeleyville April 6th and 7th. There will be an opportunity for camping or sleeping inside. Please contact the church office or John Pritchett [drjpritch51@gmail.com](mailto:drjpritch51@gmail.com) to sign up.

**OH THE PLACES YOU GO** Sign up through the church office or Nancy Tassin.

**March 3** at 2pm: Those signed up to go to the concert should meet in back parking lot at 12pm. We will go out to lunch prior to the concert.

**June 29** at 2pm: American Jukebox 3 by Moranz entertainment at Charleston Music Hall. Music of the 60's, 70's & 80's. Cost \$45.00. Sign up by April 30.

## MISSION

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** We need adult and high school youth volunteers each week to engage with our youngest members and assist the nursery staff. If you are interested in volunteering, please scan the QR code or contact Kaitlyn Garrison, [khgarrison10@gmail.com](mailto:khgarrison10@gmail.com).



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Meals on Wheels is looking for someone who is available on either Wednesdays or Fridays to help deliver meals. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anna Westerlund at [annafwesterlund@gmail.com](mailto:annafwesterlund@gmail.com).

**JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH** urgently needs our donations of canned goods, especially canned pasta. You can deliver it directly to JIO and sign the donation logbook. This way we can track donations. You may leave your donation at the church office, and we will deliver it. Thank you!

Donated – 225 Goal – 400

## WORSHIP

**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 \$75.



**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.

### This week's birthdays!

**March 3**  
Kristina Diedrick

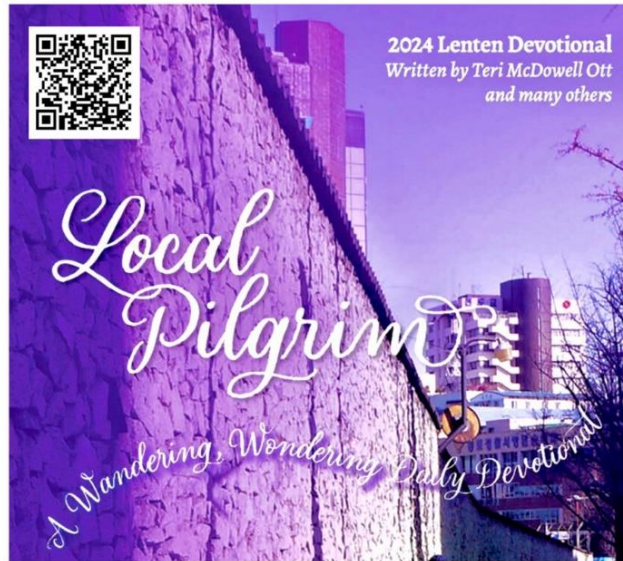
**March 4**  
Harper Woods

**March 5**  
Johnny Stevens

**March 6**  
Mary Thornton

**March 8**  
Rhoda Lazzaro  
Sarah McCracken  
Gail Williamson  
Charlie Pesavento  
Lindsay Oswald

**March 9**  
Wanda Boyd



**JOIN US**  
DISCOVER JIPC

2nd Sunday of every month  
@ 8:45 am in the Church Library

This monthly class offers a time for fellowship and discussion on what we believe and what it means to be a member. Following the class, we will worship together and attend the 2nd Sunday Luncheon.

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

**Deacon of the Week**  
Claire Steed

**Preservice**  
Georgia Arends

**Reader**  
Dylan and Pam Terelak

**Children's Time**  
Marilyn Muckenfuss

**Weekly Stewardship**  
**Amount Received** as of  
2-25 \$148,854  
2-25 – Attendance – 222  
2-25 – Online Views – 108

**Stewardship 2024**  
**Pledges** received to date:  
167 members/families  
**Amount pledged** for 2024, to date: \$722,647

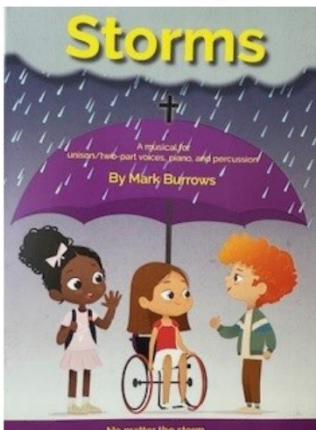
Fill out your pledge card for 2024 online at

[www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/](http://www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/)

Or scan to make a pledge



## We invite all children 1st -12th grade!



If your child wants to participate in the Youth Musical 5/12 at 10:15 they should start attending one of the youth choirs (Elementary or Mid/Sr High) on Wednesdays from 5-6

Contact Barbara Manaker at [music@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:music@jamesislandpc.org) if you have questions.

## NOON LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays During Lent  
with our Sister Churches!

2/28 JIPC

3/6 St James PC

3/13 Harborview PC

3/20 JIPC

3/27 St James PC

Join us!

12:00 NOON

