



MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Preservice

Georgia Arends

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

Words of Welcome

Rev. Terri Wetherell

Prelude

Allegro from Water Music

by George Frederick Handel
arr. Daniel Kelley

Introit

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

Jacob Henley

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem tells us that after his celebrated arrival, he went into the temple and looked around at everything.

As we gather here for worship today may it be

with a sense that Jesus has walked in here too and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by him,

May our worship be worthy of his presence,

and may we be transformed so that we see the world through his eyes. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

(NT pg. 47)

*Processional Hymn of Praise #196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer of Confession

by Thom Shuman

Ever constant God of Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness in so many different ways. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but too often we hum along with the chorus of the crowds to crucify you.

Have mercy upon us, God of holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior in whose name we now offer our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;
letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.
This is the good news, my friends:
God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

*Glory to God #582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Anthem	Palm Sunday Hosanna	arr. Joel Raney
Children's Time		Marilyn Muckenfuss
Prayer for Illumination	Gracious God, as we begin Holy Week, turn our hearts toward Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we hear the Word read, and try to understand all Jesus did for us, stir in our hearts the faith we need to praise him and follow him to the cross. Amen.	
Epistle Reading (NT pg. 197)		Philippians 2:5-11
Sermon	THE CONTRASTS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM	Rev. Terri Wetherell

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Reflection #200	A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd	CHRISTIAN LOVE
Litany for Palm Sunday	written by Rev. Drew Ludwig	
<i>Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast but he was a threat to people with power.</i>		
<i>Jesus stood against the Temple, so he was a threat to the Sadducees.</i>		
<i>Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners, so he was a threat to the Pharisees.</i>		
<i>Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King."</i>		
<i>Those were the Caesar's titles: he was a threat to the government.</i>		
<i>Jesus came without violence, yet he disturbed the peace.</i>		
<i>Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God, and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.</i>		
<i>Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms of this world.</i>		
<i>For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i>		
Pastoral Prayer	The Lord's Prayer	
<i>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.</i>		

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem	Ah, Holy Jesus	by Johann Cruger setting by John Ferguson
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Song of Response #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.		

Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Sending #274	You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd	PICARDY
*Benediction		
*Response		
*Postlude	Adagio	by Arcangelo Corelli arr. Daniel Kelley

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 24	PALM SUNDAY	Thur, Mar 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY
9:00am	Sunday School	6:30pm	Candlelight Communion Service
9:45am	Worship Together		
	Cherub Choir	Fri, Mar 29	GOOD FRIDAY
	Coffee Fellowship	5:30pm	Fish Fry
10:15am	Palm Sunday Worship	6:30pm	Tenebrae Service
11:15am	Palm Sunday Egg Hunt & Lunch	Sat, Mar 30	12:00pm Prayer Vigil
Mon, Mar 25	10:30am Women's Bible Study	Sun, Mar 31	EASTER SUNDAY
Wed, Mar 27	12:00pm Lenten Prayer Service @ St. James PC	8:30am	Easter Sunday Worship
	5:00pm Elementary Choir	9:30am	Coffee Fellowship
	6:15pm Adult Handbells		No Sunday School
	7:30pm Chancel Choir	10:30am	Easter Sunday Worship
		Mon, April 1	Office Closed

NURTURE

UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Palm Sunday Lunch and Egg Hunts: March 24
- Backpack Buddies, April 11
- Kids' Kirk, April 12
- High School Youth Group, April 14
- Middle School Youth Group, April 21

Please use links in the weekly C&Y Enews or contact Allison Hubbard, ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org, for more information.

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

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.



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 – 251 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.

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

EASTER LILIES: The Flower Guild is receiving donations in memory or honor of loved ones to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Please mark your checks, "Easter Lilies." Suggested donation: \$20/lily. Deadline for ordering is **Today**.

Commissioned By: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Commissioned For: _____

In Honor Memory

(Please Circle One)

This week's birthdays!

March 23

William Putney

March 24

Davis Cannon

Caleb Anderson

Johnny Gamble

March 26

Elissa Watson

Will Erickson

Russ Neimy

March 27

Ryan Milner

March 28

Kelli Williams

Will Robertson

March 30

Gavin Ward

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

Deacons of the Week

Karen Williams

Carol Stewart

Preservice

Georgia Arends

Liturgist

Jacob Henley

Reader

Amanda Henley

Children's Time

Marilyn Muckenfuss

Anthem

Elementary, Youth Choir &
Chancel Choir

Elementary Choir Director –
Pam Terelak

Director of Music – Barbara Manaker

Instrumentalist

Keith Howard – Flute

Andrea Quinn - Cello

Weekly Stewardship

Amount Received as of

3-17 \$201,197

3-17 – Attendance – 247

3-17 – Online Views – 135

Stewardship 2024

Pledges received to date:

176 members/families

Amount pledged for 2024, to date:

\$744,487

Fill out your pledge card for 2024
online at

www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/

Or scan to make a pledge



Holy Saturday

Prayer Vigil

3/30, 12pm -6pm

Prayer Request Cards are in the pew
racks. Prayer requests may be written for
those who will be praying during the
prayer vigil.



**Holy Week
SCHEDULE**

3/24 - Palm Sunday @10:15am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:15am

3/27 - Wednesday Lenten Service

St. James @ 12:00pm

3/28 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm

3/29 - Fish Fry - 5:30pm

Good Friday - 6:30pm

3/30 - Saturday Prayer Vigil -

12pm-6pm

3/31 - Easter Sunday -

8:30am & 10:30am

