



MARCH 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY



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.)

Caroline Henley

Words of Welcome

Rev. Terri Wetherell

PNC Announcement

Bell Prelude

Because He Lives

by William J. Gaither
Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Introit

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

*God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for Christ is alive,
and has become the Lord of life.*

From the fear of death, you raise us with Jesus, and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ,

***and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Hymn of Praise #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection, we confess that we are still looking for you in all the wrong places.

We look to the "good old days" of the past instead of seeing where you are leading us next.

*We look for you in our own self-righteousness, trying to prove we are worthy
of the gift of life Jesus gave to us instead of admitting that you know all our secret mistakes.*

***We look for you in the ways of this world, putting our values in comfort and possessions
instead of trusting you to take us through the uncomfortable places.***

Forgive us, loving God.

Help us to see your power to resurrect our lives and make us new,

***that we may know the joy of following Jesus, to the cross, through the grave,
and into a life committed to you.***

Now hear our silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*The epistle of I John tells us that if anybody sins,
we have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,

and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Knowing this, we can say with confidence that our sin is forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

adapted from I John 2:1-2

*Gloria Patri #581

***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.***

GLORIA PATRI

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, we come before you on this sacred day to remember your resurrection power. As we hear the scripture read and proclaimed, help us to take it in with open hearts, and to be aware of what you are saying to each one of us here today. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Death, tears, and disgrace will be eliminated by God Isaiah 25:6-9
(OT pg. 652)

Anthem Mary Magdalene from Songs of Mary, Op. 22 Brahms

Children's Time David Parler

Gospel Lesson An angel speaks to the women who come to the empty tomb Mark 16:1-8
(NT pgs. 54-55)

Sermon WHERE DO WE LOOK FOR JESUS? Rev. Tricia Petraven

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Reflection #238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

Affirmation of Faith From the New Creed of 1968 from the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to 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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem *Risen Today* Dan Forrest

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 #251 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

*Benediction

*Choral Response Hallelujah Chorus Handel, arr. Hal Hopson
Anyone is welcome from the congregation to join the choir on the chancel

*Postlude *Fanfare on ELLACOMBE* Paul Fey

WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO COMMISSIONED EASTER LILIES THIS SEASON

IN MEMORY...

Louise Bavier, for Bob & Charlotte Bavier
The Codell family, for Insley Horn
Lynne & Daniel Dillehay, for Ronald Sanders and Henry & Bertha Sanders
Brooke Hendrickson, for her brother Grant Douglas Kiser.
Jill Jenkins for her mother – Clara McCoy, brother - Chris McCoy,
and Niece – Amiee Slesenski
RJ Measom, for family and friends
Maiden & Jamey Nelson, for Sara Maiden Perry
Valerie O'Neal, for Michael O'Neal
Cam McLoud, for Bob McLoud, Will Cooper, and Mac & Bill Cameron
Ann & Rah Rah Smith, for of our son-in-law Douglas Williams
Nancy and Kenny Tassin, for Kenny's parents, Max & Mae Tassin
Cheryl Tracey, for Jay Tracey and Isaac Schultz
Debbie & Jimmy Walker, for Bonnie Walker
Jeannetta & Robert Williams, for Dorothy & William Dahley

IN HONOR...

Curtice Family for health and healing
Mark, Cameron, Brynna, and Brady Frye, for Shan Ferguson
The Moore family, for Abby & Mae Moore, and Ann & Luis Viamonte
Chris & Harold Noland, for our Granddaughter Rylee Noland
Ann, Rah Rah Smith and family, for our family
Conley & Chandler Steed, for their grandparents, Frank & Jean Chesno
Conley & Chandler Steed, for their grandparents, Joe & Ann Steed
In Honor of Church Staff
In Honor of Cheryl Tracey and Jane Crawford for their caring hearts
In honor of all choirs and leaders: Thank you for the beautiful music
In honor of Debby Hodges for her Flower Guild Leadership

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 31	Easter Sunday 8:30am Easter Sunday Worship 9:30am Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship	Thur, April 4	5:30pm	Personnel Committee
Mon, April 1	Church Office Closed	Fri, April 5	8:00am	First Friday Habitat
Tues, April 2	10:00am Congregational Care 5:30pm Mission & Outreach	Sat, April 6	8:00am	Men's Bible Study JIPC @JIO Men's Retreat
Wed, April 3	No Choir Rehearsals	Sun, April 7	9:00am 9:45am 10:15am 11:15am	Sunday School Coffee Fellowship Worship/Communion Worship & Music Committee

NURTURE

UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Backpack Buddies, April 11
- Kids' Kirk, April 12
- Pray & Play Picnic, April 14
- 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'S RETREAT IS NEXT WEEK! Spring Men's Retreat is at Johnny Gamble's farm near Greeleyville. You can camp out or sleep inside. Please contact the church office or John Pritchett dripritch51@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 – 364 Goal – 400

Bloodmobile is here on April 28! Plan now to give so others can live! Watch for signups soon!

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 28

Kelli Williams
Will Robertson

March 30

Gavin Ward
Katherine Duane

March 31

Rylee Noland
John Quinn

April 2

Kelly Dillon

April 3

Oliver Cannon
Taylor Cline
Taylor Long
Emily Oswald

April 5

Mark Berry
Cooper Conrad
Olin Fox
Michael Howington

April 6

Patrick Moore
Archer Reed
Craig Westbrook
Anna Westerlund

Weekly Stewardship Amount Received as of 3-24 \$210,037

3-24 – Attendance – 305
3-24 – Online Views – 95

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/mak
e-a-pledge/](http://www.jamesislandpc.org/mak-e-a-pledge/)

Or scan to make a pledge



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

Deacons of the Week

8:30 – Lucia Oswald
Ellen de Jong

10:30 – Bo Baxter
Ellen de Jong

Preservice

Caroline Henley

Readers

8:30 – Darby Davidson
10:30 – Campbell Baxter

Children's Time

David Parler

Prelude

Adult Handbell Choir

Anthem

Organ – Jan Pesavento
Percussion – Andrea Quinn