



APRIL 21, 2024

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.)

Kathy Harms

Words of Welcome

Rev. Terri Wetherell

Prelude

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Introit

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

Brothers and sisters, as we worship together, may our minds be open to God's wisdom.

As we praise God's name, may our hearts be open to God's love.

As we hear God's word read and proclaimed aloud, may our desires be open to God's direction.

As we see our children learning about God, may our lives be open to lead by example.

As we affirm our statement of faith, may our intentions be open to God's leading.

As we dedicate our gifts and pledges in response to God's word,

may our spirits be open to recommit our abilities and resources to God's kingdom.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, we devote ourselves anew to God our eternal Creator, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you love us with an unquenchable love, but we have not always loved you.

You call, but we have not always listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped tightly in our own concerns.

We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, with warfare, and with greed, because it's been uncomfortable to do otherwise.

Our words mention love, but our actions have not always demonstrated it.

In our busy lives at home, at work, on the road, at school, we don't remember to put your love into action in our lives.

God of all, help us to examine ourselves so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent and turn toward you.

Show us how to live lives of love, as Jesus did.

Hear our silent confessions now in the name of Jesus our savior.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Even though our inner thoughts may condemn us with storms of guilt and constant reminders of our failures, we can know in our hearts that God, who knows all things, is greater than any accusation.

So if our hearts cannot condemn us, then we can stand with confidence before God, knowing full and complete forgiveness.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #581

GLORIA PATRI

Glorify 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

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture
(OT pg. 501)

God, our shepherd, protects, leads, and helps us

Psalms 23

Anthem

Singing Through the Storms

Mark Burrows

Children's Time

RoxAnn Stalvey

Epistle Reading
(NT pg. 240)

Let us love not in words but in truth and actions

I John 3:16-24

Sermon

WHERE DO WE DEMONSTRATE LOVE?

Rev. Tricia Petraven

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Reflection #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.21, 22

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.

We therefore accept ourselves and love others,

knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

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

Love Will Rise

arr. Karen Crane & J.B. Taylor

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 #693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

Largo from Xerxes

by George Frideric Handel

arr. Hal H. Hopson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, April 21	9:00am	Sunday School	Thur, April 25	6:00pm	Board of Deacons
	9:45am	Cherub Choir			
		Coffee Fellowship	Fri, April 26	4:30pm	Confirmation Retreat
	10:15am	Worship	Sat, April 27	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
	11:15am	Congregational Meeting	Sun, April 28	9:00am	Sunday School
	11:15am	MS Youth Group		9:45am	Cherub Choir
Mon, April 22	10:30am	Women's Bible Study			Coffee Fellowship
Wed, April 24	5:00pm	Elementary Choir		10:15am	Worship
		Youth Choir		11:00am	Confirmation Retreat Ends
	6:15pm	Adult Handbells			
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir			

NURTURE

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS as they embark on their confirmation retreat and the finale of their nine-month journey! They will spend time serving, bonding, reflecting, and discerning at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Middle School Youth Group, April 21
- Confirmation Retreat, April 26-28
- Confirmation Weekend, May 4-5
- Backpack Buddies, May 9
- Kids' Kirk, May 10
- Senior Cookout, May 11
- No Sunday School, May 12
- Pray & Play Splash Pad, May 18
- MS & HS Youth Group, May 22 at 5pm

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Has life not gone as you thought it would? Have you felt discouraged and distracted as a result? Rediscover hope in a 7-week bible study by Jennifer Rothschild called "Take Courage," based on the book of Haggai. We meet at the Folly Beach Community Center (55 Center Street) at 6:00pm on Wednesdays starting June 5. Books can be ordered online (Amazon), and we'll also have some available. For questions, contact Beth Robertson at (843)697-6032. We'd love for you to join us!

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 can help, 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 – 132 Goal – 400

BLOODMOBILE IS HERE ON APRIL 28! Plan now to give so others can live! Watch for signups soon! Sign up link is on back page.

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!

April 21

Ashley Jenkins

April 22

Christin Austin

April 23

Cheri McElwee

Emily Scruggs

Leo Dailey

Mason Maxwell

April 24

Jane Crawford

Jack Pickett

April 25

Hunter Williams

Davis Woods

April 26

Kelly Browder

Jessica Stelter

April 27

Colleen Gibson

Cam McCloud

Carlen Quinn

Camp Gardner

Jessica Dodson

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

Deacon of the Week

Lucia Oswald

Preservice

Kathy Harms

Reader

Lisa Brown

Anthem

Elementary & Youth Choirs
Choir Director, Pam Terelak

Anthem soloist

Darby Davidson

Children's Time

RoxAnn Stalvey

Weekly Stewardship

Amount Received as of
4-14 \$262,189

4-14 – Attendance – 210

4-14 – Online Views - 128

Stewardship 2024

Pledges received to date:
182 members/families

Amount pledged for 2024,
to date: \$758,987

Fill out your pledge card
for 2024 today! Pledge
card located at the doors
or pledge online at

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

Or scan to make a pledge



The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team hopes you have been checking this space and Facebook each week to learn more about the impact of your generous financial giving, time, and talents on our Mission Partners. In this corner, we hope you find a

Mission Partner with whom you connect and get involved!

Did you know that when you give to JIPC, you directly impact **Remember Niger**?

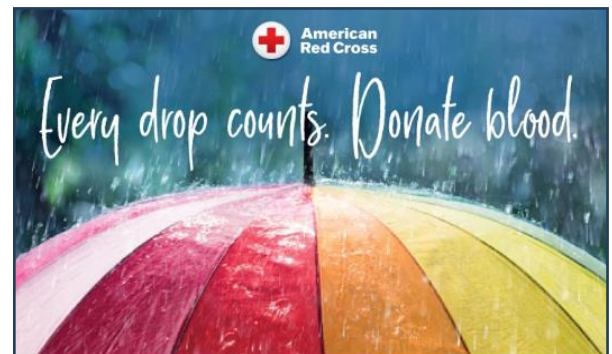
Remember Niger builds and operates schools in Niger, perhaps the poorest country in Africa. Niger is a Muslim-majority country, and these schools, focused especially on girls and students with disabilities, are a rare expression of Christ's love in this country.

How you can get involved:

- Sponsor a student; there are multiple sponsorship levels.
- To learn more about Remember Niger and find additional ways to get involved go to

<https://www.rememberniger.org/>

or contact Beth Robertson.



BLOOD DRIVE
James Island Presbyterian Church
1632 Fort Johnson Rd., Charleston

Sunday, April 28
8 am – 1pm



Scan the QR code to make an appointment or visit RedCrossBlood.org and put in sponsor code ~ **jamesislandpres**

Contact: Paul Urle ~ 843-324-8987
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