



JULY 7, 2024

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Preservice Elizabeth Levine  
(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 *The Gift of Love* The Gift of Love

Introit

Call to Worship (Bold indicates congregation in unison) based on Isaiah 40:27-31

*Why do you say my way is hidden from the Lord, my cause is disregarded by my God?*

**Do you not know? Have you not heard?**

**The Lord is the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth.**

*God will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength and soar on wings like eagles.**

**They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

**Great is our God and worthy of praise! Let us worship God together!**

\*Hymn of Praise #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we are a boastful people. We think our achievements are our own. We consider our gifts and talents to be a product of our strength. We tend to ignore your part in forming us, guiding us, opening doors for us, and equipping us. We try to hide our weaknesses, make ourselves appear "better than," and ignore what you've planted in us. Forgive us for taking credit for what you've done in and through us. Forgive us when we become hard-hearted and domineering, using strength for personal gain only. Show us that your God-given power and strength free us to be vulnerable and to become vessels of your grace. Hear us as we lift silently our personal confessions....**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness Ezekiel 36:25-28

*Friends, the good news is that Jesus' grace and forgiveness are sufficient to sustain us and empower us to live in his strength.*

**In him, we celebrate that we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*Gathered in God's Name Michael Burkhardt  
(Congregation join in on refrain)

**Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name, 'round the living Word.**

**Gathered as one family in the name of love, in the name of love, in the name of love.**

## HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Prepare us, God, to receive your teachings through the scriptures. Through your Holy Spirit plant and nourish new seeds of faith in us which will prompt us to be obediently available to serve you in Christ's name. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading He gives strength to the weary Isaiah 40:27-31  
(OT pg. 668)

Anthem *Hear My Prayer* Moses Hogan

Children's Time

Marilyn Muckenfuss

Gospel Lesson  
(NT pgs. 185-186)

God's power is made perfect in weakness

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Rev. Terri Wetherell

### 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

*Our Lord invites all who trust in him, and all who long to trust in him,  
to share in this meal which he has prepared. Communion will be received by intinction.*

*The Lord is with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*God's table offers us a feast for our spiritual lives!*

*Here, we are joyfully reminded that God has our best interest at heart, that God is able to provide all we need, and that God delights in sharing strength through grace with us.*

*This table is where we come when we feel we aren't enough, when we fear we cannot persevere, and when we forget that God provides presence, purpose, and power.*

*At this table we do not pay the bill, for Christ has already settled it himself. We receive a meal of grace we cannot repay solely because of grace. Through God's mercy and love we are invited to overcome all that makes us weak by welcoming the mighty power of God into our lives. Ephesians 1:19 says that this is the "same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." It is a mystery we ponder at this table. Through it we have communion with Jesus Christ as a family of faith.*

Hear these words from Apostle Paul to the church of why we do this sacred act  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*For I received from the Lord what I also handed down to you,  
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it*

*"This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*In the same way he took the cup after supper saying,*

*"This cup is the new covenant in my blood." Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.*

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

### RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Hymn of Reflection # 775

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WALK WITH ME

Asheville Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

***Gracious God, we present our hopes for each one who is commissioned today. We thank you for each of them and for calling them to serve you. Give them the spiritual gifts to do their work. Fill them with the Holy Spirit so they may be faithful and joyful in their task. Bring them safely home and then let their experiences further enrich us so that we, too, may better serve you. Amen.***

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

by Margaret W. Mealy  
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

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn of Sending #833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST MARGARET

\*Benediction

\*Response

\*Postlude

*March from Floridante*

by George Frideric Handel  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

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

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, July 7	9:00am	Adult Sunday School	Wed, July 10	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study "Take Courage"
	10:15am	Worship		6:15pm	Adult Handbells
	11:15am	Worship & Music Committee		7:30pm	Chancel Choir
	1:00pm	Asheville Mission Trip	Thur, July 11	3:00pm	Officer Training Committee
Mon, July 8	10:30am	Women's Bible study		5:30pm	Personnel Committee
	6:00pm	Adult Discipleship Committee		7:00pm	Sisterhood Circle
		Buildings & Grounds Committee	Sat, July 13	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Rev Fit – Summer in Psalms First Monday Circle	Sun, July 14	8:45am	Discover JIPC
				9:00am	Adult Sunday School
Tues, July 9	7:45am	Finance Committee		10:15am	Worship
	5:30pm	Mission & Outreach Committee		11:45am	Peace Posts Celebration

### NURTURE

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped create and install the peace posts in our joint cemetery with St. James Presbyterian Church. Please plan to join together in a lunch celebration next Sunday at 11:45am after worship to dedicate the posts and commemorate the day.

### MISSION

**MEALS ON WHEELS** is looking for a Thursday delivery driver volunteer. The schedule would be delivering meals every other Thursday. If you would like to service God in this way, please contact Anna Westerlund at [annafwesterlund@gmail.com](mailto:annafwesterlund@gmail.com).

**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 would like to service God in this way, please scan the QR code or contact Kaitlyn Garrison, [khgarrison10@gmail.com](mailto: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 – 305 Goal – 400

## WORSHIP

**THIS WEEK'S FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** is commissioned by Jamey, Maiden, Sarah & Avery Nelson in memory of Sara Maiden Perry.

**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, 5K and below, after Children's Time. Children will be escorted for supervised care for the remainder of worship.

## STEWARDSHIP

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE FOR 2024.** Pledge card located at the doors or pledge online at [www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/](http://www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/) or scan to make a pledge.



**FREEDOM IN CHRIST**

Did you know that when you give to JIPC, you directly impact Freedom in Christ? Freedom in Christ is a ministry that equips individuals and church leaders by providing religious leadership and theological training around the world. Freedom in Christ's South and East Africa Coordinators are Howard and Aileen Ostendorff; Howard was a member of JIPC for many years! The Ostendorffs recently returned from Uganda where they saw God at work during a training that will allow Freedom in Christ leaders from various African countries to return equipped to spread the Word into churches, schools, and prisons. They are thankful to JIPC for our continued support of this impactful ministry!

How you can get involved:

- To learn more about Freedom in Christ and find additional ways to get involved visit <https://www.ficm.org/>
- Contact John Pritchett or Howard and Aileen Ostendorff at [whostendorff@gmail.com](mailto:whostendorff@gmail.com) / [aostendorff50@gmail.com](mailto:aostendorff50@gmail.com)

### Weekly Stewardship

**Amount Received** as of  
6-30-24 \$434,139

**Amount Budgeted** as of  
6-30-24 \$456,743

### Attendance 2024

6-30-24 – Attendance – 176

6-30-24 – Online Views – 151

### This week's birthdays!

#### July 7

Patrick Garrison

#### July 8

Katie Crosby  
Bill Erickson  
Nolan Davis

#### July 9

Ashley Smoak  
Preston Stokes  
Will Lewis

#### July 10

Abigail Stone

#### July 12

Nancy O'Neill  
Vivi Starnes

#### July 13

Don Moore  
Bob Tremayne

# FOOD DRIVE

together we thrive

## JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

#### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Breakfast Items (pancake mix, syrup, cereal, juice)
- Personal Care Items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Park N' Beans
- Crackers

#### AMAZON WISHLIST



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF  
10,000 POUNDS BY AUGUST 31ST



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

**Deacon of the Week**  
Carlen Quinn

**Preservice**  
Elizabeth Levine

**Reader**  
Emma Richard Doniphan

**Children's Time**  
Marilyn Muckenfuss

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