



JAMES ISLAND
Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 16, 2025



WELCOME!

JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IS DISCOVERING WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST,
IN THE CHURCH, AND IN SERVICE TO GOD'S WORLD.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O GOD, THE ETERNAL FATHER

Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

TRADITIONAL

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who thirsts:

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

All who hungry for righteousness:

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

All who need the help of God:

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

Thirsty, hungry, and weary,

let us worship the God of love.

† HYMN # 438

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

TOPLADY

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(time for silent prayer)

Loving God,

**we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way we came.**

Do not abandon us to our foolishness.

In judgement, illumine our darkness.

**In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God made us an everlasting covenant,

the sure, steadfast love

known to Moses, David, and the ancestors

and revealed in Jesus upon the cross.

Trust in the good news

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #853 WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD SIYAHAMBA
**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, oo We are marching in the light of God.**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Barrett Payne

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Emma Richard Doniphan

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:31-35

PG. 77 NT

ANTHEM

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

John Ferguson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

PG. 61 OT

SERMON

WHISTLING IN THE DARK: WEEPING

Rev. Barrett Payne

† HYMN #756

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

LLANGLOFFAN

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

by John Newton
arr. Hugh Knight

† DOXOLOGY RESPONSE #606 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND 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.

† HYMN #52

WHEN ISRAEL WAS IN EGYPT'S LAND

GO DOWN MOSES

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

† PASSING THE PEACE

† POSTLUDE

BRIGHTLY BEAMS OUR FATHER'S MERCY

Philip Paul Bliss

WE OFFER SPECIAL THANKS FOR THOSE HELPING TO LEAD WORSHIP TODAY:

Deacon of the Week: Claire Steed

Lay Reader: Emma Richard Doniphan

Children's Time: Rev. Barrett Payne

Cherub Choir led by Jessica Zieche and Kathleen Howington

JIPC STAFF

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*TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER: WOMEN HOLD HANDS WHILE CROSSING THE IRPIN RIVER ON AN IMPROVISED PATH UNDER A BRIDGE DESTROYED IN THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE (SOURCE: ASSOCIATED PRESS).

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CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 16	9:00am	Sunday School Worship Together	Wed, Mar 19	10:30am	JIPC Book Club
	9:45am	Coffee Fellowship		12:00pm	Noon Lenten Prayer Service
	9:50am	Cherub Choir		5:00pm	Children & Youth Choir
	10:15am	Worship		6:15pm	Handbell Choir
	11:30am	MS & HS Scavenger Hunt		7:30pm	Chancel Choir
	5:30pm	Young Adult CT+TC	Sat, Mar 22	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Mon, Mar 17	10:30am	Women's Bible Study	Sun, Mar 23	9:00am	Sunday School Worship Together
Tues, Mar 18	6:00pm	Session Meeting		9:45am	Coffee Fellowship
				9:50am	Cherub Choir
				10:15am	Worship
				5:00pm	Sunday Night CT+TC
				5:30pm	MS & HS Youth Group

WORSHIP

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Greg & Melissa Sanders and their family in honor of Helen Sanders 94th birthday today. Please join them in wishing Helen a Happy Birthday!

THE 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR IS OPEN: You can commission flowers in honor or memory of a loved ones and the Flower Guild will put together a beautiful arrangement. The requested donation is \$75. To sign up to give flowers, please scan the QR code or call the church office (843)795-3111.



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. We need adult and high school youth volunteers each week to engage with our youngest members and assist the nursery staff. If would like to serve God in this way, contact Kaitlyn Garrison, khgarrison10@gmail.com.

NURTURE

BIBLE STUDIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL: Are you interested in going deeper in scripture with a community? We invite you to explore one of our Sunday classes or Bible Studies. Please see Barrett or Terri to learn more.

HIGHER WAYS WELLNESS starts a new 8-week Spring Session on March 24 called "More Precious Than Rubies". Rev Fit at 6:30pm IN PERSON at JIPC- Word In + Work Out-A fitness fusion of cardio, strength, core and stretching for all levels. Drop in- \$5 For more information, please contact Emily Oswald at emilywoz@comcast.net or scan to register for the class.



THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL can be found in the church weekly newsletter and is sent out daily via email. If you would like to be added to our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at 843-795-3111 or office@jamesislandpc.org.

JIPC PRAYER REQUESTS: Please join us in prayer for the following: Sheron Oswald, Mary Jo Van Tine, Elsie Clees, Ann Smith, Emily Scruggs, Matthew McElwee, Sherry Mahoney, Ken Abernethy, Don Moore, Charma Picket, John Pritchett's father, Katie and Ryan Fuller, Delilah and Meghan Ward, Meral Webb, Lauren Choate, daughter of Debby Hodges and Julian Mikell. If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Terri Wetherell at twetherell@jamesislandpc.org. Names will come off the prayer list after four weeks unless requested to stay on. We invite JIPC members to become JIPC prayer warriors. This group receives special prayer requests as they come in. To learn more, contact Terri Wetherell or the Church office at office@jamesislandpc.org.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS: Mark your calendars for the fun and exciting events we have planned for your youth. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Barrett Payne or Emma Conners.

- Both MS and HS are invited to join us TODAY, **March 16** for a scavenger hunt in downtown Charleston. We will leave right after worship, grab lunch, and then break into groups to see which can be the first team to find all of the clues.
- **March 23** @ 5pm MS & HS have Bible Study (Luke 6:27-36), stuff easter eggs and have dinner.
- **April 1 Sign up Deadline:** MS Mission Trip: Raleigh Youth Mission Co. & HS 2025 Montreat Youth Conferences: Light My Path.

MISSION

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: Bring canned pasta for the collection baskets in the Narthex and by the Church Office. We are the "Canned Pasta Church," and hope to collect 400 cans of pasta each month. You can set up a save and subscribe to donation from amazon.com; just make sure to change the address to James Island Outreach 1860 Camp Road Charleston, SC 29412 when checking out. We also have a Blessing Box Project location in our front (west) parking lot. For info visit www.chsblessingbox.org.

STEWARDSHIP

BULLETIN DEADLINES: Announcements for the Bulletin are due by Tuesday at noon. Announcements for the weekly Newsletter are due by Wednesday at noon. All items are subject to being edited.

PLEDGE CARDS are available at all entrances. You can pledge online at <https://jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/> or by emailing Beth Parler confidentially at beth@jamesislandpc.org.



EASTER EGG DONATIONS NEEDED

We ask all, young and old, to bring plastic Easter eggs filled with surprises for our Sunday Egg Hunt April 6.

We will be collecting eggs filled with & supplies March 6 - 23.

If you fill eggs with allergy-free items such as toys, stickers, etc, please let us know so we can label them as such.



WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE 2025

3-19	12pm, James Island PC
3-26	12pm, St. James PC
4-2	12pm, Harbor View PC
4-9	12pm, James Island PC
4-16	12pm, St. James PC