



# Our Family Tree

*Every name a part of God's story*  
JIPC ADVENT SERIES

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2025



***A Story that roots us, reckons with us, and reorients us  
toward a deeper understanding of who we are and whose we are.***

“Who has done this and carried it through,  
calling forth the generations from the beginning?  
I, the Lord, -with the first of them and with the last – I am he.”  
Isaiah 41:4

PRESERVICE

WELCOME & OUR LIVES TOGETHER

PRELUDE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS!

Michael Praetorius  
arr. Paul Fey

† HYMN #83

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Messer Family

We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.  
For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.  
A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice  
and righteousness in the land.

**From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion,  
justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news.**

† HYMN #85

LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH (v1)

TIF IN VELDELE

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
Let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.**

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayer)

God of yesterday, God of today and God of tomorrow,  
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

God of yesterday, God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

**Help us remember, yesterday, today and tomorrow,  
There's room for every story. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! From generation to generation,  
In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #129

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

ES IST EIN' ROS'

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Barrett Payne

ANTHEM

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Lynn Shaw Bailey  
Becki Slagle Mayo

1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	MATTHEW 1:1-6A	PG. 1 NT
HOMILY		
RESPONSE HYMN #92	WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME (V1) (PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMN)	WAITING
2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	MATTHEW 1:6B-11	PG. 1 NT
HOMILY		
RESPONSE HYMN #92	WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME (V2) (PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMN)	WAITING
3 <sup>RD</sup> READING	MATTHEW 1:12-16	PG. 1 NT
HOMILY		
RESPONSE HYMN #92	WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME (V3) (PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMN)	WAITING
4 <sup>TH</sup> READING	MATTHEW 1:17	PG. 1 NT
HOMILY		
INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE #92	WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME	WAITING
INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES	Joseph Barnby

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

*...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 #105	PEOPLE, LOOK EAST	BESANCON
† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
† RESPONSE		
† PASSING THE PEACE		
† POSTLUDE	SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME	Erfurt Enchiridion arr. Hugh Knight

**Preservice:** Penelope Allen  
**Children's Time:** Rev. Barrett Payne  
**Horn:** Taylor Hill-Keathley

**Advent Lighting Readers:** Messer Family  
**Deacons of the Week:** Sammye Foster/Tom Putney  
**Anthem Readers:** John O'Neill, Pam & Dylan Terelak

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## CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 30	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		Wed, Dec 3	3:00pm	Music Lessons
	9:00am	Sunday School		5:00pm	Children & Youth Choirs
	9:45am	Coffee Fellowship		6:00pm	MS & HS Advent Bible Study
	9:50am	Cherub Choir			HV Boys Basketball Practice
	10:15am	Worship		6:15pm	Handbell Choir
	5:00pm	Advent Wreath Making		7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Mon, Dec 1	10:30am	Women's Bible Study	Thur, Dec 4	8:00pm	Sober Thursday AA
	3:00pm	Studio Music Lessons	Fri, Dec 5	8:00pm	Seabreeze AA
	5:30pm	Adult Discipleship	Sat, Dec 6	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
	6:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Circle			JIO Day
	6:30pm	Rev Fit Wellness Class			
Tues, Dec 2	10:00am	Congregational Care	Sun, Dec 7	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	3:00pm	Studio Music Lessons		9:00am	Sunday School
	5:30pm	Mission & Outreach		9:45am	Coffee Fellowship
	6:00pm	HV Girls Basketball Practice		9:50am	Cherub Choir
	8:00pm	Seabreeze AA		10:15am	Worship
				11:30am	Share the Joy
				6:00pm	Festival of Lights

## WORSHIP

**WELCOME TO JIPC!** We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime member, we welcome you with open hearts. If you have any questions about our church, worship, ministries, or how to get connected, please do not hesitate to ask a greeter, usher, or staff member — Welcome!

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR WORSHIP!** We invite you to gather with us next Sunday, for the second week of Advent as we continue our series "Our Family Tree" and explore **Genesis 12:1-7, 17:1-8, 15 and 16**.

**USHERS NEEDED:** We need **male and female volunteers** to serve as ushers! Ushers help with: Greeting people at the door, handing out bulletins, assisting with the offering plate, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. If you are interested, please text Jody Huddleston at 843-708-9621 or email at [Huddlestonj@citadel.edu](mailto:Huddlestonj@citadel.edu).

**THE 2025 & 2026 FLOWER CALENDAR IS OPEN:** You can commission flowers in honor or memory of 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.



**HELP THE FLOWER GUILD!** If you've taken home **commissioned flowers**, please return the vases when you're able. This helps the Flower Guild reuse supplies and avoid the cost of buying new ones. Thank you so much for your support!

**RESTROOMS:** Two restrooms are available in the Narthex. If you or your children need to step out during the service, please do so during a hymn to minimize disruptions.

**NURSERY:** The Nursery is available for children 3 & under and is in the gym building. Care is available for children, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and below, after Children's Time. Children will be escorted from worship for supervised care for the remainder of worship. We need adult & high school youth volunteers each week to assist the nursery staff. Contact Sarah Grace to sign up to help.

## **NURTURE**

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING** is **today at 5 pm** in the gym for dinner and the creation of a beautiful Advent Wreath. Fellowship will provide a light dinner, and all wreath materials have been graciously prepared for easy assembly by Nancy and Kenny Tassin, with fresh greenery provided by John and Andrea Quinn.

**SHARE THE JOY** is next Sunday, **December 7** after worship. Come and join us for lunch and create fun gifts for loved ones and our mission partners. Adults -\$8, Kids - \$5. Please contact the church office to sign up.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is **December 14** at 5 pm. Join us as we celebrate the story of Jesus' birth through a beautiful multi-generational pageant, featuring everyone from our youngest choir members to our adults. All are welcome!

**CAROLS & CHEERS:** Join us **December 14**, right after the Christmas Pageant for *Carols & Cheers!* We'll meet across the street at Fam's for a free pizza dinner and beautiful Christmas music as we celebrate the season together!

**JOIN THE EN GEDI CLASS FOR AN ADVENT STUDY!** The En Gedi class invites you to join them beginning December 7 for a four-week study, "Red Letter Advent" by Zach Zehnder, available on RightNow Media. They meet on Sundays at 8:45 AM on the first floor of the Education Building (last door on the left) for coffee, tea, and fellowship. The study begins at 9:00am and wraps up around 9:45am. If you're hoping to slow down, savor the season, and rediscover the gifts of Advent, this study is for you!

**SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** now meets in the End Gedi classroom of the Christian Education building. All Men are welcome! Saturdays at 8:00am.

**ATTENTION WOMEN:** If driving at night is difficult but you still want Bible study and fellowship, join our Second Tuesday Bible Study! We meet in the library at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Tuesday each month, with an optional lunch afterward. We're currently studying *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Questions? Contact Nancy Tassin. (843-813-0960; [tassin@comcast.net](mailto:tassin@comcast.net)). Join anytime!

**HIGHER WAY WELLNESS:** Our current session is Project Stress Relief: A Mind and Body Reset, continuing through Dec. 22. Together we'll retrain our God-given ability to live well amid life's stressors. Mondays: Rev Fit at 6:30pm at JIPC- Word In + Work Out-A fitness fusion of cardio, strength, core and stretching for all levels. DROP IN- \$5 per class donation. Contact Emily Oswald for more information, [emilywoz@comcast.net](mailto:emilywoz@comcast.net).

### **UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:**

- Sunday School: 9am All children ages 3-12<sup>th</sup> grade, class list is in the C&Y Enews
- Nov. 30 Advent wreath making
- Dec 3, 10 & 17 MS & HS Advent Bible Study
- Dec 7 Share the Joy & Youth Festival of Lights

Please use links in the weekly C&Y Enews or contact Sarah Grace, [sarahgrace@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:sarahgrace@jamesislandpc.org), for more information.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** Thursday, December 18, at 5:00pm. We will meet in the back parking lot and take buses around to sing to our homebound members to bring them some Christmas cheer. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Zeiche at (843)-860-6430.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please offer prayers for the following: Ellen Fetz; Terri Horton's husband Pete Horton; Sandy Scruggs; Bonnie Thompson's father, Randy Cochran; Family of Jane Schoonover; Sue Henley; Friends and Family of Mark & Beth Mitchum, John Pritchett's father, Travis; Anne Christy; Dottie Coleman; Andrea Quinn's parents, Rocio & Terry Kemper; Pedro Pollorena's mother, Xochila; Laquetta "Quetta" Fludd; Colton Browder; Barbara Coombs; Rose Holmes; Turner, Grant, & James Byers; Karen Williams; Peggy Hill & family; Ann & Rah Rah Smith; Milo Fuller; Al Oswald; Suzie Steed's mother; and Mary Beth Meggett's cousin, Matt Garcia.

## MISSION

**THE GIVING TREES ARE UP!** Please visit either tree in the sanctuary to see what gifts are available. We have only a few James Island Student Tags left, and SEVERAL Meals for JI Outreach clients. If you are able, pick a tag, fill out a form, and put it in box so we can keep track of gifts. When turning in your gift, please attach the decorative tag to the gift! Thank you for helping spread holiday cheer in our community!

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** needs a delivery driver every other Friday. This is a two-hour commitment. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to Anna Westerlund at 864-391-6942.

**FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS:** We're the "Canned Pasta Church" for James Island Outreach! Drop donations in the baskets in the Narthex or by the Church Office. You can also donate non-perishable food at our Blessing Box in the west parking lot. Learn more here: [chsblessingbox.wixsite.com](https://chsblessingbox.wixsite.com).

**BLESSING BOX:** As government food assistance is in transition, please prayerfully consider giving non-perishable food to our blessing box located on the Fort Johnson Rd. church parking lot.

## 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.

**THANK YOU** for your tithes, offerings, and Pledges! You may also give online by going to [www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-donation/](http://www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-donation/). You can also Venmo (JIPC1). Please consider adding 2% to your gift to help cover fees that JIPC is charged. We want to thank the **114 families who have pledged for 2026**. If you have not yet pledged, you can do so now via this QR code.



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN A COME TO THE TABLE COHORT:** A *Come to the Table Cohort* is a year-long commitment to establishing rhythms of spiritual practices within the context of biblical community. Each cohort is made up of 12 individuals who commit to monthly 1.5-hour gatherings, reading scripture, and sharing a meal. The cohorts are designed for the participants to walk alongside one another and together share connection, meaning, and hope with Jesus. New cohorts begin January 2026 and will explore Genesis. Please email the church office at [office@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:office@jamesislandpc.org), fill the form out and put it in the offering plate or scan the QR code.

☐ Yes, I would like to learn more (not a commitment)

What Days/Times Work Best for You? (pick one)

☐ Sun evening ☐ Tues evening ☐ Wed evening ☐ Thur lunch ☐ Sun lunch

☐ Yes, I need childcare (of children and ages: \_\_\_\_\_)

I prefer small groups that are:

☐ Similar in age ☐ Multi-generational ☐ Women's Group ☐ Men's Group

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## ADVENT FLOWERS

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent & Christmas by commissioning a poinsettia. (\$15.00) in honor or memory of a loved one. Today is the deadline for ordering poinsettias for this year. Make checks payable to JIPC, memo: poinsettia.

Commissioned By: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioned For: \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor, Memory (Please Circle)