



Our Family Tree

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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 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

Georgia Arends

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O COME, O COME IMMANUEL

Katrina Reede

ADVENT LIGHTING HYMN

LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH (v2)
(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

TIF IN VELDELE

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (adapted from liturgy by Sharda Henry & Shea Watts)

Stokes Family

*Today, We light two candles. Today we re-light the candle of HOPE.
Hope burns beside the candle of PEACE, witnessing to God's enduring peace.
As we long for a peace to overcome all the places where conflict rages, we wait!
We wait for swords to be reshaped into plows, for walls to crumble and bridges to rise.
Together these candles shine as signs of God's faithfulness. Their glow spreads wider each
week, reminding us that peace is possible, and God's kingdom is drawing near.*

† HYMN #106

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayer)

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts and renew in us
the ability to find our peace in you. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Through grace Christ gives us eternal peace and good hope.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!*

† 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

Marilyn Muckenfuss

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE1:26-33

PG. 56-57 NT

ANTHEM

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

Brian Buda

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

GENESIS 38:11-26

PG. 35 OT

SERMON

OUR FAMILY TREE: PEACE

Rev. Barrett Payne

SILENT REFLECTION

† HYMN #103

COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE

O-SO-SO

† 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 rose 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

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Rowland Prichard
arr. Hugh Knight

† DOXOLOGY #145

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

***So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!***

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All the bread is gluten free. Please signal an usher if you'd like to be served in your seat)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord be 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.

...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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† HYMN #104

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

† PASSING THE PEACE

† POSTLUDE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

Georg Weissel
arr. Hugh Knight

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

Preservice: Georgia Arends

Children's Time: Marilyn Muckenfuss

Cello: Andrea Quinn

Advent Lighting Readers: Stokes Family

Deacons of the Week: Carol Stewart & Juile Radabaugh

Lay Reader: Porter Stokes

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CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 7	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Wed, Dec 10	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		6:15pm Handbell Choir
	10:15am Worship		7:30pm Chancel Choir
	11:30am Share the Joy	Thur, Dec 11	8:00pm Sober Thursday AA
	2:00pm Music Studio Recitals	Fri, Dec 12	7:00pm Seabreeze AA
	6:00pm Festival of Lights (Youth)	Sat, Dec 13	8:00am Men's Bible Study
Mon, Dec 8	10:30am Women's Bible Study	Sun, Dec 14	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	3:00pm Studio Music Lessons		9:00am Pageant Rehearsal
	6:00pm Buildings & Grounds		Sunday School
	6:00 pm Stewardship Committee		9:45am Coffee Fellowship
	6:30pm Rev Fit Wellness Class		10:15am Worship
Tues, Dec 9	7:45am Finance Committee		5:00pm Christmas Pageant
	10:30am Tuesday Morning Circle		6:00pm Carols & Cheers
	12:00pm Step by Step		
	3:00pm Studio Music Lessons		
	6:00pm HV Girls Basketball Practice		
	8:00pm Seabreeze AA		

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! We also invite you to join us Next week Sunday, for the third week of Advent as we continue our series "Our Family Tree" and explore **Luke 1:39-45**.

BULLETIN COVER: Today's bulletin image was taken by Vernon Raineil Cenon and downloaded on *Unsplash*. The image was taken at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore.

ROSES on the Chancel are in honor of the births of Reese Jean Wilson, daughter of Sams & Taryn Wilson, granddaughter of Bo & Jeannette Wilson; and of Julia Edith Fuller, daughter of Ryan and Katie Fuller.

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.



NURSERY: The 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 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

SHARE THE JOY is today, 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. All are invited. We hope to see you there!

STEP BY STEP is meeting at Pinkies for lunch at noon **December 9**. Bring an ornament \$10 or less to exchange. Questions, Contact Dr. Cindy Jahad at cynthia.c.macgregor@gmail.com.

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 our CHURCHWIDE Christmas party, "Carols & Cheers!" We'll meet across the street at Fam's for food, fellowship, and carols. The church will provide food and non-alcoholic beverages. All are welcome! Come, as we celebrate the season together with *Cheers and Carols*. This is for all ages – all are invited. See Rev. Barrett to learn more.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We have two services on Christmas Eve, **December 24**. The Family Service is at 5pm & Lessons and Carols is at 7pm. We welcome all to join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDIES: Looking to dive deeper into scripture with church members? We offer various Cohorts throughout the month, Bible Studies throughout the week, and Sunday School classes each Sunday at 9:00am. Please see Barrett, Terri, or Sarah Grace to learn more, or scan the QR code to see all offerings.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY@ FOLLY BEACH is starting a new study Wednesday, Jan. 7. For more information, please refer to the Weekly Newsletter or contact Beth Robertson ((843)697-6032 or emrmitchum@gmail.com). This is a non-denominational group, and open to all.

HIGHER WAY WELLNESS: Our current session is Project Stress Relief: A Mind and Body Reset, continuing through Dec. 22. Mondays: Rev Fit at 6:30pm at on 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.

YOUTH ADVENT STUDY: During Advent, all youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to gather around a campfire, drink hot cocoa and eat s'mores as they dive deeper into scripture, prayer, and fellowship. We will meet each Wednesday night across the street from the JIPC gym/day care center, 1256 Folly Road (use Pauline to access backyard). The fun runs from 6:00-7:00pm! Contact Sarah Grace to learn more.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Sunday School: 9am All children ages 3-12th grade, class list is in the C&Y Enews
- Dec 7 Share the Joy at 11:30 am in the gym
- Dec 7 Youth Festival of Lights at 6:00 pm. Meet in the church Pauline parking lot by the buses.
- Dec 10 & 17 MS & HS Advent Bible Study, 6:00pm at 1256 Folly Road (backyard)

Questions? Contact Sarah Grace, sarahgrace@jamesislandpc.org

Scan the QR code to view this week's C&Y Newsletter



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please offer prayers for the following: Randy Cochran; Ellen Feltz; Lana Davis; Terri Horton; Sandy Scruggs; Bonnie Thompson's father, Randy Cochran; Sue Henley 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; Peggy Hill; Ann & Rah Rah Smith; Milo Fuller; Al Oswald; Suzie Steed's mother; and Mary Beth Meggett's cousin, Matt Garcia.

MISSION

THE GIVING TREES: We thank you to all who helped with this year's giving trees! SEVERAL Meals for JI Outreach clients are available. 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 to our Blessing Box in the west parking lot. Learn more here: chsblessingbox.wixsite.com.

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/. 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 **125 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, 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)