



2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026

PRESERVICE

Josh Hornig

WELCOME

PRELUDE

HEAR US, O SAVIOR

Charles Gounod

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here through Jesus — each of us, all of us, with our whole selves.

We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Following Jesus, we can see where God is at work in the world.

Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and follow.

† HYMN #12

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

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† CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to redeem and reconcile, to take away the sin of the world. We are invited to tell the truth about the places in us that are in need of healing and wholeness. Let us join in the communal act of repentance.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayer)

Saving God, we confess that we often have ignored you when you walk by. We have preferred to go our own way, keeping our eyes on what seems more important to us: the idols, the institutions and our individual strength. Trusting you seems too frightening, seems too uncertain. Forgive us when it is easier to bring you our sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. Forgive us when we keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence. Forgive us for failing to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love. Forgive us, God. Begin a new song of hope, of witness, and of redemption in our hearts. Help us share your love in our words and actions. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is a Seeking God, who sent Jesus to plant and re-plant us on solid spiritual ground. He grants us mercy. His love and faithfulness have made a way for us to be forgiven and made righteous in God's eyes. **Jesus Christ, who never leaves us nor forsakes us, has secured our forgiveness! Thanks be to God.**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581

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**Glory 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.**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Marilyn Muckenfuss

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Carlen Abernethy

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 49:1-7

PG. 679 OT

ANTHEM	LAMB OF GOD	Twila Paris arr. Lloyd Larson
GOSPEL LESSON	JOHN 1:29-42	PG. 92 NT
SERMON	AN INVITATION TO WONDER	Rev. Terri Wetherell
SILENT REFLECTION		
† HYMN #830	JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE	JESU, MEINE FREUDE
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith 11.2 & 11.4
	We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.	
	In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"	
OUR LIFE TOGETHER		
INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	SIYAHAMBA	South African Tune 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.	
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 #269	LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL	LANCASHIRE
† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
† RESPONSE		
† PASSING THE PEACE		
† POSTLUDE	SOLEMN MARCH	William Boyce

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

Preservice: Josh Hornig

Children's Time: Marilyn Muckenfuss

Lay Reader: Carlen Abernethy

Deacon of the Week: Carlen Quinn

Piano & Organ: Jan Pesavento

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CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 18	9:00am	Sunday School	Wed, Jan 21	7:30am	MS Mid-Week Youth Bible Study
	9:45am	Coffee Fellowship		11:00am	JIPC Book Club
	9:50am	Cherub Choir		3:00pm	Music Lessons
	10:15am	Worship		5:00pm	Children & Youth Choir
	11:15am	Listening Session		6:00pm	HV Boys Basketball Practice
	6:00pm	MS Youth Group			Folly Beach Women Bible Study
Mon, Jan 19	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED			6:15pm	Handbell Choir
	3:00pm	Studio Music Lessons		7:30pm	Chancel Choir
	6:00pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Thur, Jan 22	8:00pm	Sober Thursday AA
	6:30pm	Rev Fit	Fri, Jan 23	8:00pm	Seabreeze AA
Tues, Jan 20	7:30am	HS Mid-Week Youth Bible Study	Sat, Jan 24	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
	3:00pm	Studio Music Lessons		9:00am	Session Meeting
	6:00pm	HV Girls Basketball Practice	Sun, Jan 25	9:00am	Sunday School
	8:00pm	Seabreeze AA		9:45am	Coffee Fellowship
Congregational Meeting has been called by session for February 1 at 8:45am in the Gym.				9:50am	Cherub Choir
				10:15am	Worship
				6:00pm	HS Youth Group

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 worship as we explore **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**. Come be encouraged by the Word and the fellowship of believers as we grow together in faith.

THE 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDIES: Looking to dive deeper into Scripture? Join one of our Cohorts, weekly Bible Studies, or Sunday School classes at 9:00am. See Barrett, Terri, or Sarah Grace for details, or scan the QR code for more information.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Sunday School for all children ages 3-12th grade
- Mid-Week HS Bible Study – Jan. 13, Chick-fil-a 7:30am
- Mid-Week MS Bible Study – Jan. 14, Chick-fil-a 7:30am
- Middle School Youth Group – Jan. 18, 6pm-7:30pm in the MS Youth Room.

Questions? Contact Sarah Grace, sarahgrace@jamesislandpcc.org

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



KIDS KIRK: **January 30, from 5pm – 7pm** in the Gym. Children in 5K–5th grade are invited to a special time of learning about God and growing in their relationship with Him. Our time together will include a lesson, craft, mission project, and recreation, all designed to connect with the story of the day. We'll end our time by sharing a meal together.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please offer prayers for the following: Susan Norris; Ricard Bordas; Cannon Smoak; Pastor Saul & Nicole Moo (Merida, MX); Barb Hornig's stepfather, Howard Hesjedal; Gresh Meggett & family; Sherry Mahoney; the extended Crosby & Howard families; Ellen Feltz; Sandy Scruggs; Bonnie Thompson's father, Randy Cochran; John Pritchett's father, Travis; Anne Christy; Dottie Coleman; Andrea Quinn's parents, Rocio & Terry Kemper; Laquetta "Quetta" Fludd; Peggy Hill; Ann & Rah Rah Smith; Milo Fuller; Al Oswald; Suzie Steed's mother; and Mary Beth Meggett's cousin, Matt Garcia.

MISSION

COMPASS HARBOR: Our JIPC gifts to CH care for those who are often invisible. Two years ago, a young woman aging out of foster care became homeless. After an upsetting incident she became afraid to sleep on the streets. CH housed her and fed her and connected her with helpful services. CH took her to doctor appointments, bought her groceries, shared meals, and listened to her while she found housing. She's been in safe housing for 2 years. CH seeks to impact one young person at a time with a deep investment, making a lasting impact as they grow to support themselves, thrive, and contribute to society. Through CH, JIPC helps create paths of hope.



COMPASS HARBOR OYSTER ROAST: Come support Compass Harbor's 5th annual Bowens Island Oyster Roast from 2-5pm. All you can eat local oysters, BBQ and Chili. Scan the QR code for more information.

PRAYERS FOR NIGER: As uncertainty creates unrest in Niger and the region around it, please keep our mission partner, "Remember Niger," the JIPC sponsored children, and the whole country in your prayers.

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: chsblissingbox.wixsite.com.

STEWARSHIP

THE LAST LISTENING SESSION: As we prayerfully discern a capital campaign for James Island Presbyterian Church, the Capital Campaign Team would like to **hear from you**. If you did not make it last Sunday, or if you did and have new thoughts to share, please join us **TODAY** after church in the sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session invites all of you to our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2026, 8:45 am, in the gym. We will begin with an all-church Bible study, take a look at last year, and look ahead to where God is calling us in 2026. In addition, we will dive deeper into the church budget, review and vote on changes to the senior pastor's terms of call and receive three recommendations from the nominating committee. These recommendations include John O'Neill (renewed term); Jessie Hooper (to fill an unexpired term), and an elder to complete the 2026 nominating committee.

It is always a blessing to be able to gather in God's name to learn and dream with God and each of you. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU: for your tithes, offerings, and pledges! You may also give online by going to www.jamesislandpcc.org/make-a-donation/. You can also Venmo (JIPC1). Please consider adding 2% to your gift to help cover fees that JIPC is charged. On behalf of our extended JIPC church family, we thank the **173 families who have pledged for 2026**. If you have not yet pledged, you can do so now via this QR code.

