



JAMES ISLAND
Presbyterian Church



3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

WELCOME TO JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD, THROUGH THE CONNECTIONS,
MEANING AND HOPE OF JESUS.

PRESERVICE

Josh Hornig

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GRACIOSO

Arnold Sherman

† CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our gate.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our gate.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our gate.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

† HYMN #187

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

BRADBURY

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayer)

God of community,

**you call us to a world radically different
from what we are used to.**

**But we cling to our possessions,
trusting them more than we trust you.**

Forgive us, merciful God.

**Help us to truly believe in your just and
peaceful realm and to work to make it so. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Friends, the promise of our faith is that
if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly,
we need not feel threatened,
for we will be returned to righteousness.*

**Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #837

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE

SHOWALTER

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure
from all alarms, leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Barrett Payne

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Finley Hooper & Sue Cochran

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 23

PG. 501 OT

ANTHEM

I AM HIS LAMB

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 10:1-10

PG. 103 NT

SERMON

I AM THE GATE

Rev. Barrett Payne

SILENT REFLECTION

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MOMENT FOR MISSION

WALK FOR WATER

Andy Fairey

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Franz Haydn
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 #634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

† PASSING THE PEACE

† POSTLUDE

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

T. Lloyd Fowle

GATHER WITH LOVE

BULLETIN COVER Today's bulletin cover was taken by Annie Spratt and downloaded from *Unsplash*.

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. James Island Presbyterian Church (JIPC) strives to share the love of God through the connection, meaning, and hope of Jesus. 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 **John 11:20-44**. 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. If you are an adult & high school youth who feels called to help in the nursery, please, contact Sarah Grace.

FELLOWSHIP LENTEN TABLE: Each Wednesday night during Lent, all are invited to join us for a meal, fellowship, and study. The meal will be from 5:30-6:30 pm. \$10 per person and \$30 max per family. Fellowship Lenten Table **will end on April 2** which is Maundy Thursday. During Holy week we will meet Thursday and not Wednesday. Maundy Thursday will have worship instead of classes. The next five weeks will have the schedule of a meal followed by classes.

YOUTH SUNDAY! On March 22, all worship liturgy, music and leadership will be written and led by JIPC youth. We would LOVE for all youth to help. Your presence is important! To help with the liturgy and the service, please join us in Sunday School on March 8, 15, and 22. During this time, we will prepare for the worship service. Please see Sarah Grace to learn more.

EASTER EGG HUNT & DONATIONS: The JIPC Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 22. We invite everyone to help by donating plastic Easter eggs filled with surprises. If you choose to include candy, please be sure it is individually wrapped and allergy-friendly. Small toys or stickers are also great options!

GROW WITH DEPTH

FELLOWSHIP LENTEN TABLE STUDIES: After the Wednesday night meals during Lent, we are offering three opportunities to dive deeper into our faith.

- **"Who Do You Say I Am?"** This is the question that Jesus proposes to his disciples. In this class we will explore the I am statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. This class will utilize the teachings of the sermon given the prior week. Therefore, if you ever left on Sunday and had follow up questions, here is your chance to not only ask away but dive deeper into "I Am."
- **I Am a Child of God:** Join us each week during Lent as we utilize the ancient Enneagram tool that goes beyond a personality test and asks us to reflect on why we do what we do. In doing so, we will begin taking steps into trusting God's grace for us and learning how to have grace with ourselves. We pray that this class helps us discover who we are in God's image. The "Who Am I" class will use **The Road Back to You** by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile as a study guide.
- **I Am a Disciple:** As Christians we are called to be disciples of Jesus. But what does it mean to say, "I am a disciple." Please join us as we explore this question and dive deeper into the privileges and responsibilities of calling ourselves disciples. This class will use Rowan Williams' **Being A Disciple** to help guide us through Lent.

The studies will begin on Wednesday, February 25, and end on March 25, 2026. Childcare will be provided for those who sign up for childcare in advance, so parents can participate with peace of mind. Scan the QR code for childcare services for this event.



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.



THE DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is beginning a new study of the book of Hebrews this week and warmly invites anyone who is interested to join them. Together, they will explore the rich themes of Christ's supremacy, enduring faith, and the encouragement to persevere in our walk with the Lord. Whether you have studied Hebrews before or are opening it for the first time, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow deeper in God's Word and in fellowship with one another.

2ND TUESDAY CIRCLE meets each the 2nd Tuesday of the month on the at 10:30am in the church library and would love to welcome new faces. This group gathers for fellowship, encouragement, and meaningful conversation, supporting one another in faith and friendship. After their time together, they enjoy going out to lunch—making it a wonderful opportunity to connect and build community.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Sunday School for all children ages 3-12th grade
- March 8 – High School Youth Group
- March 14 – Middle School Lock Out
- March 19 – Backpack Buddies
- March 21 – Walk for Water
- March 22 – Youth Sunday & EASTER EGG HUNT
- March 27 – Kids Kirk
- March 28 – RMHC – High School Youth

GO WITH GRACE

WALK FOR WATER: is on March 21st at 9 AM at Riverfront Park in North Charleston! During the Walk for Water, participants walk approximately 1 mile to a midway point with an empty bucket. There, they will fill their bucket with dirty water and carry it another 1 mile to the end of the Walk. When you walk, you raise funds and awareness to change the daily reality of women and children who lack access to safe water. Join us in this wonderful opportunity to walk together and support access to safe, clean water for more than 14,000 people around the world! Scan the QR code to sign up!



JIPC FOUNDATION SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS 2026. Open enrollment starts March 2. Camp starts June 1 and ends August 7. There is a church member Discount. Scan the QR code for more details on Youth Adventure Camp (rising grade 4-6) and Summer Day Camp (riding K5-3)



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.

THANK YOU: for your tithes, offerings, and pledges! If you like what you see and believe in what God is doing at JIPC, please consider supporting the ministries and mission of our church. You are able to give financially in the following ways: offering plate during offering, mail a check to JIPC, online by going to www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-donation/, or Venmo (JIPC1). Please consider adding 2% to your online gifts to help cover fees that JIPC is charged.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please offer prayers for the following: Hughes Family friends, Jennie and Brian Cannon; RoxAnn & Miles Stavley & Family; Family of Baynard Godbold; Beth Parler; Lousie Bavier; Susan Norris; Ricard Bordas; Cannon Smoak; Pastor Saul & Nicole Moo (Merida, MX); Barb Hornig's stepfather, Howard Hesjedal; Sherry Mahoney; Ellen Feltz; Sandy Scruggs; Bonnie Thompson's father, Randy Cochran; John Pritchett's parents; 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.

CALENDAR

<p>Sun, Mar 8</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Worship Together Class</p> <p>9:45am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:50am Cherub Choir</p> <p>10:15am Worship</p> <p>11:15am Committee Meetings</p> <p>6:00pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>Wed, Mar 11</p> <p>12:00pm St. James Noon Lenten Service</p> <p>3:00pm Music Lessons</p> <p>5:00pm Children & Youth Choir</p> <p>5:30pm Fellowship Lenten Table Dinner</p> <p>6:00pm Adult Handbells</p> <p>6:30pm Fellowship Lenten Studies</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 9</p> <p>10:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Studio Music Lessons</p>	<p>Thur, Mar 12</p> <p>8:00pm Sober Thursday AA</p>
<p>Tues, Mar 10</p> <p>10:30am Tuesday Morning Circle</p> <p>8:00pm Seabreeze AA</p>	<p>Fri, Mar 13</p> <p>8:00pm Seabreeze AA</p>
	<p>Sat, Mar 14</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00am MS Lock Out</p>
	<p>Sun, Mar 15</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Worship Together Class</p> <p>9:45am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:50am Cherub Choir</p> <p>10:15am Worship</p>

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

Preservice: Josh Hornig

Children's Time: Rev. Barrett Payne

Lay Readers: Finley Hooper & Sue Cochran

Adult Handbell Choir: Directed by Hugh Knight

Deacon of the Week: Chad Aspinwall

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JIPC LENT SCHEDULE

- Daily Lent Devotionals
- Wednesdays - Noon Lenten Service
- Wednesdays - Fellowship Lenten Table Dinner & Studies
 - 5:30-6:30 pm (Dinner)
 - 6:30-7:30 pm (Studies)
- 3/21 - Walk for Water
- 3/22 - Youth Sunday
 - Easter Egg Hunt

NOON LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten Noon Services will be held in partnership with our sister churches. Each week's noon service will take place at a different church location.

3/11 - ST. JAMES PC

3/18 - HARBORVIEW PC

3/25 - JIPC

4/1 - ST. JAMES PC