



JAMES ISLAND  
Presbyterian Church



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 15, 2026

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

PRESERVICE

Janice Holbrook

WELCOME

PRELUDE

LAETARE

Peter Leys

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 37:3

*O mortal, can these bones live?*

**Only the Lord God knows.**

*O people, put your hope in the Lord.*

**With the Lord there is steadfast love  
and great power to redeem and give life!**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

† HYMN 247

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

NOEL NOUVELET

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayer)

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand?**

**We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.**

**We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.**

**We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth at the expense of the poor.**

**And even so, you love us; Still there is forgiveness with you!**

**Grant us your pardon, we pray.**

**We worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem  
us from our sin.**

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life, and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies.

**This is the good news of the gospel: 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

RoxAnn Stalvey

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Amanda & Jacob Henley

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

PG. 806 OT

ANTHEM

WHEN JESUS WEPT

Gwyneth Walker

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 11:20-44

PG. 105 NT

SERMON

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Rev. Terri Wetherell

SILENT REFLECTION

† HYMN 286

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

TRENTHAM

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH \*

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.  
We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.  
We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.  
We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.  
We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.  
We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.  
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.  
Amen**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

Clara Scott  
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 839

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!

ASSURANCE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

† PASSING THE PEACE

† POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE ON "ITE MISSA EST"

Joseph Latzelsberger

## GATHER WITH LOVE

**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 8:12-20**. Come be encouraged by the Word and the fellowship of believers as we grow together in faith.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are commissioned by Don Sumner in memory of Georgiana Sumner.

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** \* was from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide**, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey— The Order of Saint Columba.



**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, 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. If you are an adult & high school youth who feels called to help in the nursery, please, contact Sarah Grace.

**FELLOWSHIP LENTEN TABLE:** ONLY TWO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS LEFT! Please join us during Lent 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 a Fish Fry for dinner and worship instead of 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 TONIGHT from 6:00-7:30 pm. During this time, we will prepare for the worship service. Please see Sarah Grace to learn more. Our youth look forward to sharing the light with you!

**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

**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 and up.
- March 15 – MS & HS Youth Group, Youth Sunday Prep
- 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

**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. The above books are available online or email [office@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:office@jamesislandpc.org) by February 18. 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.

## GO WITH GRACE

**WALK FOR WATER: OUR TEAM IS GROWING!!! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!** On **March 21st at 9 AM** at **Riverfront Park in North Charleston!**

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!**



**BACKPACK BUDDIES** Join us **March 19 at 5:30 pm at James Island Outreach.** Backpack Buddies pack bags of food for children to take home for the weekend. All are welcome, this is a **multi-generational** outreach opportunity.

**UPDATES FROM MOTUL MEXICO:** James Island Presbyterian Church has an ongoing partnership with mission work in the Yucatán State of Mexico. Construction is underway on a new church building in Motul, and last year JIPC helped support the project by providing funds for the roof tiles, an important step toward creating a permanent place for worship and ministry in the community. Keep this ministry in your prayers. and, watch for a Call-Out in June to sign up for the 2027 JIPC Mission Trip!

**JIPC FOUNDATION SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS 2026.** Open enrollment IS UP! 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](https://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/](http://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.

**ONLINE GIVING UPDATE:** JIPC's online giving platform is receiving a facelift! Even though it looks different, the hyperlink and QR code here are correct. Please let us know if you encounter any problems.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please offer prayers for the following: Izzy Delgado, Shawn Stullenbarger's brother; Travis Hughes & Family, friends of 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); Sherry Mahoney; Sandy Scruggs; Bonnie Thompson's father, Randy Cochran; 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, Jean Chesno; and Mary Beth Meggett's cousin, Matt Garcia

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

**Preservice:** Janice Holbrook

**Lay Readers:** Amanda & Jacob Henley

**Children's Time:** RoxAnn Stavley

**Deacon of the Week:** Chris Nolan

**CALANDER**

Sun, Mar 15 9:00am Sunday School  
 Worship Together Class  
 9:45am Coffee Fellowship  
 9:50am Cherub Choir  
 10:15am Worship  
 6:00pm MS & HS Youth Group

Mon, Mar 16 10:30am Women's Bible Study  
 3:00pm Studio Music Lessons

Tues, Mar 17 5:30pm Night Committee Meetings  
 8:00pm Seabreeze AA

Wed, Mar 18 12:00pm HVPC Noon Lenten Service  
 3:00pm Music Lessons  
 5:00pm Children & Youth Choir  
 5:30pm Fellowship Lenten Table Dinner  
 6:30pm Fellowship Lenten Studies  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thur, Mar 19 8:00pm Sober Thursday AA

Fri, Mar 20 8:00pm Seabreeze AA

Sat, Mar 21 8:00am Men's Bible Study

Sun, Mar 22 9:00am Sunday School  
 Worship Together Class  
 9:45am Coffee Fellowship  
 9:50am Cherub Choir  
 10:15am Worship  
 11:15am Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt  
 6:00pm HS Youth Group

**EASTER LILIES:** The Flower Guild is receiving donations in memory or honor of loved ones to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Please mark your checks, "Easter Lilies." Suggested donation: \$20/lily. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 1. Purple envelopes are in the pews to fill out and put in offering plate.

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