



December 10, 2017

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# ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Henry Meeuwse

PRELUDE

*Christmas Bells*

arr. James Curnow

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*During Advent, we await God's promised salvation in the coming Messiah.*

**And He will be called Jesus the Christ.**

*We wait for the One who will shepherd our souls.*

**And He will be called Jesus the Christ.**

*We await the coming of the King of glory.*

**And He will be called Jesus the Christ.**

*During Advent, we anticipate the light of the world overcoming this present darkness.*

**And He will be called Jesus the Christ.**

ADVENT READING

REF. LUKE 2:10

Today we light two candles. The first candle reminds us of God's gift in the person of Jesus Christ. As we light the second candle, we reflect upon the universality of God's salvation. Luke's Gospel tells us the first proclamation of Jesus' birth was to a group of shepherds watching over their flocks by night. "The angel said to them, do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Continuing our Advent journey, we joyfully anticipate the birth of a Savior who comes to be our Shepherd.

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 85

TIF IN VELDELE

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah  
(Vs. 2 ONLY)*

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

PRAYER

*O God, there is a dark and lonesome gulf in worship, a cavern of the awesome into which we rarely go. We prefer catchy tunes, bright vestments, and holiday prayers. We would rather exchange fellowship than touch holiness. Enable us in this precious season of Advent to venture into the depths of worship which open slowly before the shared pain, struggle, and love of the communion of the saints. Prepare us for the coming of our Messiah; our Shepherd; our King; even Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

\*HYMN 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

## HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*GOSPEL (NT P. 34)

Mark 1:1-8

ANTHEM

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

arr. John Ferguson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Reverend Cameron Smith

\*EPISTLE (NT P. 238)

II Peter 3:8-15a

SERMON

Reverend Sam Martin

THE POWER OF A PROMISE

# RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
(Vs.1-4)

VENI EMMANUEL

\*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 at 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.***

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

OFFERTORY

*Angels We have Heard On High*

arr. Stephen Bulla

\*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDRETH

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 143

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*PASSING THE PEACE

*The Lord is with you. **And also with you.***

\*POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

arr. James Curnow

### WORSHIP NOTES

**USHERS** 8:30 Mike Giacomarro, Scott Graule, Billy Richardson, & Marilyn Stark

11:00 Jamey Nelson, John Pritchett, Allan Clum, Robby Bolen, Chad Jones, & Josh Hornig

**READERS:** 8:30 11:00

**FLOWERS:** Team 1

**NURSERY:** Beth Moore

**ADVENT READERS:** 8:30 Hubbard family 11:00 B. Hornig family

**SPECIAL THANKS:** JIPC Orchestra; Cathy Ardrey, Director; Josh Hornig, Accompanist

**DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE** *She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give them the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

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### Stay Connected with JIPC

If you would like to receive our weekly E-Newsletter, please be sure to contact the office to be added to our list (843-795-3111 or [Office@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:Office@jamesislandpc.org)). Also join our Facebook group: JIPC Friends.

### JOIN US IN PRAYER

#### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

**WEEK ONE:**

**WEEK TWO:** Walt Ector

**WEEK THREE:** Sherry Mahoney

Eddie Quinn

Danny Dillehay

**WEEK FOUR:** McKenna West

#### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Sarah Van Dalen      Mary Godbold

Jill Johnson              Frankie Tucker

Madelyn Graf            Lauren Choate

Sunnie Jones

**Please also pray for the private concerns of our church family.**

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FAMILIES** Rosa Oswald (Morgan & Hampton), Brenda & Jay Parker, David & Wendy Parker (Perrin), David & Elizabeth Parler (Alex), Catherine Parler, Ben & Katherine Pauli (Hannah), Bill & Amelie Perdue, Bryan & Ashley Perrucci (Luke & Lauren), and Charlie & Jan Pesavento.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ([OFFICE@JAMESISLANDPC.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@JAMESISLANDPC.ORG)).

### JIPC STAFF

Reverend Sam Martin, Senior Pastor

Reverend Cameron Smith, Associate Pastor

Henry Meeuwse, Associate in Ministry

Barbara Manaker, Director of Music

Jan Pesavento, Organist

Hugh Knight, Worship & Music Assistant

Allison Hubbard, Director of Discipleship

Elizabeth Souter, Director of Children's Ministry

Elizabeth Parler, Administrator

Angela Dwiggin, Administrative Assistant

Ricky Willis, Sexton

Travis Pritchett, Sexton

### ADVENT FLOWERS

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



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

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

**LAST WEEK AT JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Worship 386

**2017 STEWARDSHIP**

Amount Received To Date \$789,607

Budgeted to Date \$806,729

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUN, DEC 10	8:30am	Worship	TUES, DEC 12	6:00am	Men's Early Bible Study
	9:30am	Board of Trustees		10:30am	Tuesday Circle
	9:45am	Coffee Fellowship		4:00pm	Finance Committee
	10:00am	Sunday School		8:00pm	Sea Breeze AA (Tu, Th, Fri)
	11:00am	Worship			
	12:00pm	Congregational Luncheon	WED, DEC 13	5:00pm	Mid & Sr. High Choir
	3:00pm	Piano Recitals			Call Time for Pageant
MON, DEC 11	10:30am	Women's Bible Study		6:00pm	Christmas Pageant
	6:15pm	HIM & EM		7:00pm	WNL Dinner (DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP)
	6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Circle		7:30pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball	SAT, DEC 16	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
		Sisterhood Circle			
			SUN, DEC 17	8:30am	Worship
				9:45am	Coffee Fellowship
				10:00am	Sunday School
				11:00am	Worship

*Save the Date!*

*Christmas Eve*

*Sunday, December 24*

One Sunday Worship Service, 11:00am  
Christmas Eve Services, 5:00pm & 7:00pm

**COCOA  
COFFEE  
& CAROLS**

ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY TREATS AND A TIME OF PRAISE AND REFLECTION WHILE ENJOYING CAROLS AND HYMNS.

**NYE @ 10AM**

*Wednesday Night Live*

2017 ADVENT SERIES

Join us as we focus on serving and welcoming our Savior this Advent season. Each event\* will include dinner from 5:30-6:30 pm followed by a special program for all ages .

**DECEMBER 13: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Celebrate the season as the Cherub and Elementary choirs present the annual Christmas pageant and share the Christmas story.

\*The pageant will begin at 6pm in the sanctuary with dinner to follow.

**WNL DINNER RESERVATIONS**  
SPAGHETTI, SALAD BAR, & DESSERT  
**December 13**

PLEASE SIGN UP BY MONDAY December 11 AT NOON

**RESERVATIONS:** \$6/adults, \$3/children  
3-18; \$18 HOUSEHOLD max

**WALK INS:** \$7/adults, \$3/children  
3-18; \$20 HOUSEHOLD max

PLEASE HONOR YOUR RESERVATION OR  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO CANCEL

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults \_\_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## NURTURE

**REVELATION WELLNESS HIM & EM** runs through December 18 – *Journey to the Manger*. For more information: Emily Oswald [Emilywoz@comcast.net](mailto:Emilywoz@comcast.net) or [www.revelationwellness.org](http://www.revelationwellness.org).

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE AND TIME** Nursery volunteers needed for the 5pm and 7pm Christmas Eve services. Attend one service and volunteer at the other. If you can help fill this need for either the 5pm or 7pm service please contact Elizabeth Souter.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held in honor of Dr. Walt Ector, Saturday, December 23.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Darkness to Light training January 7.

**INQUIRERS' CLASS** Are you interested in learning more about JIPC? Join us for the next Inquirers' Class, Sunday, January 28 at 4:30pm; dinner and nursery will be provided. Participants wishing to join the church may do so on February 11.

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

**DOWNTOWN SHOPPING TRIP** December 22 from 9:30am-2:30pm Please bring \$10.00 for lunch. For more information contact the church office. Sign-ups are available outside the Discipleship office.

**SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP** is January 12-15 in Asheville, NC. We are partnering with Asheville Youth Mission to serve their community. Cost is \$225 and sign-ups are available outside the Discipleship office.

## MISSION

**MANY THANKS** to all who helped with the Hispanic men's mission clothing donations and HALOS.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** is in the narthex. This week, you can choose cards to purchase Christmas gifts for local children, turkeys for James Island Outreach, and partnership with Water Missions program. Gift Information is provided on the tree and the deadline for these gifts is December 17.

## STEWARDSHIP

NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Estimates of Giving Received 181

Amount of Giving Estimated \$723,317

We thank each of you who have turned in your pledge cards for next year. If you've not yet turned in your estimate for 2018, it's not too late! You can turn in your cards Sunday, mail them in to the office, or submit them online: [www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/](http://www.jamesislandpc.org/make-a-pledge/). Our 2017 budget is \$872,394 - remember that our budgets are based on your estimates of giving. Our Finance Committee will make its budget recommendations to session in early December.



a|second  
chance

High School Presbytery Retreat

Bethelwoods, February 9-11, 2018

Cost: \$75 due January 21

Sign up outside the Discipleship Office

Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex!