



First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Preservice

Words of Welcome

Reverend Cameron Smith

Prelude

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!

arr. Robert J. Powell

Call to Worship

*All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep God's covenants.
God leads the humble in what is right and teaches them God's way.*

**Lord, we have left the high place on the Mount of Transfiguration returning to our lives below,
Trusting in your ongoing work of the restoration of all things.
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**Due to Covid 19 restrictions, please refrain from singing in the sanctuary.*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?

By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy: we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our friends and enemies; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

GLORIA

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 25:1-10

Children's Time

Reverend Cameron Smith

Anthem

Neither Death Nor Life

Jonathan Crutchfield

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:9-15

Sermon

READ, MARK AND INWARDLY DIGEST

Reverend Sam Martin

Affirmation of Faith

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Michael Burkhardt

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

Postlude

The Thirty-Second Psalm

Benedetto Marcello/Jon Spong

(Please remain seated until directed by ushers to exit.)

Reverend Sam Martin
Jan Pesavento, Guest Organist
Georgia Arends, Preservice
Reverend Cameron Smith, Children's Time

Special Thanks

Thank you to the Flower Guild for providing the weekly chancel arrangement.

This week's arrangement was commissioned by Charles and Shannon Taylor in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary on February 23.

Old Testament Scripture Readers

Georgia Arends, 8:30am
Rylee Noland, 11:00am

Hymn

Congregation from 4/19/19

Virtual Anthem

JIPC Chancel Choir and Friends
Elisha Clyburn, Soloist
Hugh Knight, Organist
Taylor Keathley, Horn and Video
John O'Neill, Audio

Taylor Keathley, Technical Support



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

We are currently participating in the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for justice, reliance, and sustainability and is divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please give generously and designate your contributions for Mission: One Great Hour. Special offering envelopes are available from the ushers.

Psalm 25:1-10 (NRSV)

25 ¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! ⁸Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Mark 9:9-15 (NRSV)

9 ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. ¹¹Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" ¹²He said to them, "Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? ¹³But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him."

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him.



Join us each Wednesday throughout Lent from 12:00-12:30 p.m. as we gather virtually with our brothers and sisters from St. James and Harbor View Presbyterian Churches for our "Lenten Noon Day Worship" services. Services will be available on the church website (www.jamesislandpc.org/live-stream), Facebook, and YouTube. Plan to attend and share with your friends on your social media accounts.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Feb 21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Sat, Feb 6	Sat, Feb 27	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
	Online Worship Available			8:45am	Winter S.T.E.P.S
	8:30am	Worship	Sun, Feb 28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
	9:45am	En Gedi Sunday School		Online Worship Available	
	10:00am	Sunday School		8:30am	Worship
	11:00am	Worship		9:45am	En Gedi Sunday School Class
	12:00pm	Nominating Committee		10:00am	Sunday School
	4:30pm	Boys Only Youth Group		11:00am	Worship
Mon, Feb 22	10:30am	In-Person Women's Bible Study- Sanctuary			
Tues, Feb 23	6:00am	Men's Bible Study			
Wed, Feb 24	12:00pm	Lenten Noon-Day Worship			
	6:00pm	Adult In-Person Bell Rehearsal			
	6:30pm	Bible Study			
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Zoom Rehearsal			



NURTURE

IT ALWAYS SEEMS TOO EARLY, UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE...

Whether we are 33 with young children or in our senior years, we can all benefit from expert advice regarding end-of-life decisions. Join us for any or all of the six free Zoom sessions. Contact Sue Urie to register: 843.819.2735 or sueurie@aol.com. Register by 2/21/21 to receive a participant handbook.

CLASSES MEET ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:30-7:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM

- February 24:** "What is the Elephant in the Room?" Rev. Sam Martin
- March 3:** "Necessary Legal Documents" Keith Bolus
- March 10:** "End of Life Financial Planning" Lynn Anne Gillen
- March 17:** "Support Services for End of Life" McAlister Smith Funeral Home
- March 24:** "Hospice Questions and Answers" Ginger Bartos
- April 7:** "Caregiving Needs" Mary Rohaley

THE EN GEDI SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be studying the movie "Overcomer" now through the end of February on Sundays at 9:45am, virtually. Please contact the church office at office@jamesislandpc.org for the link to attend.

REVELATION WELLNESS® OF THE LOWCOUNTRY has begun a new 8-week session of classes that will run through March 3. ALL are welcome to join in a *Word In + Work Out* as we seek His wisdom in wellness and worship through movement. Donations: \$5 per class/ \$25 for the entire session. For more information, visit: www.revelationwellness.org.

S.T.E.P.S IN WINTER IS COMING The 2021 STEPS Planning Team is offering a one session online STEPS event on Saturday, February 27 from 8:45am-10:00am, followed by a worship service with *Sanctified Art*. There is no cost for the event. Contact church staff for registration information.

MISSION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2021 WALK FOR WATER! We are planning a special day for our congregation to participate in this year's Walk for Water to benefit Water Mission's ministry to bring safe drinking water and the Good News of the Living Water of Christ to people across the world. Save the date, and plan to join us on March 20. You can participate in-person with our team or in your own backyard. Visit www.watermission.org to register. Be sure to join the "JIPC-James Island Presbyterian Church Faith Walkers" team. The first thirty participants who use the code "JIPC2021" receive a free registration.

READING PARTNERS NEEDS VIRTUAL TUTORS! Can you give an hour a week to help a child learn to read at grade level? Tutoring sessions are held virtually at JIPC. We need forty more tutors to fill our roster. Contact Cameron Smith for more information (cameron@jamesislandpc.org).



STEWARDSHIP

Amount Received as of 2-14-21 \$116,873.52

STEWARDSHIP 2021: We thank each of you who has turned in a pledge card for 2021. We have received 215 cards for \$782,755. It's not too late to help the Session and staff plan its ministries and missions for next year by letting us know your plans via your pledge! Contact beth@jamesislandpc.org if you need a pledge card.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE!

