



December 6, 2015

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# ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Cameron Smith

PRELUDE

*Christmas Bells*

arr. James Curnow

INTROIT

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

TIF IN VELDELE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.*

*Take your encouragement from Christ,  
that your joy may be complete.*

*We will share in the Spirit;*

*We will find consolation in love.*

*Practice a ministry of humility and compassion*

*For God is at work in you, empowering you*

*We will welcome Christ into our hearts.*

*We will live lives worthy of the Gospel.*

*We will go forth in hope and in peace.*

PRAYER

*Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.*

\*HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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## HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*NEW TESTAMENT (NT p.196)

Philippians 1:3-11

ANTHEM

*Amid the Cold of Winter*

Taylor Davis

CHILDREN'S TIME

Reverend Smith

\*GOSPEL (NT p.60)

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Reverend Sam Martin

HOW CAN I PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS

# BY BODY AND BLOOD

OFFERTORY

*Away in a Manger*

arr. Ed Hogan

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you, And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Blessed are You, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your only Son, whom You sent out of love for the world to be our Savior. By the Holy Spirit's power, He was born of us, shared our joys and sorrows, and offered His life in perfect obedience and trust. By His death, Christ delivered us from our sins. By His resurrection, He grants us new and abundant life. By His love, He sanctifies the church to be His holy bride and now, prepares the wedding banquet.*

*Dying, You destroyed death. Rising, You restored life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death. Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

*Together we pray...*

*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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

\*HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
(Vs. 1 & 2)*

VENI EMMANUEL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

Unison

*Father, we thank You for this meal, shared in spirit with Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who makes us new and strong, and brings us eternal life. Amen.*

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
(Vs. 3 & 4)*

VENI EMMANUEL

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*POSTLUDE

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

arr. Robert Lau

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:30-33

“But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

PRAYER CORNER

NEW PRAYER REQUEST

WEEK ONE   Ellison family  
              Madelyn Graf  
              Amy Robinson  
              Feltz family  
WEEK TWO   Beck family  
              Hauck family  
WEEK THREE   Betty Bell  
              Emma Oswald  
              Betty Bell  
WEEK FOUR   Bonnie Walker

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Sarah Van Dalen      Mary Godbold  
Vera Peters           Dixie Taylor  
Frankie Tucker

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

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER FAMILIES Dicki Mikell, Julian Mikell, Emily Miller, Ryan & Sarah Milner (Sophia, Gabe, & Pearl), Sarah Mitchell, Mark Mitchum, Shawn & Angie Moffatt (Dillon, Blake, & Cate), and Sue Mohle (Brook Guarco).

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP SERVICE

USHERS:   8:30     Mike Giacomarro, Milton Muckenfuss, Jeff VandeWiel, & Marilyn Stark  
              11:00    Mark Rourk, Tommy & Drennan Ellis, Jon & Cohen Frye, and  
                      Darren Messer  
NURSERY:   Fannie Quinn                      FLOWER GUILD: Team 1  
READERS:   8:30 Debbie Berry                11:00 Josh Stokes  
ADVENT READERS:       8:30: Skip, Susan, & Karen Norris  
                              11:00: Mark & Julie Frye (Cameron, Brynnan, & Brady)

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  
Duncan Meadows, Director of Youth & Children’s Activities  
Elizabeth Parler, Administrator  
Angela Dwiggin, Administrative Assistant

## WORSHIP

**SPECIAL THANKS** Pre-Service, Andy Jennings; JIPC Orchestra; Woodwind Trio: Carlen Quinn, Mark Steffan, & Cathy Ardrey; Accompanist; Josh Hornig.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are commissioned in gratitude of Reverend Sam Martin by David, Alicia, Grant & Alden Morrow.

**ADVENT FLOWERS** Help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent & Christmas by commissioning a poinsettia (\$15.00) in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one. Please see the envelopes in the friendship registers.

**COMMUNION NOTES:** Elders are honored to serve those of you unable to go to a station for communion. Please alert an usher if you would like this. For those of you so wishing, there is a gluten-free station at the front of our sanctuary.

## NURTURE

**CONDOLENCES** to the Ellison family for the loss of Gill Ellison, who passed away November 28<sup>th</sup>; and to Ellen Feltz for the loss of her husband Dennis, who passed away December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us in praying for the Ellison & Feltz families.

**THE CITADEL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is today. The bus will be leaving the back parking lot at 6:00pm.

**ADVENT CRAFT LEADERS NEEDED!** This Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to make gifts for our mission partners, their families, and friends. We need at least eight adult leaders to work in teams to help lead craft stations. All of the supplies will be provided by the church. Leaders are asked to help with preparing supplies, setting up, explaining, and cleaning up the craft they will lead. Please contact Cameron Smith if you are available to help. [cameron@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:cameron@jamesislandpc.org).

**MORE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!** If you would like to have more Christ and less chaos this Advent and Christmas season, now is the perfect time to try out one of our Adult Sunday School classes or Mid-Week Adult Bible Studies. Contact Cameron Smith for more information about finding the study and class that are right for you [cameron@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:cameron@jamesislandpc.org).

## MISSION

**HELP FOR HALOS** HALOS, one of JIPC's long-time ministries, provides support for abused and neglected children in the Charleston area. Current need: New or used dressers for kinship care families (adults who have taken in children, usually relatives, to keep them out of the foster care system. To contribute, please contact Emily Brown (843-408-3709) or Henry Meeuwse (843-795-3111).

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** is in the narthex. This week is an opportunity to sponsor a turkey for a James Island Outreach family for a \$20.00 donation. The deadline is December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## STEWARDSHIP

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY UPDATE** As of Thursday, we've received 174 Estimates of Giving cards pledging \$655,659 We still have 195 families who've not yet responded to our Consecration Sunday, and we encourage your participation.

### Winter Work Day

Saturday,

December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-12:00pm



We need your help! Please join us this Saturday for our winter work day. We will have plenty of jobs for everyone!



## Luncheon

Join us next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after our 11:00am worship service for the monthly Congregational Luncheon. We will serve roast beef and mashed potatoes. Please bring a covered dish to share. Join us in Fellowship Hall (gymnasium).

# LAST WEEK AT JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service 351

## 2015 STEWARDSHIP

Gifts Budgeted \$620,761

Gifts Received \$617,312

Amount Received Last Week \$11,371

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Dec 6	8:30am	Worship	Wed, Dec 9	5:00pm	Mid. & Sr. High Choir
	9:00am	Orchestra Rehearsal		5:30pm	Mid. & Sr. High Bells
	9:45am	Coffee Fellowship		5:45pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	10:00am	Sunday School		6:30pm	Dinner & Advent Series
	11:00am	Worship		7:30pm	Adult Bells
	12:00pm	Music & Worship Committee			Chancel Choir
Mon, Dec 7	6:00pm	The Citadel Candlelight Service	Sat, Dec 12	7:30am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
				9:00am	Work Day
	10:30am	Women's Bible Study	Sun, Dec 13	8:30am	Worship
	5:45pm	The Journey		9:00am	Orchestra Rehearsal
		Holy Yoga		9:45am	Coffee Fellowship
	6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Circle		10:00am	Sunday School
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball (MON & THURS)		11:00am	Worship
Tues, Dec 8	9:15am	Finance Committee		12:00pm	Luncheon
	10:30am	Tuesday Circle		12:15pm	Membership Committee
	8:00pm	Sea Breeze AA (TU, TH, FRI)		3:00pm	Piano Recital
				6:30pm	Circle of Friends

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00pm Family Service

7:00pm Lessons & Carols

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

One worship service at 10:00am

No Sunday School

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Wednesday December 16, 6:00pm

**CHILDREN:** Rehearsals have begun! We invite all children from 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in the pageant. Rehearsals are from 5:30-6. Ages 3-5 will meet in the narthex & 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the choir room.

**ADULTS:** if you are looking for a fun way to contribute during the Advent season, we can always use help with the children and with costumes. We welcome your time and talents! Please email Julie Frye with questions or for further information: [julie@juliefryedesign.com](mailto:julie@juliefryedesign.com).

## 2015 Advent Series

Come to James Island Presbyterian Church on Wednesday nights for dinner and programs designed to help you celebrate God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Lord! We'd love for you to join our family as you are able this Advent season. We are truly grateful to our Advent Series Craft Leaders Share the Joy: Bonnie Young, Henry Meeuwse, EJ Tracy, Lora Morris, Allison Hubbard, Suzie Steed, Duncan Meadows Wreath Making: Nancy and Kenny Tassin, John Quinn.



**December 9: Christmas Gift Making & Christmas Card Fun**

**December 16: Christmas Pageant & Party**



## WNL DINNER RESERVATIONS

MINI CHICKEN PARMESAN, ROASTED POTATOES, & BROWNIES

December 9<sup>th</sup> PLEASE SIGN UP BY **MONDAY December 7<sup>th</sup>** AT NOON



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

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

PLEASE HONOR YOUR RESERVATION OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO CANCEL

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ #Adults \_\_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_