

WORSHIP

SPECIAL THANKS: Andrea Kemper, Cello; Jamisen Collier, Piano; Youth Handbell Choir.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:30: VandeWiel family; **11:00:** Clum family.

ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE Rose on the Communion Table is in honor of the birth of A'lilah Fairey, daughter of Mikell Fairey and Allite Imho, granddaughter of Andy & Sally Fairey, born on December 16.

December 28: ONE Worship Service at 10:00am.

NURTURE

CONDOLENCES to James & Nancy McMahan for the loss of James's father, George McMahan, who passed away December 16th.

MISSION

MEALS ON WHEELS is in need of more drivers who are able to deliver meals on James Island. If you are interested please contact Sky Keating, 870-6914.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated with the Giving Tree and Turkeys for James Island Outreach.

Thank you!

For the 2014 Advent Season



We thank each of you who helped make this Advent season possible! A special thanks to the WNL Kitchen crew and helping hands, especially Sue Mohle, our cook for the series. Special thanks to all the parents, children and directors who made this year's Christmas Pageant a success.



Monday, December 22: Join us for our annual Downtown Charleston Christmas Shopping Trip, where we will ride together downtown to finish up all that last minute shopping and enjoy one another's company. We will leave the church at 9:45am.

January 17-19, 2015: Our MLK, Jr. weekend high school trip this year will be to Atlanta, GA, a central hub of the civil rights movement in the South. Details are forthcoming, but it will be a wonderful weekend of service, fun, and fellowship. Cost will be no more than \$150 per person, and a \$50 deposit due TODAY! Be sure to secure your spot!

PRAYER CORNER

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK ONE: McMahan family
David Pritchett
Charlie Tumbleston
O'Neill family
Carter family
Sondra & Bob Baty

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Godbold
LA Smith
Frankie Tucker
WEEK TWO:
Karen Bullock
Matt Carter
WEEK THREE:
Emma Oswald

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

This Week's Prayer Families: Barry & Cheryl McLaurin, James & Nancy McMahan, (Alex, Jacob & Joseph), Ramona Measom (Kelly & Kate), James Meek, Henry & Kristi Meeuwse, MaryBeth & Gresh Meggett (Gresh), Darren & Kari Messer (Brody & Brooks), and Dicki Mikell.

LAST WEEK AT JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service 384

Sunday School 126

2014 STEWARDSHIP

Operating Budget \$726,390

Gifts Received Last Week \$13,053

Total Gifts Received \$672,383

Is your 2014 pledge current?

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Dec 21	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Mon, Dec 22	9:45am	Downtown Youth Shopping Trip
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
Tues, Dec 23	8:00pm	Sea Breeze AA (Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Wed, Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
	5:00pm	Candlelight Family Service
	7:00pm	Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service
Thurs, Dec 25		CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat, Dec 27	7:30am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Sun, Dec 28	10:00am	Worship (no Sunday School)

OPEN-HANDED LIVING IN A TIGHT-FISTED WORLD

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 185

PLEDGES OUTSTANDING: 179

TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE: \$561,064 AVERAGE PLEDGE: \$3,033

Please turn in your pledge as soon as possible so we can plan for 2015. Pledge cards are available from the ushers, in the pew racks, at the welcome center, or the church office. You can also make a pledge online via our website: www.jamesislandpc.org.

DECEMBER'S MEMORY VERSE:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." Matthew 1:23

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

USHERS: 8:30 Steven Long, Milton Muckenfuss, Scott McKellar, & Jeff VandeWiel

11:00 Anderson family, Chris & Bailey Crane, & Tommy Ellis

NURSERY: Carey Newlin and Ellery, Jamisen, & Gracen Collier

READERS: 8:30 Andy Fairey **11:00** Jon Frye

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

USHERS: 10:00 Mark Rourk, Charlie & Beth Tyrrell, Paul Roof, Mahlon Newlin, and Skip Norris

NURSERY: Emily Scruggs, Lauren White, & Callie Berry



December 21, 2014

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS		Henry Meeuwse
PRELUDE	<i>News! News!</i>	Jill Fedon
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 133	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

*Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge
That God is always coming into the world.*

***We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger,
But in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.
May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others;
May the peace of the season pervade all that you do.***

We will welcome the challenge of discipleship.

We will offer ourselves as God’s ministers.

We will go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.

LET US PRAY

Unison

Loving God, we open ourselves to You this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with Your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify Your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by You, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 128	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	W ZLOBIE LEZY
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HEAR GOD’S WORD

*OLD TESTAMENT (OT p545)		Psalm 89:1-4
ANTHEM	<i>Let There Be Light</i>	Craig Courtney
CHILDREN’S TIME		Duncan Meadows
*GOSPEL (NT p56-57)		Luke 1:26-38
SERMON	OUT OF LEFT FIELD	Reverend Smith

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN 144	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	CRANHAM
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		APOSTLES’ CREED
<i>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.</i>		

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Dan Forrest
Thomas Troeger

The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child

The hands that first held Mary’s child were hard from working wood.
From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they with stood.
This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,
but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant’s name,
the angel’s words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven’s height,
and like the lost of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

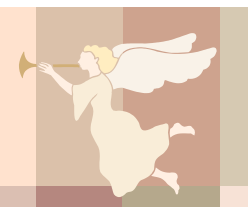
This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,
but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone.
The tiny form in Joseph’s palms confirmed what he had heard,
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven’s human word.

The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift
and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God’s gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who’s born today,
but charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

*DOXOLOGY 606		OLD HUNDREDTH
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GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN 113	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE		
*PASSING THE PEACE		
<i>The Lord is with you. And also with you.</i>		
*POSTLUDE	<i>The First Noël</i>	arr. Robert Graham



Christmas Eve Services:

5:00pm Candlelight
Family Service
7:00pm Candlelight
Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday, December 28th
10:00am Worship Service (No Sunday School)

- We extend gratitude to those who have helped sponsor our sanctuary decorations this Advent season.
- IN HONOR
- Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Sanders by Leann J Weeks
 - Honor of Kate & Kelly Measom by Ramona Measom
 - Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Elliott Sanders by Mark D. Gregory
 - Honor of The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Earl Bland by Rah Rah & Ann Smith
 - Honor of our granddaughter Darby Davidson by Nancy & Kenny Tassin
 - Honor of David & Ann Westerlund by Alan & Anna Westerlund
 - Honor of Kelsie & Colby Taylor by Charles & Shannon Taylor
 - Honor of JIPC Staff by Dottie Coleman
 - Honor of his three children by Sky Keating
 - Honor of Billy & Betty Flemming by Alan & Anna Westerlund
 - Honor of Izzie & Elin Ann Tracy by Mama & Daddy
- IN MEMORY
- Memory of James “Jay” Epting by the Kellahan & Epting Family
 - Memory of Thomas “Buck” Kellahan by the Kellahan & Epting Family
 - Memory of her mother Ruby and her father Max by Ramona Measom
 - Memory of Jean & “Peanuts” Schultz by Barbara Williams
 - Memory of Willene Brooks by Jeannie Brooks
 - Memory of Rupert Drews by Edwin Quinn
 - Memory of Mae & Max Tassin by Nancy & Kenny Tassin
 - Memory of Cleo & Thomas Ritter by Nancy & Kenny Tassin
 - Memory of Alice Ector from her children, grandchildren and her husband
 - Memory of all the choir Saints who have gone on before to sing in the Heavenly Choir from the JIPC choir family
 - Memory of Alison & Nellie Oswald by Al & Sheron Oswald
 - Memory of John Huss & Geneva Keating by Sky Keating
 - Memory of Earl Williams Jr. by John & Nancy O’Neill
 - Memory of Bob Heyward and our grandparents by Bo & Jeanette Wilson