

Opening Prayer

Unison Steadfast God, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak your word without discerning the Spirit. Inspire us to give our best in your service. Amen.

+ Hymn # 33 "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" Llanfair
Prayer for Illumination Steve Kessel, Elder (8:30)
Phil Meeker, Elder (10:30)

Unison O God, by your Holy Spirit, teach us your word, that we may hear your desires. Shape our thoughts and actions, and expand our trust in you. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Pew Bible, page 153

Litany of Confession and Forgiveness

Elder The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

People Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We put our trust in false prophets and deny your true authority. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from fidelity. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Amen.

Elder The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People Thanks be to God!

+ Response # 581 "Gloria Patri" Greatorex
+ Lighting of the Peace Candle Congregation of the Good Shepherd, Beijing, PRC
John Asher Howell, Liturgist (10:30)

Leader In days of old, the people asked for a new prophet who would speak your words and you gave them what they asked for.

People Today we ask for Christ's divine peace, with the expectation that God will give us what we ask for. May we bear God's word and peace in Christ's name.

+ Hymn # 543 "O Christ, Surround Me" Green Tyler
Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me..

+ Sharing the Peace

Leader May the peace of Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with our neighbors.

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible, page 930

+ Hymn # 316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" Twenty-Fourth

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28 Pew Bible, page 812

+ Hymn # 181 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" Ebenezer

Dramatic Reading "His Fame Began to Spread"
Performed by Rachel Kube

Children's Homily—10:30 Aaron Miller, Storyteller
Hymn – seated "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Church with Trudi Peevey & Dene McCain (PreK-K),
and Shelia Bennett & Mark McCain (1st-2nd).

Sermon "Because I Said So" Jack Miller, Pastor

Pastoral Care

Members and friends of the church are encouraged to call the church office at 843.525.0696 during office hours (Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) when there is a hospitalization or surgery. In the case of emergencies after normal office hours, please call 843.812.4207.

Salt Shakers

Another season of Salt Shakers is beginning. This is a time for members and friends of the congregation to enjoy a time of fellowship together over a delicious meal in someone's home. For more information or to sign up, contact Sharron Kendall at 843.838.9573 or email her at sharkendall123@gmail.com.

Save the Dates

Music Camp, June 4-8, 2018, Sea Island Presbyterian Church

This camp engages young people's energy and creativity as they learn more about God through using their skills and talents in music and art. Through worship, workshops, and recreation, the young people learn important lessons about faith and themselves. Contact Charlie Frost at cfrost@seaislandpresbyterian.org for more information.

Vacation Bible School, June 11-15, 2018, Sea Island Presbyterian Church

This annual program invites children of all ages to spend an exciting week learning about God together! Counselors from Bethelwoods Camp will be here to work with volunteers to lead us in a fun-filled week of singing, playing, creating, and discovering the joy of following Jesus. There are a number of ways you can support the ministry of VBS, and we need many volunteers to help us have a successful week. Contact Pastor Jack at jack@seaislandpresbyterian.org if you are interested in learning more about serving as a volunteer or if you would like to sign up as a volunteer. A Volunteer Orientation and Training takes place on June 10 at 5 p.m.

Montreat Music and Worship Conference, June 23-30

Young people enjoy a week of music making, worship, games, and Bible study in the beautiful Black Mountains in North Carolina. It is open to grades 4-12. Each year Sea Island takes a large number of children. Contact Charlie Frost at cfrost@seaislandpresbyterian.org for more information.

Montreat Youth Conference, July 22-28

This conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. It is open to rising 9th graders through those who just graduated high school. Contact Pastor Jack at jack@seaislandpresbyterian.org for more information.



The Grace of Intercessory Prayer

Members, Affiliates, and Friends of the Church

Teri Annis, John Bishop (nephew of Linda and Belton McCarty), Mary Collins, Bob Congell, Jimmy Crook, Sandy Dawson (sister of Paula Storey), Brayden Dineen, Helen Gainey (grandmother of Susan Seckinger), Suzanne Gibson, Gary Hamner (father of Jaime Hamner), John and Judy Hultquist, Windy Jester, Darnell Keller, John and Sharon Kimber, Brenda Leming, Brenda MacLeod (sister-in-law of Lillian Haist), Cassandra Menning, Heather Paulson (sister of Alissa Murrie), Bill Ramseyer, Patsy Reser, Elizabeth Rozema (relative of Merry and Chuck Brace), Bill Smyth, Barbara Titus, Frank Weckerly, Marion Weihrouch, Dave Westerlund, Harvey Westman, Carol Welch (friend of Eli and Jen Keller), Frank Winters, Harrington Witherspoon, and Sue Young (mother of Becky Miller)

We Pray for those Serving in the Military

Katie Adams (Gabriel and daughter Evelyn Grace); Tyler Ballance (Ft. Campbell, KY); Andrew Greer (Amber and son Davis); Jeremy Groefsema; Eli Keller (Jen and children Ava and Camden), Roy Nicka (Katie and children Jack, Lucy Mae, and Molly); Jimmy Partridge (USS George Washington CVN-73, Norfolk); Blake Rosacker (Amy and children Eve, Tessa, Gwen and James; Naples, Italy); Doug Seich (Erica and children Ethan, Derrick and Andrew); Brian Stewart (MCAS, Yuma, AZ); Brandyn Taylor (Camp Lejeune, NC)

We Pray for our Missionaries and their Families

Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell (Brazil), Robert and Karis Koehn and Family (Mozambique), Bob and Kristi Rice (Southern Sudan), Andy and Mardi Steere (Australia), and Barbara Thomas (Habitat for Humanity), Mark McCain, Teresa Partin, and Doug McDonald (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)

We Pray for those in Assisted Living

Lloyd Eikelberger, Summit Place, Beaufort, SC
Sybil Mashburn (mother of Nancy Reilly), Benton House, Bluffton, SC
Pat Sells, The Clinton Presbyterian Community, Clinton, SC

Witness to the Resurrection

Jason Leshner, Philadelphia, PA, nephew of Sally and Bob Haxby, entered the Church Triumphant on January 20, 2018. A Witness to the Resurrection in loving memory of Jason was conducted yesterday. And Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Stewardship for the Week of January 21, 2018

Worship Attendance last Sunday	275
Wednesday Kirk Night	97
2017/18 Budgeted Income	\$ 691,182
Weekly Budgeted Income	13,292
Avg. Weekly Income Received	13,494 1.52 %

Life at Sea Island

Children's Ministry (MADD) & Youth Group – 5:00 to 7:00

Wednesday Kirk Night – 5:30 to 8:30

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Men's Retreat on Fripp Island – February 16, 17 & 18

Today's Reading in the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

If you are looking for a good devotional, you may wish to access www.pcusa.org. At the bottom right hand corner is the following title, "Today's Reading in the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook," which provides a brief narrative about mission work in the USA and the Daily Lectionary.

Annual Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, February 3, 5-7 p.m.

Come on out to St. John's to sample a wide-variety of chili's, vote for your favorite one, and support the work and mission of CAPA. You can enter your own chili into the competition. Pastor Jack will try to reclaim his title of "Most Reverend Chili." For more information, please visit www.StJohnsBeaufort.org.

Souper Bowl of Caring, February 4

Following the practice of years past, our youth will scatter throughout the Narthex on the first Sunday of February in order to collect your dollar bills in support of HELP of Beaufort, a local ecumenical ministry that actively serves people of special need and care within our local community. A Soup Luncheon will be available in the Fellowship Hall after the second worship service and you're invited!

Navigating Through Grief, Begins Monday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Are you struggling with grief? It's been said, "There is no way around grief—only through it. Know you are in the hands of God and you are never alone." SIPC will begin another 6-week session of Navigating Through Grief on Monday, February 5 from 6:30—8:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on Mondays until March 11. All are welcome whether your loss was recent or years ago and whether you have attended previous sessions or this will be your first. Contact Jodie Linn at 843-476-1176 (text/call) or jlinn@hargray.com or Kay Keeler at kaykeeler52@gmail.com.

Children's Church Training, Sunday, February 11, 11:45 a.m. in Room 202

During the 10:30 service, children in preschool through second grade are able to attend a children's church. We are blessed with a team of dedicated and talented volunteers who lead children's church. In each class, we have a teacher who leads the lesson and a shepherd who assists with the children. This brief training will provide a basic overview of children's church, review the format of the lessons, explain the roles of teachers and shepherds, and cover information contained in our Child Protection Policy. All current and prospective children's church volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Please contact Pastor Jack at jack@seaislandpresbyterian.org or Shelia Bennett at sheliab61@yahoo.com for more information.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins as we receive the imposition of the ashes. We begin with a simple meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. and move to the sanctuary to worship together at 6:30 p.m. Lenten devotionals are available in the Narthex and office reception area.

LowCountry Habitat for Humanity

LowCountry Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Our local affiliate is seeking volunteers to help them fulfill this mission. They are especially in need of construction volunteers. The first step in volunteering is to attend a volunteer orientation session, held every second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the LowCountry Habitat office located at 616 Parris Island Gateway. For more information about Habitat or how you can help, please call 843-522-3500.

Family Promise begins February 25

Our next host week for Family Promise is just around the corner. This ministry involves a minimum of 65 volunteers. Registration to serve in particular areas will be available at the beginning of February. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering sharing your time, energy and Christian love.

Scotland 11 Day Presbyterian Reformation Tour

June 5 – 15, 2018 from Savannah, GA

Register Online: RegisterNow.ittworld.com, Tour Code: Keeler 18

Registration continues for our trip in June to Glasgow, Sterling, Oban, the Isle of Iona, St. Andrews and Edinburgh. Our group is not mixed with other groups, and we travel and visit sites at our own pace. ***Brochures are available in the Narthex.*** Questions? See Steve or Kay Keeler. ***Bail o Dhia ort. (Gaelic Proverb)***