

Island Praise Worship 9:30  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Communion

Prelude

Sanctuary

If you are wearing a mask and socially distant, please join us in song.

Welcome and News of the Church

Christine Lites

Opening Song

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Unison Prayer: Father, guide us in a confession of our sins. We know that in the greatness of your love, you have promised to forgive us. Gracious God, cleanse us as we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus again. This we humbly ask in his name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Christine Lites

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment

Kristen Lesesne

Children are welcome to join Ms. Kristen up front for the Children's Moment.

Music

\*Reading of God's Word

Mark 1:1-8

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Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Voice in the Wilderness"

Pastor Laura

\*Communion

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\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth (Offering)

Please give online, or drop off your offering in the baskets as you leave.

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Please social distance and wear your mask while in the church building.

If you would like to speak with a staff member, please e-mail or call the church office.

This Week at First Church

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Island Praise Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

5:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, December 7

9:30 am Line Dancing

10:30 am Devotional Beach Walk

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 pm Girls Bible Study

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am Moms Group

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am M.L.BibleStudyGroup

4:00 pm Kids Choir

4:30 pm Praise Band Practice

5:30 pm Evensong

6:15 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Small Ensemble

Visit our church calendar at:

https://iopmethodist.com/connect-with-first-church/church-calendar

Contribution Options

Please go to our church web site or scan the QR code to give online with credit or debit card. You can give one time or on a recurring basis.

To text your gift, in the To: field, type in 73256. In the body of the text type in FUMCIOP. Standard text messaging rates may apply. A response text will send you the link to complete your gift.

Our Gifts as of November 29

Required Each Week \$13,512.33

Required YTD \$644,591.84

Received YTD \$564,767.21

Our Commitment in Action November 29

Traditional 8:30 36

Island Praise 9:30 31

Traditional 11:00 25

Evensong 9

Online 151

Total in Worship 252

Church Information

If you would like to receive our weekly e-blast, please e-mail us at hello@iopmethodist.com

Communion

If you are unable to attend church in person and would like to have Pastor Laura bring Communion to you, please call the church office.

Our Shepherd of the Week is Mary Webb.

Today's Advent Readers

8:30 The Rupp Family

9:30 The Cohen Family

11:00 Anne and Alec McLeod

Prayer Requests

Those dealing with cancer: Bonnie Campbell, Bob Coffman, Dave Hempfield, Christine Lites, and Wendy Weaver.

Those serving in the military: Lenny Branch, Jr., Rev. Jason Everson, Katy Forsyth, Sophie and Nick Kuzjak

Military serving overseas: Andy Neipp

Our first responders: Kyle Hause, Karl Morris, and Hoyt Rowell

If you would like to add a church member's name to our Prayer List, with their permission, please e-mail hello@iopmethodist.com


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ISLE OF PALMS  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

December 6, 2020

Our mission is to discover, celebrate, and share God's love!

Second  
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of  
Advent



Ministers: The Congregation  
Pastor: Laura Parrish

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Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451  
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Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00

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Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor Laura

Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Helmore

O come O come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Desire of nations bind

All peoples in one heart and mind

Bid envy strife and quarrels cease

Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

traditional Polish carol

Verse 1

Infant holy infant lowly

For His bed a cattle stall

Oxen lowing little knowing

Christ the babe is Lord of all

Swift are winging angels singing

Noels ringing tidings bringing

Christ the babe is Lord of all

Verse 2

Flocks were sleeping

Shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new

Saw the glory heard the story

Tidings of a gospel true

Thus rejoicing free from sorrow

Praises voicing greet the morrow

Christ the babe was born for you

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*Offering	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	Sears and Willis
Verse 1		
It came upon the midnight clear		
That glorious song of old		
From angels bending near the earth		
To touch their harps of gold		
Peace on the earth good will to men		
From heaven's all gracious King		
The world in solemn stillness lay		
To hear the angels sing		
Verse 2		
Still thro' the cloven skies they come		
With peaceful wings unfurled		
And still their heavenly music floats		
O'er all the weary world		
Above its sad and lowly plains		
They bend on hovering wing		
And ever o'er its Babel sounds		
The blessed angels sing		
Verse 3		
And ye beneath life's crushing load		
Whose forms are bending low		
Who toil along the climbing way		
With painful steps and slow		
Look now for glad and golden hours		
Come swiftly on the wing		
O rest beside the weary road		
And hear the angels sing		
Verse 4		
For lo the days are hastening on		
By prophet bards foretold		
When with the ever-circling years		
Comes round the age of gold		
When peace shall over all the earth		
Its ancient splendors fling		
And the whole world give back the song		
Which now the angels sing		

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IN MEMORIAM		
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Emory Brown		
April 16, 1942 - December 1, 2020		

**Thank You**  
Thank you to the worship team, Garden Angels, and our Youth Group for the beautifully decorated church grounds.

**Church Groups**  
If your group would like to start meeting at the church, please contact Kristen Lesesne to schedule a training on our Covid-19 cleaning procedures.

**Poinsettia Order Forms**  
The order forms are in the narthex and in the church office. Orders are due tomorrow, Monday, December 7. Please use one form per flower order. You may use one check for multiple orders or pay online.

**Sunday Night Youth Group**  
Middle and High School students, bring your friends for a Christmas party tonight! We’ll see you in the Church Office Building parking lot at 5:30!

**Teen Girls Bible Study**  
Join us for our Teen Girl’s Bible study on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00. Let Jen know if you need a ride: jenrobertson@iopmethodist.com.

**Moms Group**  
Calling all moms... Moms Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. We will be walking the beach and having fellowship for the month of December. We will start a Bible study to discuss while walking in January. We will be Covid 19 friendly. You’re welcome to bring your kids in their strollers. Please text Mamon Raber at 843-412-0994 each week if you are able to attend so that we will wait for you in the parking lot near the playground.

**RIPTIDE Schedule**  
All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet on December 13 from 12:00 - 2:00. We will be socially distant outside for our activities. Please bring a mask. If you would like to provide lunch or help by volunteering your time, please let Kristen know. If attending, please RSVP to kristenlesesne@iopmethodist.com.

**Advent**  
As we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord in the season of preparation known as Advent, we would like to invite you to join us for some additional times of worship and fellowship!  
In addition to our regular worship services each Sunday, we will be offering Advent Evensong services at 5:30 pm on December 9 and 16. December 16, we will go caroling along 21<sup>st</sup> Ave at 6:00 pm. Our Christmas Eve worship services this year will be 2:00 pm (Outside), 4:00 pm (Praise), 6:00 pm (Traditional), and 9:00 pm (Traditional) and we are asking that you use the sign up genius link, which is on our website, to reserve your spot so we can maintain our safety protocol. December 27, we will have one service, outside, at 10:00 am. As 2020 comes to an end, we hope that you’ll join us as we give thanks to God for the gift of Good News in Jesus we all so desperately need!

**Tech**  
Are you tech savvy? Want to help our church? Volunteer for the Tech Team, which will help with our live streaming setup! Please email Kayleen Sánchez, who will lead a training session in the coming weeks. kayleensanchez@iopmethodist.com

**Name tags**  
In order to expedite check in, please wear your church name tag. Thank you.

**Children’s Wiggle Bags**  
Please feel free to use a disposable Wiggle Bags - at the end of service, please gather your used items, as well as any unused items, put them in your zip lock bag and take them home with you. Please return the clipboard to the USED crate to be cleaned for next week’s service.