

December 2, 2018 *First Sunday in Advent* 9:30 a.m.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. ~Mother Teresa

Prelude

***Processional Hymn** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* No. 138

Welcome & Announcements

~Silently send Christ's Joy, Peace and Love to others in God's world~

Call to Worship

One: From Isaiah to John the Baptist to the Evangelist Mark, The message comes, loud and clear: As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way for the savior. Make the paths straight!'"

All: *What a winding, twisting road still lies ahead of us. So much to do: Cookies to bake, packages to wrap, cards to send, plans to make, people to see, parties to attend . . .*

One: And Jesus? Can you prepare a way for the Good News of Jesus Christ? Can you save a place for the Savior in your heart?

All: *We can and we will. We need a beacon, a shining light, To call to us always, to warn us, to warm us, to guide us!*

One: Hear! The Prince of Peace is here!

All: *See! We are lighting today the candle of Peace that Calls us to prepare for Christ's coming.*

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Christ be with us, Christ stand by us, Christ be within us as we journey once again toward Bethlehem. Like a beacon, like a signpost, Holy Spirit speak to us, speak through us, announcing the blessing of Emmanuel. We lift up our hearts and hands in thanksgiving, and our voices in songs of praise. Amen.

Gloria Patri No. 623

Anthem *The King is Coming Soon*
(Youth may leave for Sunday school following the anthem)

Blessing of the Advent Wreath stand Builder: Alan Burse
(Choir)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Karin and Theresa Murray

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

~Silent Meditation~

Pastoral Prayer & The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

Friendship Forms

During our Sunday morning offering, please pass the friendship pad in your pew for each person to sign. If you would like to be contacted by the pastor, please leave a note with an e-mail or phone number.

***Doxology** No. 625

***Hymn** *The Advent of Our God* No. 120

The Scripture Text



Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

Sermon *Advent And Action*

Holy Communion

(communion offering will go to help ease the suffering in California)

***Hymn** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 601

*Benediction

Postlude

The Worship is ended...Our Service Now Begins

**Please stand as you are able.*

Flowers for Sunday Worship

You may honor or remember a loved one or a special event by participating in our Memorial Flower Fund with a suggested donation of \$30. Use an order form in the parlor to select a date and indicate the name or occasion to be remembered.

Joys & Concerns

If you have a need or a celebration you would like to share, please speak with our pastor or forward the information to the church office.

Bulletin Announcements

Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on the preceding Wednesday.

Coffee Hour

If you would like to volunteer to serve coffee and/or bring food for our Sunday coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space kitchen.

Church Office

Our church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You also may reach Tanya Crowley, administrative assistant, at tanya@cbcjamestown.com. Kurt Satherlie, pastor, is in the office on Mondays through Thursdays. You also may reach him at rev.kurt@cbcjamestown.com or (860)-944-5158.

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CBC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 2—First Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, December 3

1:00 p.m. Little Dresses for Africa

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Thursday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, December 10

1:00 p.m. Simple Blessings

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Wednesday, December 12

7:00 p.m. Direction Night

Thursday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Sunday, December 16—Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

Monday, December 17

1:00 p.m. Little Dresses for Africa

Tuesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Thursday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Attendance on Sunday, November 25

Worship Service: 50 Sunday School: 1

WELCOME TO CBC

Welcome to Central Baptist Church. Please join us following the service for coffee hour in Clarke Hall. If you have questions about our church, please speak with our pastor.

Large-print bulletins and hearing-assistance devices are available for today's service.

If you need nursery care for an infant or preschooler, during worship, please speak with the deacon at the sanctuary door.

Sunday School is available for Elementary-age children. Classes will meet the 2nd through last Sunday of each month with family worship encouraged the 1st Sunday of each month.

Today's liturgist is Janet Larson.



*Thank You to everyone
who helped make our
Christmas Fair a
success again this year!!!*

TODAY AT CBC

Sunday Collection

For our communion collection, during the month of December we will be collecting women's hygiene items, diapers and wipes. We will be donating all the items to Lucy's Hearth in Middletown.

Poinsettia Orders

With the holiday season quickly approaching, and to help make the Sanctuary look festive, we will have the poinsettia order forms available in the church parlor today. The deadline line for the forms is Sunday, December 16.

THIS WEEK AT CBC

Little Dresses for Africa

The mission of "Little Dresses for Africa" is to provide relief to children of Africa, by distributing home-made dresses to little girls, primarily in African villages, but also other countries in crisis. These meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m. in Clarke Hall. Next meeting is tomorrow.

Walking Party

Please join us in Clarke Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. We do a warm-up, walk a couple miles and light workout. For questions, please contact Peggy Burse.

Choir Christmas Party

The choir Christmas party will begin at 6:00 p.m. this Friday, at the home of Anne and Fred Yole, 24 West Passage.

LOOKING AHEAD

Simple Blessings

"*Simple Blessings: Centering Prayer and Discussion*:" will be held Monday, December 10th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. in Clarke Hall. If anyone is interested there is a flyer and Sign-up sheet in church parlor.

Direction Night

Members of our three congregational boards—Christian education, deacons, and trustees—are to meet on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

CBC OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt a Family

CBC will be doing the Adopt- a Family program again this year!! There is a tree in the church parlor and sign-up sheet available for these families.

Ladies' Holiday Brunch

The annual ladies' holiday brunch will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, at the home of Anne and Fred Yole, 24 West Passage. A sign-up sheet will be available in Clarke Hall for those who would like to attend and able to bring a dish to share.

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile donates to the International Children's Network when you do your Holiday shopping. If anyone is interested, please go to: [Smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1738995](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1738995)

Thank you for your support

Don Windham

Founder of International Children's Network, Matsiko World Orphan Choir

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Blue Christmas Service

For many people, Christmas can be a bittersweet time—with sadness and grief coloring the season for those who have lost a loved one, struggle with a health or financial crisis, or live with a difficult family situation. We will offer a *Blue Christmas* service at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. This quiet service will acknowledge the sense of grief or loss that may come at this time of the year, as well as offer the hope of the Christmas message.

Christmas Eve Service

We will complete our Advent journey during our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 24. The service will feature carols, scripture and the congregation's lighting of candles.