

December 23, 2018 *Fourth Sunday in Advent* 9:30 a.m.

"The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by his love; He will exult over you with loud singing." ~Zephaniah 3:17

Prelude Allison Bush

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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Let our joy be complete. The Spirit comes to us in Emmanuel. Reap the gifts and blessings of bountiful goodness and grace from heavens harvest.

All: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family join together, connected by the love of Jesus.

One: Gather round, I have a story to tell. One who reached inside Himself and scattered the world with love is in our presence.

All: Come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

One: Accept this gift of love as it is for you. It is all you need or will ever need and there is enough to change the whole world!

All: Let us rejoice and sing with shouts of exultation in the hope, peace, joy, and love of Almighty God.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Living, loving Creator, be ever with us. Live in us that we may be a people of unwavering hope and untiring love. Help us to listen, to truly hear Your voice speaking to us, challenging us to care for all that has been entrusted to us. All we are and all we have are gifts from You, dear God to be shared in service and love. In reverent awe, we gather to worship You, within Your light of holiness, justice, mercy and love. In the name of Emmanuel, Christ with us, Amen.

Gloria Patri No. 623

Anthem *Soon the Messiah Will Come*
(Youth may leave for Sunday school following the anthem)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jean Britton

Choir Incantation

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 Allison Bush

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** *Rise Up, O Church of God* No. 293

The Scripture Text



1 John 3:16-24; John 15:1-17

Sermon *Ticker Checkup: heartless ghost or Holy Ghost!!*

***Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 132

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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Central Baptist Church

**An American Baptist Church
A Community Congregation**

Jamestown, Rhode Island

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CBC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 23—Forth Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

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Sunday, December 30

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Service of Lessons & Carols*

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Pastor's Leave

Kurt will be on leave from Dec. 30th- Jan. 5th. If you have or know of a pastoral need during this time, please contact the church office at 423-1651.

WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*** A heartfelt thank you to all the generous people of CBC that contributed to the Adopted Family Project making Christmas wonderful for a deserving family!!....*The Deacons*

***Thank you to Tammy Fasano and Cara Popovich for cleaning and painting the room that is going to be used for the food pantry!

***A sincere thank you to Cyndy Waterman for making coffee for everyone every Sunday at coffee hour!



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.

Teaching Sunday School today is Kathleen Williams.

TODAY AT CBC

Sunday Collection

For our 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.

THIS WEEK AT CBC

Christmas Eve Service

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT CBC

Service of Lessons & Carols

We will continue our celebration of Christmas during our worship service next Sunday, by sharing a selection of readings and Christmas carols.

Readers for Lessons & Carols

We need readers for our Lessons and Carols service. If anyone is interested, there is sign-up sheet in the parlor.