

November 26, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace. As we glance up, we are astonished to find the eyes of Jesus open with wonder, deep with understanding, and gentle with compassion. ~Brennan Manning

Prelude Judy and Matt Bolles

***Processional Hymn** *We Gather Together* No. 561

Welcome & Announcements

Meditation and Contemplation

*Sense a calming, peaceful spirit for a few moments in **God's presence**~*

Call to Worship

One: Our hearts are glad, our bodies secure, and our souls rejoice in You, O God. Show us the path of life and blessings so may pay it forward to all of Your children.

All: *How great are God's works! It is good to give thanks to God.*

One: It is good to give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: *We worship you, O God, and sing your praises now and forever.*

Prayer of Invocation

O God, let us recognize Christ present in this place. Let us recognize Christ in one another. Let us recognize Christ in those not present here. We are the members of your body and You have called us to do Your work in the world, to show forth Your love and Your mercy. Let that work begin with those present here today. Enable us to carry Your work into our community, and even throughout the world. Open our eyes of faith to see You, Lord, in all the peoples of the earth. In the power of the Spirit, enable us to be Your instruments of peace, of grace, of redemption. Amen.

Gloria Patri

No. 623

Anthem *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

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 Judy and Matt Bolles

Friendship Forms

Please pass along your pew so that each person may sign.

***Doxology** No. 625

Scripture Text



Ezekiel 34:11-16; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Sermon *Dependence on God*

***Hymn Request** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* No. 380

Benediction

Postlude

The Worship is ended...Our Service Now Begins

{God's already put me so far in debt that if I were to live one million millenniums I couldn't pay Him for what He's done for me. ~A.W. Tozer}

**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.

Sermons

If you would like a copy of a sermon please contact the church office.

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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**An American Baptist Church
A Community Congregation**

Jamestown, Rhode Island

Rev. Kurt Satherlie, Pastor

CBC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 26

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Wreath Decorating

Monday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Courier Deadline

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. CBC Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 3—Guest Preacher: Jonathan Ryder

Communion Sunday

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

Monday, December 4

9:30 a.m.. Conspire 2017: Transformation
1:00 p.m. Little Dresses for Africa

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Walking Party

Sunday, December 10

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

Attendance on Sunday, November 19

Worship Service: 35 Sunday School: 0

***** 150th T-Shirts, Hats & Cat's Meow CBC Figurines will be on sale during today's Coffee/Fellowship 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 congregation, 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.

Elementary-age children may leave for Sunday school after Anthem.

Teaching Sunday School today is: Kathleen Williams and Deb Nordstrom.

Deacon of the month is Jean Britton.

Today's flowers are given by Lynda King & John Kalooski. In memory of Loved Ones.



CBC Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 2 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- * Volunteer to work on the day of the festival. A sign-up sheet is available in the parlor.
- * Donate a service (i.e., babysitting, tutoring, cooking) for the fair's silent auction. Gift cards/certificates and items such as jewelry, pieces of art, and collectibles also are welcome contributions for the Silent auction.
- * Start thinking about what you want to make for the bake table. Pies are especially popular items.
- * Donate holiday items—ornaments, candles, decorations, etc.—for the Christmas table.
- * Spread the word. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and classmates to join us for the Christmas Fair. Post flyers in area shops, restaurants, offices, and public spaces. (Flyers are available in the church parlor.)

TODAY AT CBC

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 10.

Wreath Decorating

Decorate wreaths, which will be sold at the fair, today after our worship service. If you have greens, greens with berries, and/or other decorations that you are willing to donate, please bring them today. Please also bring a pair of clippers if available.

THIS WEEK AT CBC

***Courier* Deadline**

The deadline for the December issue of our church newsletter is Monday, November 27, at 9:00 a.m. Please send your materials to cbc@cbcjamestown.com or leave them in the *Courier* mailbox.

NEXT SUNDAY AT CBC

Congregational Meeting

Please join us next Sunday after the worship service for a congregational meeting. The meeting will be to vote on approval to spend money on fixing the stained glass windows on the south side of the church.

Guest Preacher

Next Sunday we will welcome Rev. Jonathan Ryder. Jonathan was ordained in the United Church of Christ, and served briefly in a UCC church in Indiana. He quickly determined that his true vocation lay in the field of education, and became a teacher, eventually receiving certification as a Library/Media Specialist, and joining the faculty of Classical High School (Providence RI) as a Librarian. He is active in Seekonk Congregational Church, where he is a choir member and preaches once a month at a local nursing home. In addition, he is the Chaplain of the Pawtuxet Rangers, RI Militia.

Communion Sunday Collection

For the next TWO Sunday's we will be collecting holiday dinner baskets for our two families we adopted this season. A Turkey and/or ham are already donated. We are looking for the fixings that go along with a holiday dinner such as potatoes, canned vegetables, rolls, gravy.. Etc. We will collect the items by December 10th.

Adopt a Family

This Christmas season we will be doing the Adopt a Family. This year we have is two local families of three and Two local Seniors and a local man in the military. There will be a list of items needed for these families in the church parlor. The deadline for these items will be next Sunday.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. 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 Sunday, December 24. The service will feature carols, scripture and the congregation's lighting of candles.

CBC OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer Chain

Would you like to be part of CBC's prayer chain—a group of people who pray for various needs in and outside our church family? If so, please speak with Joanne Hulme at 423-2368