

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council meeting: Today at Noon in the Parish House and via Zoom.

Upcoming Sunday worship at 10:00 AM in the church:

December 18, Pastor Melissa's last Sunday with us

December 25, Christmas Day, no worship service

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December 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols with Pastor Melissa in the sanctuary and Zoom

Pastor Melissa is on leave until December 15. Until then Linda Brewster is available for pastoral emergencies or funerals. Linda Brewster's phone: 207-807-2210.

## PRAYER LIST

For the families of Marshall Bowen, Jan Wentling, Deborah Knight Moulton, Dick Hilly, Linda White, Frank Mansfield, Cevat Erder, Jeremy Putnam, Jason Kuptez.

And for Deb Bowman, Elizabeth Burbine, Tom Calder, Ed Gilchrist, Darren Hillicoss, Hobey Hinchman, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Carla Widlund Joyce, Scott Libby, Emily Muller, Marjorie Munroe, Beryl O'Neil, Bea Pettit, Helen Scott, Alison Shepherd, Juan Toj, Grace Warne, Craig Winslet,

Rev. Alijandro and the people of Guatemala; those who live with addiction or mental illness; veterans and those serving in the military; children who are hungry or abused; victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; refugees and those who are homeless; housing on Chebeague; our island school and families, the leaders of our country, children and families at the border, the Ukrainian people, those who experience hate because of their racial identity or sexual orientation, including Black, Asian, Hispanic, Middle-Eastern, Native American and LGBTQ+ folx, all impacted by COVID-19 and RSV, those who are disabled, those who are ill, our new church, our environment, those who experience injustice in our world, and that all may know hope and love.

# CHEBEAGUE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Welcome to worship!

December 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

***Masking no longer required***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Gathering Music – Carillon  
Welcome  
Lighting of Candles

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 146:5-11 - Good News Bible)

Leader: Happy is the man who has the God of Jacob to help him and who depends on the LORD his God, the creator of heaven, earth, and sea, and all that is in them.

**Congregation: The LORD always keeps his promises; he judges in favor of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The LORD sets prisoners free and gives sight to the blind. He lifts those who have fallen; he loves his righteous people.

**Congregation: The LORD protects the strangers who live in our land; he helps widows and orphans, but takes the wicked to their ruin.**

**ALL: The LORD is king forever. Your God, O Zion, will reign for all time. Praise the LORD!**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings from the Good News Bible

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

New Testament: Matthew 11:2-10

Leader: A Word of God that is still speaking,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** **UMH 211**

Reflection Part 1

\*Hymn: **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** **UMH 626**

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\*Please stand as you are able and join in the parts marked in **bold**.

Reflection Part 2

Hymn: **Of the Father’s Love Begotten** **UMH 184**

Reflection Part 3

\*Hymn: **Good King Wenceslas** **insert**

Joys and Concerns and Prayer List  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
God for your goodness, **we give you thanks.**

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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\*Prayer of Praise (Psalm 140 – Good News Bible)

**Praise God in his Temple!**  
**Praise his strength in heaven:**  
**Praise him for the mighty things he has done.**  
**Praise his supreme greatness.**  
**Praise him with trumpets.**  
**Praise him with harps and lyres.**  
**Praise him with drums and dancing.**  
**Praise him with harps and flutes.**  
**Praise him with loud cymbals.**  
**Praise the LORD, all living creatures!**  
**Praise the LORD! Amen.**

\*Benediction

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Today’s Reflection by Emily Muller and Betsy Gaston
Readers Sharon Rent, Jackie Trask and Gretchen Tonks-Hartling
Lector: Lola Armstrong Prayer Leader: Denise Hamilton
Computer Techs: Cheryl Stevens and Denise Hamilton

Good King Wenceslas

words by J. M. Neale

tune: *Tempus Adest Floridum*, 1582
harm. by Edward L. Stauff

1. Good King Wen - ces las looked out on the Feast of Ste - phen
 2. "Hi - ther, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, tell - ing:
 3. "Bring me flesh and bring me pine wine, bring me pine logs hi - ther:
 4. "Sire, the night is dark - er now, and the wind blows strong - er.
 5. In his mas - ter's steps he trod, where the snow lay dint - ed.

when the snow lay round a - bout, deep and crisp and e - ven
 you - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwel - ling?"
 thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thi - ther."
 Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no long - er."
 Heat was in the ver - y sod which the saint had print - ed.

Bright - ly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cru - el,
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence, un - der - neath the moun - tain,
 Page and mon - arch, forth they went, to ge - ther
 "Mark my foot - steps, my good page; tread thou in them bold - ly.
 There - fore, Chris - tian men, be sure, wealth or rank pos - ses - sing,

when a poor man came in sight, gath - 'ring win - ter fi - - el
 right a - gainst the for - est fence, by Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain.
 through the rude wind's wild la - ment and the bit - ter ther.
 thou shalt find the win - ter's rage freeze thy blood less cold - - ly.
 ye who now will bless the poor shall your - selves find bles - - sing.