



ORDER OF WORSHIP DECEMBER 19, 2021 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. - Psalm 89:1-2

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✠We rise in body or spirit

Welcome

Here at CCC, we are all one family. Restrooms are in the Parish House across the street. Join in when bold letters appear. For COVID, we are masking, sanitizing hands, and practicing physical distancing. During songs, we invite you to be in prayerful meditation or sing along in your heart.

Call to Worship

I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of my child,

Suddenly, joy was overflowing.

I knew love, but when you held my hand,

Suddenly, love was overflowing.

I knew God, but when you showed me grace, when you forgave me, when you loved me, when you raised me,

Suddenly, God was overflowing.

So, let us worship Holy God together as a reminder that God is with us and we are never alone.

This is community. This is the body of Christ. **Welcome home.**

Lighting our Advent Wreath

Song Love Has A Way (The Brilliance)

Prayer of Confession

God of Good News, You say to me, "You are highly favored," but I struggle to see how that could be. You say to me, "Do not be afraid," but I am afraid all the time. You say to me, "Even the impossible is possible, just look at Elizabeth!" But hope slips through my hands like water. The impossible still feels impossible. So today I pray, Today we pray: Teach us to sing like Mary. Teach us to laugh like Elizabeth. Teach us to trust like the angels. Forgive us when we can only do one at a time, or none at all. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession, reflection, and meditation.

Sharing in Forgiveness

Love takes root in community. We cannot love alone, for it is in relationship we give and receive and practice love - and we give thanks for the source of love, our God who is present with us and will never leave us alone.

We give thanks for God's forgiveness which sets us free to love one another and companion one another as we walk through life together. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 1:26-45

Song Ave Maria

Sermon

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Please send an email to church.chebeague@gmail.com to add a prayer request to our list.

Prayer and 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.

Announcements/Offering

Financial gifts can be placed in the plate in the entryway or made online at www.chebeaguechurch.org. We also offer ourselves in service to God's work as we connect with the ministries of the church.

✠Affirmation of Faith

We believe that this world is hard—harder than it has to be. When the world falls apart around us, we believe in listening for the angels that say, “Do not be afraid,” and in seeking out the Elizabeths in our lives—Those who laugh with joy at our arrival and throw open the doors to their homes. We believe that healthy relationships can offer healing, through the laughter of cousins, the joy shared between siblings, and the home found in partnership. Therefore, we believe in church families, in chosen families, and in the love that extends beyond family. We believe in friendships, in neighbors, and in leaning on each other when the going get tough. We believe in the Triune God— **Lover, Beloved, and Love itself**—inherently relational, always connected, and never alone. We believe that that same belovedness exists for us. We believe that we are loved and claimed, never alone. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

✠Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Longest Night Cantata with Tuttle Road Community Church - Area churches will gather on December 19th at 5:30 PM to acknowledge that sometimes this season can bring challenges and struggles. Join us to bear witness and to find hope together. Service will be over in time for folks to make the 7:30 boat back to Chebeague.

Christmas Eve - 4 PM and 7 PM Services - Important Information!

4 PM - Join us for this outdoor service with s'mores, hot chocolate, carols, and the Christmas story. Bring a flashlight (for our closing Silent Night circle!) Masks optional.

7 PM - Our traditional service of carols and candlelight. Masks required. We will be singing while seated and enforcing strict physical distancing, so **reservations are required**. Reserve your spot for Christmas Eve at <http://www.chebeaguechurch.org/christmas-eve-2021.html>. Remote access available at Zoom (Meeting ID: 834 4114 5219,

Passcode:20152020). You can also contact the church office via phone or email to reserve your spot along with how many people from your household will be attending.

Looking to share gifts during the holiday season? Milestone Recovery in Portland has an Amazon wish list and accepts monetary donations as well. <https://milestone-recovery.org/>

We Need You! CCC is gearing up for our Annual Meeting, currently scheduled for Sunday, January 30th at 10 AM. We are in need of folks to serve the church through various committees! We have openings on the Church Council, Human Resources, Buildings and Grounds, Finance, and more. We are looking for people who have a heart for the mission of the church in this community. Please contact Pastor Melissa at ml.yosuadavis@gmail.com if you feel moved to offer your time and talents to the church in this way!

PRAYER LIST

For the families of Jane Harrington, Peg Lyons, and Bill Cushing. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Dick Bowen, Anne Brown, Bob Dyer, Ed Gilchrist, Lisa Googins, Kyle Grannell, Chuck Hilly, Hobey Hinchman, Billy Hutchinson, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Mary Lou & Frank Koughan, Scott Libby, Lisa, Beryl O’Neil, Bea Pettit, Herb & Florence Rich, Helen Scott, Alison Shepherd, Juan Toj, Linda White, 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, 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, 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.

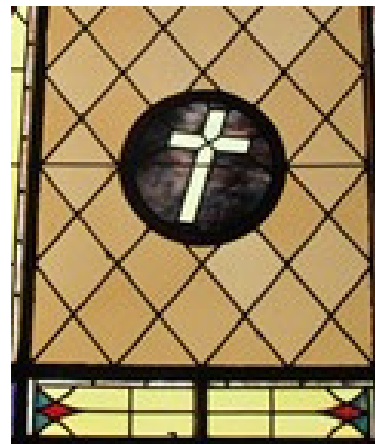
Join us for other church activities, both in-person and virtually!

Sundays
10 am Worship

Thursdays
10 am Office Hours
11 am Ladies Aid
1 pm Bible Study with Gloria Brown

Food Pantry
Contact chebundance@gmail.com to make an appointment or for information.

For all our events, including Zoom links, visit www.chebeaguechurch.org.



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