



ORDER OF WORSHIP NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Hope means we have opened our eyes, hearts, minds, souls, very spirits and now see and feel and touch and smell the joy and the agony living in the fractures of creation...[hope] is simply a part of the journey, part of the way in which we come to know God’s way in our lives with a richness that ripens and ripens and ripens...” - Emilie M. Townes

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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

The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes, **We can see a better world.**
When we close our eyes, **We can dream a better dream.**
But when we open our eyes, **We begin the work of faith.**
The power of worship is the same. When we enter this time, **We can see a better world.**
When we enter this time, **We dream a better dream.**
But when we leave this time, **We begin the work of faith.**
So gather together. Dream your dream. **Find hope here.**
For in an hour, **We will begin the work of faith.**
Let it be so.

Lighting our Advent Wreath

Song

Prayer of Confession

Original Dreamer, Over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, Amen.

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

Sharing in Forgiveness

We are steeped in God’s grace - God’s dream lives in our hearts, and we awaken to the reality that God’s dream can yet live in the world.
Thanks be to God! We are a forgiven and freed people to dream anew - and to be God’s people together.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:24-37

Song Keep Your Lamps

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.

Chebeague Community Church

Knowing and working with our neighbors near and far as we grow in God's love together

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A Reconciling Congregation

✠Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God. **We believe that God has dreams for humanity.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.

We believe in Jesus

We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world.

We believe in dreams.

We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.

So in this Advent season,

We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.

✠Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacred Ground - Conversation Circles Starting in December and the New Year! We all want to see improvements in the racial disparities in our society, but it can be difficult to have meaningful conversations about these issues. This program uses discussion groups led by trained facilitators in order to make this conversation safer and more impactful. Groups of 6-9 participants and two facilitators meet for 90 minutes every three weeks over the course of ten sessions. During this time they watch and discuss films exploring the history and impact of race and racism in American society. This program is open to people of all faiths (and none!). Learn more and register at: <https://stpaulsmaine.org/learning-sacred-ground-new/>. Zoom sessions are available. Have questions? Contact Andrea Lauerman, the Program Coordinator: SacredGroundME@gmail.com

Advent Worship - Those who Dream After Thanksgiving begins a new year in the Christian calendar with the season of Advent - the time when we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. Starting with Sunday, November 28th, join us for a 4 week worship series where we will explore how the people who are part of the Christmas story responded to God's dreams for the world and how we, too, can step into the mystery of God's dreams and how they shape our reality. Look for opportunities over the month of December to dive into this experience through art, through a daily devotional, and more.

Church Council meets on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM via Zoom. All are welcome to join in at this meeting! Meeting ID: 828 8376 8419 Passcode: 20152020

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.

PRAYER LIST

For the families of Joseph McDonald, Robert Sawyer, 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, Hobe 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. Aljandro 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.

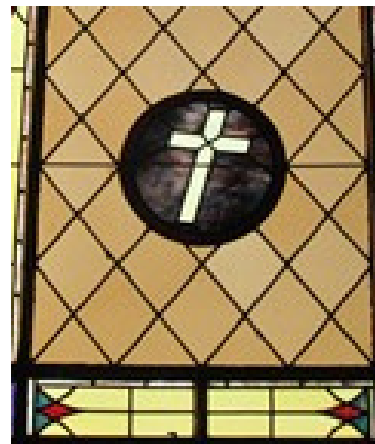
Join us for other church activities, both in-person and virtually!

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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