Central Baptist Church
The Church at 4 Corners

Jamestown, Rhode Island

October 26, 2025

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Bob Nolan, Pastor
Walter Sage, Organist & Choir Director

Tanya Crowley, Office Administrator

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*Please stand as you are able

Prelude Walter Sage

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation (unison)

God of Love, Divine Friend,
Our hearts are open to you. If a thought crosses our minds, you are present and are ready to hold it for us. There is no emotion radiating from our souls that is too heavy or painful for you. Your Spirit encourages our dreams as we seek to find ways to build your Realm here on earth. May we work side-by-side, co-creating a world of possibilities where we experience your love and joy. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *"Anywhere with Jesus"* No. 467

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 65)

One: God moves with us throughout this earth and nurtures the soil,

Many: Our neighbors are awed by God's works.

One: God's river flows with water, and the fields are blessed by the Spirit,

Many: Our neighbors are awed by God's gifts.

One: God's wilderness fields overflow with joy.

Many: Our neighbors are awed by God's grace.

*Gloria Patri No. 623

Anthem *"God's Work"* **CBC Choir**

music by Don Besig, words by Don Besig and Nancy Price (1987)

Don Besig, 79, is music director at Perinton Presbyterian Church in Fairport NY, near Rochester. A graduate of Ithaca College with his collaborator and former student Nancy Price, he was a teacher in western NY for over 30 years and has written over 300 compositions with Ms. Price. As the song says, "we must reach with our hands and give with our hearts."

Children's Message Marilyn Rodriguez

Scripture **Luke 18: 9-14** **(The Message)**

9-12 He told his next story to some who were complacently pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax man. The Pharisee posed and prayed like this: 'Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, crooks, adulterers, or heaven forbid, like this tax man. I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.'

13 "Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring to look up, said, 'God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.'"

14 Jesus commented, "This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

Sermon *"Making is Right"* Pastor Bob

Hymn *"Rock of Ages"* **No. 204**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of the Mountains and Canyons,
The range of emotions that wash through us are often triggers for the ways we hold ourselves. At times, we seek humility, but often find ourselves believing we do not deserve your love. Other times, as we search for confidence, we believe we are your favorites and find ourselves in moments of comparison, contrast, and judgment. Are we better than our neighbors? How can we relate to siblings in Christ when their lives are not like ours and they stand out when visiting our spaces? We are misguided as we give thanks that our lives are not as chaotic and unkempt as theirs. Yet you ask us to seek humility and know that each of your children are loved equally. Help us to extend mercy to our neighbors, and fill their minds with words of encouragement. May each of us know our value in your Realm and experience your love in its fullness. Amen.

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Words of Grace Pastor Bob

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

Invitation to Generosity — Pastor Bob

Offertory Meditation — Walter Sage

***Doxology** **No. 625**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy God, Source of Goodness and Grace,
We thank you today for all you have given to us. When we bear more power and privilege, we are called to share more of our talents, time, and treasures. In our efforts to seek humility and balance, may we soberly evaluate our gifts and understand the healthiest ways to apportion them to strengthen your Realm and love your children. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *"Amazing Grace"* **No. 202**

Benediction — Pastor Bob

Benediction Response *"Spirit of the Living God"* **No. 247**

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Postlude — Walter Sage

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 deacons.

Children may leave for Sunday school after the service's children's time.

We now have a nursery! Please sign up to take a turn.
The sign-up sheet is in the parlor.

Please check in with the church office you need to use Clarke hall or fellowship hall for set-ups and clean-ups for any or all church events.

CBC Coffee Hour

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday Coffee hour following the worship service. There are instructions for setting up & clean up are near the back of the sink. You have the choice to provide snacks or not. If anyone is interested, please sign up, the sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall kitchen.

New CBC Information

John Andrews has taken over the role of Treasurer.
Moving forward, please submit all payments to him, he has a mailbox downstairs near the church offices.
Ellen Greene is the financial secretary. Please submit all donations, pledges, gifts to her mailbox. Thank you!

Today at CBC

Congregational Meeting

There will be a short meeting after worship today to approve a technical amendment to the solar project, allowing the Trustees to accept a later competitive bid at a lower cost.

*****The motion adopted on October 5 regarding a solar energy project is amended to add, "The Trustees are authorized to adopt another proposal from a competitive installer that does not exceed the gross project cost of $95,525 approved for the NEC proposal and meets or exceeds performance and reliability standards established by the Trustees.**

This Week at CBC

Exercise with us!

This Fun group meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 to 9:30 at Clarke Hall. We use various exercise videos appropriate for all levels. We start with a gentle warm-up, walk about two miles, then cool down, followed by gentle stretches. Sometimes we use light weights and floor mats (provided). Questions? Contact Ellen Greene at 932-8288 or en707@cox.net

Community Chair Yoga (free)

Classes are In Person Mondays | 1:00 - 2:00 pm with Susan.

** Free for all Jamestown Pantry Participants and to the CBC congregation

** open to all Jamestown residents for free too

** Pre-registration appreciated at shriyoga.org

Little Dresses

The mission of "Little Dresses for Africa" is to provide relief to African children, by distributing home-made dresses to little

girls, primarily in African villages, but also other countries in crisis. These meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Clarke Hall.

Next Week at CBC

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday We will be celebrating all saints and all souls with a time of remembrance of all those who have passed. If anyone would like someone mentioned please send the name of the person/s to cbctanya1@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead at CBC

CBC Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 6th.**
The funds from last year went to the general budget, so this has now become an all-church fair, and our only fundraiser this year. We hope you can help make this year's fair a success.

We need volunteers to chair the Christmas table, craft table and help co-chair the gift baskets. We need people to help with setup and clean up.

There will be a sign-up sheet for people to donate a themed gift basket, for example a coffee basket, wine basket, sweet basket, etc...
And we will have a sign-up sheet for the bake table and for volunteers to work on the day of the fair.

Everyone is invited to help make wreaths on **Sunday, Nov. 30** after church.
Any questions please see Jill Dolce…. Thank you!!

October Anniversaries

Marsha and Tony Guiterrez October 11th
Happy 50th!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you would like your birthday or anniversary recognized,
Please contact: Ellen Greenby phone 401-932-8288
by email: en707@cox.net

The Jamestown Community Food Pantry

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting food insecure Jamestown residents. Central Baptist Church supports the mission of the JCFP by providing the space for the food pantry's operations. Additionally, CBC has an ongoing nonperishable food collection that is donated to the JCFP monthly. During **October & November,** the food pantry needs Cans of gravy, Cans of cranberry saucy, Bread/muffin mixes, Stuffing mix. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church parlor.

CBC Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, Oct. 26
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday, Oct. 27
1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Oct. 28
8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

Thursday, Oct. 30
8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!
1:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 2
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, Nov. 3
1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Nov. 4
8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

Sunday, October 19th Attendance: 42

CBC Prayers

The floral arrangement at the altar today was given in memory of Jerry Collins by his family. He was the cousin of Janet Larson. Prayers requested for his family.

Donald said thank you for all the notes, thoughts, prayers

& hugs to him and Barbara. Please continue to pray for them and their family.

Ronnie prayers of joy regarding the choir. heir beautiful voices make his 35 mile drive to CBC worthwhile. Also prayers regarding the 2nd anniversary next Sunday of Doris's passing.

Walter prayers of joy upon his daughter Meghan having successful surgery. She got home yesterday.

Also prayers of joy regarding Marsha & Tony Gutierrez's

50th anniversary last week.

Matt prayers of joy regarding having their wonderful daughter-in-law Sasha with them for a few days.

Debbie asked for prayers for Valerie McLaughlin. She will be having surgery on Wednesday.

Bulletin Announcements

Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on the preceding Wednesday.

Joys & Concerns

If you have a need or a celebration you would like to share, please speak with the pastor, one of our deacons or forward the information to the church office.

Flowers

If anyone would like to honor someone, or as a memorial.
We will have the flower request forms on the table in the parlor

and will be placed on the altar on the week of their choosing. Any questions, please contact the church office.

Sermons
If you would like to read the sermons, please check our website or contact the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE

Our office hours: **Monday–Thursday, 11AM to 1 PM**

For administrative needs please call Tanya Crowley, administrative assistant, by calling the office at **423-1651**; email **cbctanya1@gmail.com**

For pastoral and emergency needs contact the pastor,
Rev. Bob Nolan
Email: **nolan062400@gmail.com** ; Cell: **(401) 339-6134**

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