



**October 8, 2017**

**Pre-service:**

Café is open

**Order of Service:**

- Opener – *Stand By You* - Rachel Platten
- Welcome
- Singing – *Words will be projected on the screen.*
- Teaching – *see teaching notes below*
- Reflection Song – *Every Giant Will Fall* - Rend Collective
- Open Communion
- Announcements & Offering
- Singing
- Closing

**Café is open!** // *The 10 begins in five minutes (see info on back)*

**Our Mission: To be a group of people who radically love Jesus, each other, and the rest of the world.**

Teaching: **The Courageous Story** Jonathan Hentrich // Lead Pastor

**1 Samuel 17:8** Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."<sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."<sup>11</sup> On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

<sup>16</sup> For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

<sup>23</sup> As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. <sup>24</sup> Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in **great fear**.

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are **only** a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup> **The Lord who rescued me**

*from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."*

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against **you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.**

**Read the "Bible Together":**

Are you looking to read your Bible this week?

Join us in reading these verses:

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 17 & 18

**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 19

**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 20 & 21

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 22

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 23

These resources can help you go deeper with the key ideas in this message:

**1 Samuel for You** by Tim Chester

**A Million Miles in a Thousand Years** by Donald Miller

**Love Does** by Bob Goff

**How Good is Good Enough** by Andy Stanley  
(Available for free at the Connections Table)

Next Step Surveys on [www.christschurchalbany.org](http://www.christschurchalbany.org)

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Please complete both sides and place in the offering bucket. Pens, unused envelopes, etc, can also go in the bucket to be re-used.

**Connect Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- This is my first visit to Christ's Church Albany. *Please stop at the Connections table for a gift!*
- This is my second visit to Christ's Church Albany.
- I have attended and shared my information previously
- My information is new/has changed; please update

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Opt-in to our weekly email updates. *Christ's Church Albany never shares your information without your permission.*

# Know. Attend. Be.

We're glad you are here with us today! Consider these next steps in getting to know more about the group of people we call Christ's Church Albany:

**The 10:** Take ten minutes to learn ten things you should know about Christ's Church Albany. Starts 5 minutes after the service in the first 2 rows of chairs.

**Conversation:** Sit down with one of our pastors or leaders to ask questions, share, and connect.

**Volunteer:** Get involved in one of the teams that make everything happen both inside and outside the Sunday service, from Love Albany and Serve Albany, to Sunday set-up, Café snacks, children's programming, and administration. Visit the Connections table to get started.

**Membership:** Explore what it means to be a member of Christ's Church Albany. The class is held on the first Sunday of the month after the service; lunch and childcare are provided.

**Baptism:** Curious about the next step of Baptism and wondering if it's for you? Join in a baptism class on the third Sunday of the month after the service; lunch and childcare are provided.

**Community Groups:** These smaller gatherings are an important part of our life together. A current list of all open groups is always available at our website: <http://christchurchalbany.org/attend/community-groups/>.

**Love The World:** Visit the Love the World table to find out about opportunities to serve kids in our partner village of Cruz Blanca, Guatemala.

**Serve Albany:** Visit [www.servealbany.org](http://www.servealbany.org) to find a great way for you to serve our city.

**Generosity:** Christ's Church Albany is a group of people who want to be generous beyond reason! Your financial gift can be given at any service, online at [www.christchurchalbany.org/generosity](http://www.christchurchalbany.org/generosity), or by mail to 911 Central Ave. #267, Albany, NY 12206. Thank you!

Visit the Connections table for more information!

Connect online! [www.christchurchalbany.org](http://www.christchurchalbany.org)

## Ignite Volunteer Festival

Save the Date for Ignite. Ignite is a unique event featuring some of the best food, art, and music in Albany—all aimed at making it as easy as possible to serve and volunteer in the city of Albany.

**November 2, 5:30pm - 8:00pm.**

## Worship Night

Ever wish we had more time to sing on Sunday mornings? Come sing with us for an extended time of worship and praise! We will gather together on October 12 from 6:30pm - 8pm (At The Elks Lodge) to sing and worship together. Childcare will be provided.

## Fall Fest // 5th Sunday

October has 5 Sundays!

This means potluck!

Join us for the 5th Sunday Fall Fest and Chili Cook Off

October 29 - Immediately following service.

We are looking for 15 people to enter chili into the chili competition and everyone else to bring a side or dessert to share Signup below.

## Did you know?

Our church is supported by the courageous generosity of people like you.



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## My Next Steps Today:

### Jesus

- I have questions and would like to talk to someone.
- I am not a Christian, but I would like to explore.
- I would like to become a Christian.
- I will pick up and read my free copy of 'How Good is Good Enough?'
- I have a prayer request: \_\_\_\_\_

### Each Other

- I would like to join a Community Group.
- I would like to begin regularly attending Christ's Church Albany.
- I would like information about joining a Team.
- I will bring a chili for 5th Sunday Fall Fest.

### The World

- I would like more information on Serve/Love Albany.
- I would like to help with Ignite Volunteer Festival on November 2.
- I would information on Sponsoring a Child with VisionTrust.
- I am interested in the 2018 trip to Guatemala.