



April 9, 2017

Pre-service:

Café is open

Order of Service:

- **Opener** – *Here Comes the Sun - The Beatles*
- **Welcome**
- **Singing** – *Words will be projected on the screen.*
- **Teaching** – *see teaching notes below*
- **Reflection Song** – *Blessed Assurance*
- **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: **Story** Jonathan Hentrich // Lead Pastor

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

John 9: 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

Read the "Bible Together":

Are you looking to read your Bible this week?
Join us in reading these verses:

Monday: John 9

Tuesday: Acts 3 and 4

Wednesday: Matthew 5

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 13

Friday: Matthew 10

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

Kingdom Come
by Reggie McNeal

Love is an Orientation
by Andrew Marin

Surprise the World: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People
by Michael Frost

The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door
by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon

Next Step Surveys on
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 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, 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

Good Friday Service

Join us on Friday, April 14, at 6:30 pm for an interactive prayer and worship service. CCKids will be open.



Easter

Every person, every idea, every journey starts somewhere. Whether it's one small step in a new direction or a major event, everything has a starting point, and it is from that moment that nothing is ever the same.

It's not always comfortable. It's not always easy. But it's a start.

For Christians, the starting point is not a belief, but an event: Easter.

Join us Sunday April 16, 10:30am as we explore and celebrate the event that changed everything!

Bible 101

Want to better understand how the Bible works?

In Bible 101, we'll talk about the timeline, types of literature, authors and how it all works together to tell us one amazing story about God. This class meets for just 6 sessions on Mondays from 7-9 pm, starting May 1 until June 12 (skipping Memorial Day) at the Gibbons' house. You need to bring a Bible (pick one up at the Connections table if you need one!), all other materials will be provided.

Please register by emailing Patti at pattigibbons727@gmail.com or sign up at the Connections table.

Did you know?

Your generosity is a powerful story to share!



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My Next Steps Today:

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Jesus

- I would like to talk to someone about baptism.
- I have questions I would like to talk about with someone.
- I will be reading the "Bible Together" plan this week.
- I have a prayer request: _____
- I am interested in the Bible 101 class.
- I will pick up and read my free copy of 'How Good is Good Enough?'

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 volunteering on a Sunday Morning.

The World

- I would like to find a way to Serve Albany.
- I would like information on Sponsoring a Child with VisionTrust.

POLL: **What is your favorite story media?**

Movies Books Television Other _____

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