



November 2023

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Call to Worship	Larry Lewis
Songs	Jim Hopper
Communion	Gene Pollastro
Sermon	Dominic Benetti
Closing	Lacy Boggess



Closing

<p><u>Minister</u></p> <p>Dominic Benetti</p>	<p><u>Coordinators</u></p> <p>Dan Garrick <i>Finance</i></p>
	<p>Don Garrick <i>Fellowship</i></p>
	<p>Elton Hodge <i>Benevolence</i></p>
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What Jesus was Saying to Peter (pt. 2)

Keys are the tools that allow someone access into something. Christ gives Peter and the other apostles the tools to “get into the kingdom of God.” The kingdom of God = the kingdom of Heaven = Christ’s kingdom. The kingdom of God/Heaven/Christ is the Church, as Jesus showed in **Matthew 16:28** “Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.” Jesus assured the crowd that He spoke to that there would be some of them still alive when His kingdom came, referring to the Church coming on Pentecost after Christ was crucified on Passover in 30 A.D.



Peter later tells the first people how to get into the Church (he uses the keys to open the door) in his gospel sermon on Pentecost in **Acts 2:38** “Repent each of you and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” A person becomes a Christian when they are baptized (submerged in water) and receive forgiveness of their sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit to dwell within them. Paul will show that the person puts on Christ to become “a part of Him” when they are baptized in **Galatians 3:27** “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Paul also describes how a person becomes a new creature when they are baptized in **2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” Becoming a new creature is being “reborn” at baptism, specifically being reborn of water and the Spirit, since as Peter described both happening at that time. This specifically fulfills the absolute requirements that Jesus gave to Nicodemus in **John 3:3-5** “Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” We can see that when we are baptized we are added to the Body of Christ as we read in **Corinthians 12:13** “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” Finally, we see that joining the Body of Christ is, in fact, joining the Church in **Colossians 1:18** “He is also head of the body, **the church**; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.” Again, in **1 Colossians 1:24** “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I do my share on behalf of **His body, which is the church**, in filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.”

So, putting it all together, Peter was the first to confess **the truth** of Jesus being the Son of God. Jesus stated He would be building His Church upon **that truth**. Jesus then said that He would be giving Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven, meaning that he could unlock the door and let people into His Church. Peter uses those keys on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:38, showing people that the way into Christ’s Church is to **repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit of God.**

Dominic Benetti

Prayer Request

- Robin Walker's mother Helen Dean passed on Sun., Nov. 5th. Please pray for Robin and her family
- Libby Kapelari a long time member of Danbury church Of Christ passed on Mon., Oct. 30th
- Nick Godano's daughter Jaime her friends mother Beryl Fury-King who was diagnosed with cancer passed on Thurs., Nov 2nd
- Randy Walker's sister Becky her granddaughter Lizzie who is two years old fell and cut an artery. Lizzie had the major debridement of all of the dead tissue on her left foot on Tues., Oct. 24th resulting in removal of 2/3 of her foot. The positive is her heel was saved which preserved her "foot" lift function.
- Marion Morris' mother Doreen Gagne has entered into Lutheran Care Center in Poughkeepsie for rehab
- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia and daughter Kelly went to see a surgeon in hepatologist in New York on Thurs., Nov. 9th. The outcome of the appt. the surgeon has to talk to the board before they can get an approval to start testing. They are very pleased with this doctor and the hepatologist Continue to keep Jose, Kelly and their family in prayer for God's will to be done
- Jo Harvey's Sciatica has reoccurred and is quite painful
- Eduardo Pena is having a medical procedure done in Brazil and has asked for prayer for healing.
- Natalie Garrick's friends mother Bernadette has been in UCONN medical center for three weeks with heart and lung issues. She received a heart catheterization on Thurs., Nov. 9th
- Sue Barbarotto's friend Shannon Turner had surgery on her spine. She was diagnosed with cancer which is in her leg. With all her health issues she lost her job and is a mother of three
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Becky had a CT scan and tumors did not grow, but her ovaries are getting larger which is a concern. She starts a new round of chemo on Tuesday in Houston.
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

Services & Meetings: Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES 11:00 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study

w/ Zoom component 7:00 pm— 8:00 pm

"John 20"

Dominic Benetti

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Event Calendar

Nov. 19th	Thanksgiving / Meal Donations are Due: 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT Contact: Ellen B. / John B.	9:30 am—10:30 am
Nov. 23rd	Happy Thanksgiving	
Nov. 30th	Bowling Fellowship Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P.	12:00 pm—2:00 pm
Dec. 2nd	Men's Breakfast 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd.—Danbury, CT Contact: Michael P.	8:30 am—10:00 am
Dec. 2nd	Annual Christmas Party If you are interested in attending email: Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com or call 203-743-4400	5:30 pm— 9:00 pm

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

Adult Upstairs Class

"Teaching on the Prophets series (cont.)- Amos -pt. 3"
- Dominic Benetti

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Rehearsals	Tues.	7:00 pm
⇒ Narcotics Anonymous	Thurs.	6:30 pm—9:30 pm

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Come join us!



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