

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*January 1, 2012*

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**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**January 1, 2012  
1st Sunday after Christmas**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Silent Prayer**

*A New Year, O God. I fear and hope at the same time that there is no change, but I pray that life may truly be better. May I make this time of worship a time to rethink and rekindle the fire within to be something new, to do something new and to welcome your Spirit more fully into my heart. Amen*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*We welcome you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Please sign the guest book in the narthex so we can send you a welcome packet.*

**Gathering of Prayer Concerns and Joys**

*Please raise your hand to share your joys or concerns to be included in the prayers of the people this day. You may also write your concern on the pink sheets and hand to the Pastor. Please mail a prayer card from the narthex to your loved one.*

**Minute for Mission**

**Centering Music**

*(\*Please stand for items marked with an asterisk.)*



## Call to Worship

**Leader:** A new year has dawned: the old is past and gone.  
This is a time for beginnings, a time to encounter God.

**People:** **O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning  
and the end.**

**Leader:** Look to the heavens and wonder at the magnitude of space. Look around you at the amazing variety of creation.

**People:** **You have made everything suitable for its time. You have made us and crowned us with glory and honor.**

**Leader:** Ponder the meaning of our days in the face of eternity. Consider again what God has called us to do and to be.

**People:** **You have given us dominion over the works of your hands. You have called us to minister to the least of your children.**

## Prayer of Invocation (unison)

**God of creation and newness, we bring to you our past, that it may teach us. We bring our future, that it may be blessed with vision and hope. We bring this present moment, that you may fill it with your transforming presence. We want to be part of your new heaven and new earth. We seek to enjoy your creation without destroying it, to take pleasure in our toil while making of it a ministry, to learn to live together in peace, reaching out to assure that all are benefiting from your good gifts. Feed us, clothe us, welcome us, that we may do the same for others.  
Amen.**

\*Hymn #255 PH *"Now Praise the Lord"* (verses 1-4)

## \*Prayer of Confession

**Leader:** As we enter a new year, we give pause to look back and to look forward. Let us confess our sin to God to enter this new year with a clean heart. Let us pray,

**People:** Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

**Leader:** Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news.

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Congregational Response - "Gloria" # 576 PH (sing twice)**

*Gloria, Gloria  
In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria, Gloria  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Sermon**

*(There is no Sunday School or nursery this week. The children will remain in the service. Normal schedule will resume next week.)*

**Anthem:** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

by J.S. Bach

Steve Wilson, handbells

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-6

\*Hymn #275 PH *"God of Our Life"*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: *"Travel Guides"*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

Offering

*"Sometimes you just have to move  
when the Spirit says move, like when Joseph took Mary  
and their son to Egypt for protection.  
So listen carefully, God might be telling you,  
Move! Go! Give! Love!"*

Mary Hanover

\*Prayer of Dedication

Musical Meditation

The Lord's Supper and Rededication of our Lives

Invitation

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution

*The congregation is invited to come forward dip your hand into the waters  
of the baptismal font as a rededication of your discipleship.  
Receive the bread, then dip it into the cup and partake.  
Depart to your seat by the side aisles.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

**We welcome the new beginning that a fresh year offers. We accept from your hand the water of life. We remember our baptism: the calling of every follower of Jesus to discipleship. We are sealed by the power of your love and healed by your Word made flesh. We rededicate our lives to you. O Lord. Help us to leave behind that which we cannot change and move forward boldly on the paths in which you would lead us. Let this year be for us a life giving year filled with peace and holiness. Amen.**

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn - "On This Day of Celebration"

Sung to HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**On this day of celebration,  
at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we gather as your people,  
called to put our trust in you.  
You have made the world we live in;  
you have worked through history.  
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.**

**Long ago, you sent our Savior  
to this world in deep despair.  
In your Word made flesh you came,  
our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ is risen!  
At this new year we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever– Jesus Christ is still the same!**

Through two thousand years of changes,  
through these passing centuries,  
You have called your church to witness  
to Christ's love that claims and frees.  
Each new generation hears you,  
each must find a fresh new way  
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder  
what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know you clothe each flower  
and you make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will you protect us  
with your guiding, caring hand!  
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude



*Go Forward and Serve!*

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

*Following the service, please join us in the lounge  
for some coffee and a time of fellowship.*

Sunday, January 1, 2012

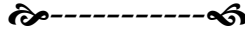
*Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!*

❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

*Large print bulletins and hymnals are available for your convenience.*

*If you have difficulty hearing, personal amplifiers are available in the narthex.*

*Parents, please pick up a worship activity bag for your children.  
Please return the bags to the narthex after the service.*



*Thank You* ❧ *for your service!*

**Reader:** Barbara Bockmann

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:** Jane Trent, Shanna Morascini, & Linda Young

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by the congregation to the glory of God.

*Church Activities This Week*

Today 1/1                      10:30 a.m. - Worship and Communion



Mon. 1/2                      7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class

Wed. 1/4                      11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study  
6 - 8:30 p.m. - Handbells

Thurs. 1/5                      7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Please note there will be **NO NURSERY** care available today.

## Announcements

**Mark Wheeler is no longer an employee of Collingswood Presbyterian Church. We wish him and his family all the best. We ask for your prayers and patience as we work out a transition plan and begin the search for the right person to fill this critical role.**

**New Visions** - Can you help take the coats and mittens that have been collected for New Visions to their Camden location sometime during the week? See Pastor Kate or Lorrie Heuser.



**Curious About CPC?** - We will be having a new member brunch after church on January 15, 2012. If you are interested in possibly becoming a member or would just like to know more about our church, please let Pastor Kate know.

**Adult Bible Studies** - We are taking a break for the holidays. The Sunday class will resume on 1/8 at 9 a.m. and the Wednesday class will resume on 1/4. Join us!

**Church Envelopes** - The 2012 church envelopes are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to pick yours up. If you need envelopes, please see Barbara Bockmann.



**Mail Call!!** - Many people used the alphabetical mail slots in the hall outside of the lounge to send Christmas cards. Please be sure to check your slot, you may have some cards waiting!!

**Youth Group:** No meeting tonight. We will start up again on Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.



*We would like to thank the Choir, the Bell Choir and the Cherub Choir for the beautiful music on the CD which Pastor Kate delivered to us as shut-ins a few weeks ago.*

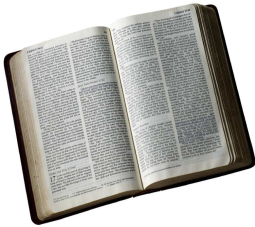
*Harry and Ruth Binder*

# 2012 FLOWER DEDICATIONS



The new flower chart for 2012 is available on the table in the narthex. If you would like to reserve a special date to dedicate the flowers which are placed in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, please fill out your information in the book or contact Marion in the church office. The cost is \$20 and a bill will be sent directly to you from the florist.

## ADULT EDUCATION



**One Year Journey** - This program is a great way to work our way through the Bible together **Sundays at 9:00 am** in the lounge. **We will resume meeting on January 8.**

This is a good chance to catch up if you are behind in your reading. You can also read interpretive material about the One Year Journey through the Bible in Pastor Kate's blog found on our churches web site at [www.collingswoodpres.com](http://www.collingswoodpres.com).

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**Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:30 a.m.** - Our study of the Book of Acts will also be breaking and will begin again on Wednesday, **January 4**. Make a New Year's resolution! Join us!

### "One Year Journey" - Bible Readings for Week 12:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun. 1/1 - 1 Samuel 4-7    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs. 1/5 - 1 Samuel 16-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mon. 1/2 - 1 Samuel 8-10   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. 1/6 - 1 Samuel 18-20   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tues. 1/3 - 1 Samuel 11-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. 1/7 - 1 Samuel 21-24   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. 1/4 - 1 Samuel 14-15  |                                                      |

## ☞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ☜

**Birthdays:** Jack Forgach.

**Special Prayers:** Please keep Martha Jane and her family in your prayers as they care for her father who is on hospice.

Also, please keep Eleanor Kelley in your prayers.

### **Those who serve in government, our military personnel, & those who work in other countries:**

Our country, our president, and our leaders.

Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world.

CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley

Jessica Lowden, currently working in Monrovia, Liberia

### **Those in Care Facilities**

Mabel Cordier

Elsie Hak

Robert Johnson

Elizabeth Baggett

June Hart

### **Pray for Health and Wellness**

Ruth & Harry Binder

Charlie Dunlevy

Rich Forster

Eleanor Kelley

Evelyn Plunkett

Edward Werner

Chuck Christy

Peter Fagan

Frank Griffin

Barbara Miner

Mary Troyano

Virginia and Ed

Friend of Perro/Forgach Family

Paul Dorety

Jack Fagan

Max Gureki

Patti Moler

Sam Jang Do-Soon

Lisa

### **Our Partners in Mission**

First Presbyterian Church of Willingboro

Our PCUSA mission in Norway

Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church, Cardenas, Cuba

Njikob Presbyterian Church, Cameroon

If you are going into the hospital or would like a pastoral visit, please call or have a family member call the church office or one of the deacons or elders.

If you don't call, we are going to assume you don't want a visit!

Please remember to fill out a new pink form  
with each update for the prayer list.