

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



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

January 3, 2010

2nd 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

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 "Now Praise the Lord" #255 (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

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

Anthem: *"The New Gift of Love"*

Arr. Carole Stephens

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18

Sermon: *"Is Religion Just a Bunch of Words?"*

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"**

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**

***Postlude**



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

Please join us in the lounge for coffee and
fellowship following the service.
A Happy New Year filled with
hope and blessings to all!

Sunday, January 3, 2010

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!

Liturgist: Bob Marks

Deacon of the Day: Susan Banko

Welcoming Team: Mike Dersch

Fellowship Hour Host: Jane Trent

Flowers: Last week's flowers were given by Karen Mazak in honor of her father, Anthony Tumminia's birthday.

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule

- ◆ 1st Sunday of the Month - 3rd grade and up remain for communion. Younger children go to Sunday School after Children's Chat and are brought to the lounge after class.
- ◆ All other Sundays: Pre-k to 4th grade go to Sunday School after Children's Chat and are brought to the lounge after class.
- ◆ 2nd & 4th Sundays: 5th - 12th grade leave after Children's Chat for bible groups. All begin in Calvin Hall, then proceed as follows:
 - 5th grade - Lorrie Lesso (handbell) room
 - 6th & 7th grade - Back of Fellowship Hall (dining room)
 - 8th - 12th grade - Meeting room next to the nursery

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today 1/3 10:30 AM - Worship and Communion
11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

Tues. 1/5 9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup
7:00 PM - Deacons

Wed. 1/6 9:30 - 11:00AM - Toddler Playgroup
5:15 PM - Beginning Handbells
6:00 PM - Intermediate Handbells
6:30 PM - Advanced Handbells
7:30 PM - Adult Handbells

Thurs. 1/7 5:00 PM - Daisies
7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Announcements

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. We will resume our normal schedule next Sunday, January 10.

First Friday - All 5th through 7th graders are welcome. Come **Friday, January 8**, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Bring your friends!

Senior High Youth - We're going bowling! \$1 a game (plus shoes). All 8th Graders and up please come on Sunday, **January 10**, at 7:00 pm. Invite your friends.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL! - Please check your mailboxes in the hallway and church office to pick up Christmas cards and financial statements that have been left there.



Also, please pick up your box of **church envelopes** for next year. They are on the table in the narthex.

White Elephant Bingo Night!

Friday, January 15 - 7 PM

Food, fun and Prizes!!

\$2.00 per card or 3 for \$5.00

All are welcome - adults and kids



Please save and donate those Christmas gifts that you just can't use. . . we can use them!! (Or any other new, unused items you have around the house.) Toys, candles, household items, accessories, bath products, just to name a few. Your unused gift could be someone's treasured prize!



Warm Winter Clothing and Blankets for the Homeless -

The Deacon's are collecting "new" and "slightly used" winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves through

December. Your donations will be delivered to the New Visions Homeless Day Shelter in Camden. Blankets are also needed for the IHOC program for homeless men.

Welcoming Team

Our welcoming team is looking for volunteers, can you help?

With new visitors coming each week, we're looking for your assistance in greeting people at our church each Sunday. It's an easy task and everyone gains from the social and spiritual connection. Can you help out for one Sunday? If so, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Deacon bulletin board and/or reach out to **Jim Woods** or **Mike Dersch**. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we look to make positive connections with each member/visitor to OUR Church.



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for promptly returning your pledge cards for next year. These numbers are very important as we figure out the budget for the coming year. If you have not yet returned your pledge, please send it to the church office or give it to Barbara Bockmann as soon as possible.

GOING GREEN WITH CPC!

Now you can recycle and help CPC at the same time. Bring in your used inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones and place them in the white recycling box which is located in the lounge. When the bin is full, it will be picked up and we will receive a check which will go toward the cost of the Summer Mission Trip for the Youth. If you would like to take a box to your workplace, see Jennifer Giordano. It doesn't get any easier! Support CPC's youth and the environment at the same time!



Flower Dedications

The new flower chart for 2010 is on the table in the narthex. If you would like to reserve a special date in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please sign up. The cost is \$20.00 and a bill will be sent directly to you from the florist. You can also contact Marion in the church office by phone (854-4523) or email collsprgs@verizon.net.

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## IT'S A BOY!!



Congratulations to Kelly and Bob Higgs and their new son Christian who they met this week and hope to be bringing home before his 9th birthday later this month.

Welcome to the family!



## ☞ PRAYER NEEDS ☞

**Birthday update:** Last week's bulletin was held over from our snow day on 12/20, so we would like to wish a happy birthday to those who celebrated last week: Nancy Celebre and Anthony Tumminia. This week: Jack Forgach, Doris Churchill, and Susan Lagakos.

**Special prayers for:** Those who are unemployed and those who are facing difficult times.

**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

### Shut-Ins

Mabel Cordier

Robert Johnson

Barbara Perry

Rosemary Sammons

Dorothy Varnum

### Pray for Health and Wellness\*

Doris Bockmann

Brandon Brauns

Jenn Brooks

Gloria Cezarez

Chuck Christy

The DeLuca Family

Bree Donovan

Nancy Elwell

Anastasia Fillmore

Annjakira Flores

Arlene Galeski

Erin Eaton

Sarah Ginter

Max Gureki

Joe Hall

Jeannie Kaufman

Philip Lagakos

Marjorie Miller

Lisa Miner

Susan Moler

The Moore Family

Paul Masarek

Fran Paul

Terri Rodgers

Christine Siravo

Nicki Stefanucci

Catherine Tumminia

Tina Young

### Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

Our PCUSA mission in Venezuela

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 Pastor Kate at home 218-1976. 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.**