

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

January 31, 2010

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent reflection

*O God,
you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth. 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

*“We Celebrate God’s Partnership with us as
We Build up the Church of Jesus Christ”*

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

✠ *The maintenance of divine worship* ✠

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the
power of grace.**

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**People: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the
Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

Unison Invocation

**All: God of the prophets, is it possible that you, who spoke to
Ezekiel and Jesus, will speak to us? May we be ready to believe
it. May we be ready to receive you. We have gathered in your
name and we pray: come, holy one. Fill us with the story of your
people; fill us with your loving Word. Take us as we are, and
make us wholly yours. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

***Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” #442 PH**

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us. Before God and God's people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind us, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Leader: God has promised that whenever we repent, and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response: (Sing response through twice)**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

***Sharing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.



*The shelter, nurture, and spiritual
fellowship of the children of God.*



Children's Sermon

Litany for Growing in Faith

All: We declare today our faith in Jesus the Teacher who sets an example for us in our work of teaching and learning.

Leader: He himself as a young boy was found sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Children and youth:

Lord, do not let us be afraid to ask questions when there is something we do not understand.

Leader: He taught from the Scriptures when he returned to his native town.

Parents: Send us to your Word when we teach, testing our thoughts and ideas by your truth.

Leader: He taught with authority.

Parents: Give us strong convictions, Lord, but teach us not to be overbearing in the way we express them and help us to learn from those we teach.

Leader: He taught through deeds of compassion and through mighty works.

All: Remind us, God, that actions speak louder than words.

Leader: He taught in picture-stories called parables, drawn from the common life.

Parents: Help us to relate the Gospel to everyday matters, so it will come alive, the Word from God today.

Leader: He met the people where they were yet never played down the cost of following Him. He was full of sorrow when they would not do what He commanded. He often felt deserted and alone.

Parents: **Lord, when our children do not seem to be paying attention and when we feel we have failed, help us not to become too discouraged and remind us that the Holy Spirit is the real Teacher.**

Leader: He often had to correct his disciples' wrong ideas but he always did it in love.

All: Help us to be his followers here.

Leader: From his cross he taught forgiveness.

All: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Leader: He taught us that because he lives we shall live also.

All: Help us in all our teaching and examples to reflect a radiant faith in Christ's triumph over death.

Leader: He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Helper and to lead us into all truth.

Parents: **Holy Spirit: take our words and use them for the teaching and healing of all people.**

All: Give us the mind of Christ, give us the heart of Christ, through him rule over us. Fulfill your plan for all who teach and all who learn. We give back to you for your use the time and talents you have given us. To you be the glory! Amen.

Anthem: "Lord, Work a Miracle"

by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

✠ *The preservation of the truth.* ✠

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm for a Transforming Church (responsively):

Leader: Lord you have been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

People: **We praise you for your faithfulness toward Collingswood Presbyterian Church.**

Leader: Our Church has remained in this place for over one hundred years!

People: **Lord, you have been with us when we had troubles and joys as a church. You are our strength and support through all the times of our lives.**

Leader: You sent us leaders in our elders and pastors, our deacons and teachers, fellow Presbyters and community leaders, faithful workers and beloved members,

People: **Who taught us to have hope, to work for justice, to believe that we are loved, to trust in you and love our neighbors.**

Leader: O Lord you have saved us from our fears and from our divisions.

People: **We were afraid when things in the world were beyond our control, when terrorism struck and wars erupted.**

Leader: We wondered if you were there when personal tragedy struck and we lost those we loved.

People: **But You, O God, remind us that you are always faithful and love us.**

Leader: We see your hand in the beauty of the earth, the music we love and the plenty we enjoy. We see your face in the smallest baby and the eldest among us.

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: You alone with provide strength and resurrection. You still are a creative force in our lives and have not forsaken us. Our best days are yet to come!

People: Together we will work to make the world a better place. We believe we can do this with your help.

Leader: And maybe for the first time we will begin to understand and act upon your will for us.

People: Give us courage, O God for this new century of faith!

Leader: Help us to watch for the mantle of leadership through Jesus Christ our Lord, Servant of all!

All: The Lord of our Church be praised! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn: *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* #343 PH



*The proclamation of the Gospel
of the salvation of humankind.*



Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Presentation: *The Work of Collingswood Presbyterian Church in 2009.*

***Affirmation of Faith - The Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering

*"No one has a right to sit down and feel helpless:
there's too much to do." ~ Dorothy Day*

Musical Meditation

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Purposeful Lord, we praise your wisdom and your insight in providing us the opportunity to give to your ministries through this local church during 2009. Through His birth and deeds, Jesus set us free from earthly limitations. Today, we joyously acknowledge that our spiritual blessings are evidence of your love for your children. May these generous gifts be applied according to your plan as we glorify your Holy Name. Amen.



*The exhibition of the Kingdom of
Heaven to the world.*



Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, petition,
and the Lord's Prayer.

***Hymn:** *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* #441 PH

✠ *The promotion of social righteousness.* ✠

Litany of Mission - (portions in italics are from the Mission statement of CPC adopted in 2004)

Leader: *We seek to become..*

A church that witnesses to the community and the world by sharing and demonstrating our relationship with Christ.

People: O Lord, guide our ministries through this church as we reach out to the world through personal and collective faithful mission and ministry.

Leader: We pray for the ministries of our leaders, pastor and staff that guide and challenge us to share our faith and learn more of your calling to serve. We pray your blessings upon the witness of the music, education, stewardship and administrative ministries that guide our work and keep us focused on your Word and Will.

People: O Lord thank you for your partnership in this ministry and mission.

Leader: *We seek to become ..*

A church that encourages all people to know God's great love revealed in Jesus Christ.

People: O Lord, use our hands and feet, our voices and presence of solidarity to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world.

Leader: We pray for the ministries of our leaders, pastor and staff that guide and support our calling to be missionaries in all that we do, everyday and everywhere. We pray especially for those who are at the most vulnerable moments of their lives, the unemployed, our service personnel, the young, the ill and the aging. Help us be a community of care and love for all people.

People: Lord thank you for your partnership in this ministry and mission.

Leader: We seek to become...

A church that faithfully listens for God's will for our lives and our community.

People: O Lord, head of the church, guide our church to be faithful, willing to take risks for the furthering of the kingdom, always willing to speak up for those who have no voice and advocate for justice, kindness and peace.

Leader: We pray for the ministries of our church that reach out to children at risk, the hungry, those who suffer from AIDS, those who are affected by natural disasters, the sick, and the homeless.

People: O Lord, we thank you for your partnership in this ministry and mission.

Leader: As a church we seek to become...

A community of God that is an open, inviting, caring family of faith where all are embraced, accepted and loved.

People: O Lord, who opened up salvation for all people, help us to be accepting of diversity and always seek to make a place for all whom you love. Let us affirm each ones call to be a the table of your grace, so we may be a beautiful colorful quilt of love to bring shelter from the storms of life.

Leader: We pray for ministries of hospitality, outreach, shepherding and fellowship in our fellowship of faith.

People: Lord, it is only by your partnership that we succeed at any of our mission and ministry. We offer up our selves to you and the work of our feeble hands to be blessed and strengthened so your will be done.

Leader: May God bless you and keep you and make His face
shine upon you, as you seek to be faithful in the coming
year. Go in peace, serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

Please pick up your hoagies in the lounge and
come downstairs to the dining room
for the Annual Meeting.

WORSHIP MATTERS

Presbyterianism — the word Presbyterian means “elder” — traces its roots back to the French reformer John Calvin, a contemporary of Martin Luther, who lived and worked in Geneva, Switzerland. Calvin and Luther were instrumental in the 16th century religious movement known as the Protestant Reformation.

Calvin’s *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, first published in 1536, detailed the principles upon which Presbyterian faith and practice have been built over the last four and a half centuries.

Those principles include:

- Obedience to Jesus Christ as revealed by Scripture, which is the authoritative witness to Jesus as Lord and Savior and to Christian faith and conduct;
- Christians are justified by faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior alone, not by works; · the priesthood of all believers — laypersons and clergy — as equally-called emissaries of Christ’s teaching and ministry in the world;
- God alone is the Lord of the individual conscience, but greater wisdom is to be gleaned from councils of Christians than by individuals alone;
- Salvation is to be sought corporately as well as individually and therefore Christians are called to be active witnesses to their faith in worldly affairs.

In 1910, the predecessor United Presbyterian Church in North America adopted a constitutional statement (G-1.0200 of the Book of Order) declaring the six great ends of the church. They are listed in the worship bulletin in the boxes.

Sunday, January 31, 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: Mike Amato

Deacon of the Day: Mike Amato

Welcoming Team: Mike Dersch

Flowers: The flowers today are given by June Hart in memory of her husband Jack Hart.

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 1/31 10:30 AM - Worship and Sunday School
11:30 AM - Youth Hoagie Sale
11:45 AM - Annual Meeting

Tues. 2/2 9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup
5:00 PM - Girl Scouts
7:00 PM - Deacons

Wed. 2/3 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. 2/4 5:00 PM - Daisies
7:00 PM - Choir

Announcements

Hoagie Sale - Hoagies are available for pick-up in the lounge after the worship service. Thank you for supporting the youth and their Summer Mission Trip. Enjoy your lunch!

Annual Meeting - There is an Addendum to the Annual Report available on the table in the narthex. Pick up your hoagies in the lounge and come down to the dining room for the Annual Meeting. There will be a slide show celebrating the many activities and blessings of this past year.

Souper Bowl Sunday, 2/7 - The youth will be collecting donations and cans of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday next week. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's Food Pantry. Please support this worthy cause.

Food Pantry - We will be collecting toilet paper for St. Paul's Food Pantry for the month of January. Next week, cans of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday!

CONTACT Community Helplines provides a toll free Helpline (877-266-8222) for residents of Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem Counties. Highly trained volunteers provide callers with assistance on a variety of issues such as family and interpersonal relationships, addictions, grief and loss, mental health problems, depression and suicide. Sponsored by the United Way, the Helpline provides appropriate information and referral resources and an opportunity for callers to talk about their problems.

CONTACT Reassurance (856-795-5073) is a program that provides daily calls to isolated and homebound senior citizens residing in Camden and Gloucester Counties. Trained volunteers, who will initiate emergency procedures should the senior fail to answer at a pre-arranged time, make the calls. The program's goals are to not only check on the senior's physical well being, but to also provide support and reassurance that someone cares. The service is free of charge.

(If you are interested in becoming a CONTACT volunteer, please call 795-5073. Free training is provided.)



SKI TRIP TO BLUE MOUNTAIN

Thursday Night, February 11

(Colls. schools are closed on the 12th!)

All are welcome! Invite your family & Friends

Meet at church at 3:00 pm. We leave at 3:15
Skiing ends at 10:00 pm and we head home. Kids 7th grade
and up may come without a parent. Packets available on the
window sill near the podium.

Cost: Child Lift and Ticket- \$40 Adult-\$45
Lift only Child - \$25 Adult \$2

Ski forms are due by February 7.



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to

_____ **St. Paul’s Food Pantry** _____, our 2010
Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

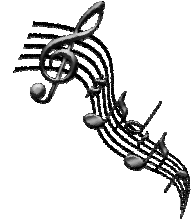


HAITI UPDATE

Presbyterian Disaster Relief announces that \$200,000 from funds designated for Haiti has been provided to the Hôpital Sainte Croix (Holy Cross Hospital) and the Faculte des Sciences Infirmiere l'Universite Episcopale d'Haiti (FSIL) nursing school in Leogane. Hôpital Sainte Croix - an historical Presbyterian-supported hospital in partnership. So far the churches of the Presbytery of West Jersey have collected \$20,000 for Haiti relief.

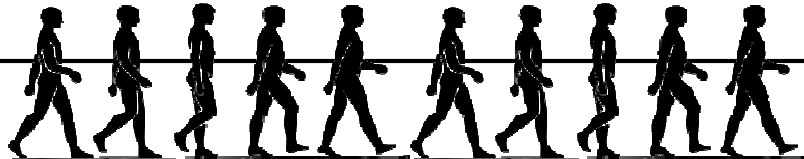
Spirituals & American-Folk Music Concert

Sunday, January 31 @ 8 PM
First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown



West Jersey Chamber Chorale
Celebrate and Enjoy our African and
Caucasian heritage of vocal art.

cost \$20 - Purchase at the door or by calling 778-1899.



Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council Mall Walk for the Homeless

February 28, 2010

Voorhees Town Center (Echelon Mall)

Check in at 1:00 PM - Walk begins at 2:00 PM

**For more information call 856-939-0182
or email ihocmallwalk@yahoo.com**



GOING GREEN WITH CPC!

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. Support CPC's youth and the environment at the same time!



The Annual Meeting of

*the congregation and corporation of
Collingswood Presbyterian Church,*

is called for the purpose of

electing officers and

nominating committee,

approving the auditor's report,

and any other business pertaining

thereto and is scheduled for

Sunday, January 31, 2010

after worship services.

☞ PRAYER NEEDS ☞

Birthdays this week: Tara Klemash.

Sympathy: Please keep Myra Ostrander and her family in your prayers for the loss of Myra's father, Myron Ostrander.

Special prayers for: The people of Haiti and all who are providing assistance; those who are unemployed and those 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 and Jennifer Riippa

Shut-Ins

Mabel Cordier	Robert Johnson	Barbara Perry
Rosemary Sammons	Dorothy Varnum	

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Brandon Brauns	Jenn Brooks	Gloria Cezarez
Chuck Christy	The DeLuca Family	Bree Donovan
Erin Eaton	Nancy Elwell	Anastasia Fillmore
Annjakira Flores	Arlene Galeski	Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki	Jeannie Kaufman	Philip Lagakos
John Morascini	Lisa Miner	Susan Moler
The Moore Family	Paul Masarek	Fran Paul
Greg Phillipi	Terri Rodgers	Jacob Savateri & Family
Christine Siravo	Nicki Stefanucci	Catherine Tumminia
	Tina Young	

Our Partners in Mission

Christ Presbyterian Church of Marlton
Our PCUSA mission in Zimbabwe
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.