

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



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January 4, 2009

COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2009

2nd Sunday After Christmas/Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*How long a journey I have taken to find you, O Lord.
I have looked at stars, read your Word and wandered down paths.
I have asked questions and listened for your answers.
I come here this day searching for you. Shine your light on me
again, dear Lord. Guide me in the ways of peace. 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.*

Minute for Mission

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.*

Centering Music

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful
things among us.

People: **In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving
light for our darkness and strength for our days.**

Leader: Sing praises to God's name, bow before God in prayer,
open your hearts to God's saving word.

People: Arise, Shine, for your light has come!

*Hymn #66 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the good we have neglected, the promises we have broken and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to use it. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again!

People: Thank God for this amazing gift!

Leader: Friends, believe this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*Congregational Response: #576

Gloria, Gloria

In Excelsis Deo

Gloria, Gloria

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*(Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School
Youth third grade and older remain for Communion)*

Anthem "Bramble" by C. Gervaise, Arr. Kevin McChesney
Advanced Youth Handbell Trio - Liz Lazorko, Mark Eife, Steve Wilson

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 31:7-14

Psalm 127:12-20 (responsive)

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

Leader: He grants peace* within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**People: He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

Leader: He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

**People: He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?**

Leader: He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

People: He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

Leader: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.

All: Praise the LORD!

Hymn "Starchild" #2095 STF

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18

Sermon:

"A Dialogue With God"

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Litany of Faith

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, God's self-disclosure.

People: The Word was with God.

Leader: As the energy that brought all things into being.

People: The light embodied in that Word was the light of the human race.

Leader: A light that shines in darkness.

People: A light that darkness has not overcome.

Leader: For unto you the light has come.

People: The Word, the true light that enlightens all people, was coming into the world.

Leader: Many of God's own people were blind to its shining.

People: But all who were able to perceive the light were given power to become the children of God.

Leader: Yes, all who believe in the One whose power to save came not from human characteristics, not maleness, or Jewishness, or anything human.

People: But from God alone.

Leader: And this is the wonder: that *the Word became flesh* in one Jesus of Nazareth,

People: And, wonder of wonders, even we, late in time, have been transformed by God's glory shining in Christ, full of grace and truth!

All: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the God who has come to us, and spoken to us, in flesh, in blood, in this very human form, the Word of truth and light for all ever! Amen.

Offering

*"The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts,
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him"*
(Psalm 72:10-11)

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Meditation

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy. . .

And join their unending hymn singing, (Hymn #581)

**People: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!***

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord Most high...

(Prayers of intercession, petition and the Lord's Prayer)

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

The Bread

Please sing Hymn #2258, verses 1-3 *“Alleluia to the Lord”*

- 1. Sing alleluia to the Lord!**
- 2. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.**
- 3. In Christ the world has been redeemed.**

The Cup

Please sing Hymn #2258 verses 4-6 *“Alleluia to the Lord”*

- 4. His resurrection sets us free.**
- 5. Therefore we celebrate the feast.**
- 6. Sing alleluia to the Lord.**

Prayer after communion (unison)

We have seen the light of the Lord in the bread broken and the cup shared. We are strengthened for the journey ahead of us. Give us the grace to share the love given to us with all we encounter this year, O Lord. Amen

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn *“Brightest and Best of the Stars of This Morning”* #67 PH

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God’s work through CPC!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 4, 2008

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

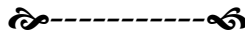
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book* ❧
in the narthex so we know you are here!

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.



Thanks this morning to:

Liturgist: Keith Haines

Opening and Closing Building: Keith Haines

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Collingswood Presbyterian Church Family in loving memory of Alex Fell; and the LaPan Family in loving memory of Alex Fell and in honor of Doris Feaster.

A Memorial Service will be held for

Alexander Fell
After church today



Luncheon from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Visitation from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm in the lounge

Service begins at 1:00 pm with interment in the
Memorial Garden

This Week at CPC

- Sun., Jan. 4** 10:30 am - Worship w/Communion
 11:30 am - Luncheon
 12:30 pm - Visitation for Alex Fell
 1:00 pm - Memorial Service for Alex Fell
- Tues., Jan. 6** 9:30 am -Toddler's Playgroup
 6:00 pm - Brownies
 7:00 pm - Deacons
- Wed., Jan 7** 9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup
 5:15 pm - Intermediate Bell Choir
 6:30 pm - Advanced Youth Bell Choir
 7:00 pm - Confirmation
 7:30 pm - Memorial Bell Choir
- Thurs., Jan. 8** 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts
 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir
- Fri., Jan 9** 7:00 pm - 1st Friday Faith & Fun

***Join us for the Third Annual Women's Retreat
At Johnsonburg Retreat Center
April 17-19, 2009***

***The theme this year is prayer. Be a part of this special weekend
Cost is \$90.00 with a \$45.00 deposit due before December 30.
Meals are included.***

This retreat fills up fast. Don't miss out!

See Jennifer Giordano or pick up a pink brochure for complete details.



Library News!

As we celebrate the life of Alex Fell, we reflect on his love of God and his kindness to all of us at CPC. Coping with feelings of loss is so difficult. You might find words of comfort in Granger E. Westberg's *Good Grief: A Constructive Approach to the Problem of Loss* in which he writes, "To say a person is deeply religious and therefore does not face grief situations is ...unrealistic and incompatible with the whole Christian message." Remember: You can sign out books and tapes ANY TIME THE CHURCH IS OPEN. Just fill in the cards with name, phone number, and date. You can use the print lists of our holdings or access our CPC Library catalog through the CPC website at <http://collingswoodpres.com/>. Click on the Library tab for the collection and Online Resources and Links of Interest. You can also access the collection directly at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/collingswoodpc>. Enter the author, title, or keyword in the query box that says SEARCH YOUR LIBRARY or may click on the YOUR LIBRARY tab to bring you to the actual collection. See Lorrie Heuser, Peggy Haines, or Karen Mazak for assistance.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- **Confirmation Class** - The next meetings will be Wednesday, January 7th and 21st, 2009 from 7-8 pm in the Meeting room upstairs. Pick up your Worship Reflection Sheets in the narthex and drop off finished ones outside Pastor Kate's office. On January 25 at 2:00 pm all confirmation youth are asked to come to the church to help prepare a dinner for Ronald McDonald House. Senior High youth are welcome as well. We will cook here and take it over to the Ronald McDonald House to serve the families staying there.
- **First Friday Faith and Fun** - will be this Friday, January 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm (Even though it's the 2nd Friday in January!) All youth grades 5th through 7th are welcome. Bring your friends!!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS..

Those Celebrating a Birthday: Jack Forgach, Doris Churchill, Susan Lagakos, and Celeste Banko.

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

Our country, our new president, and our leaders
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world
CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley,
Jessica Lowden-- in Monrovia, Liberia

Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier
Dorothy Lawnicki
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson
Patricia Moler
Pat Schuehler

Alma Lattimore
Barbara Perry

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Brandon Brauns
Doris Feaster
Ralph Gunther
Richard Marks
Eddie Ostrander
Catherine Tumminia

Chuck Christy
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Susan Moler
Barbara Perry
Tony Tumminia

Bree Donovan
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Philip Lagakos
Carol O'Malley
Bill Sharp
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Our Partners in Mission

South Asian Fellowship of Sicklerville
Our PCUSA mission in Mozambique
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.

