

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*November 1, 2009*

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

**November 1, 2009**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Silent Prayer**

*Creator God, we glory in the gift of your world. May we love and trust you enough today that we may open ourselves to hear your words as they are written on our hearts in scripture, word and song. 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:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People:** I will sing praises to God all my life long.

**Leader:** Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful;

**People:** seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

**Leader:** setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

**People:** lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

**Leader:** The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

**People:** but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

**Leader:** The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations.

**All:** Praise the Lord!

## Hymn - "To God Be the Glory" # 485 PH

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Jesus said that the first commandment was this: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength, and the second commandment is this "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." We hear what you are saying to us, Lord, but it is not easy in today's society. Worshipping position and status, power and wealth seem to be the first commandments of life these days, and when we are so busy achieving these it doesn't leave much time to care for, let alone love, our neighbor.

**People: Help us to re-order our priorities, Lord, so that they are more in tune with yours.**

*A short silence to reflect on these words*

Leader: Jesus, our Lord and Savior , we confess that there are times when the pattern of our daily lives is modeled on other than worshipping God and caring for neighbor. All we seem to be creating is a feel-good, self-serving approach to life rather than your costly, self-emptying, servanthood lifestyle.

**People: Lord, reconnect us to the desire to live out your commandments of love.**

*A short silence to reflect on these words*

Leader: Forgive us for loving only those who love us, return good to those who are good to us and to forgive those who we feel deserve it. Help us to give up our turf of power and control to surrender ourselves to others.

**People: Lord, stir us into action so that the signs of your powerful love are visible in and through us.**

*A short silence to reflect on these words*

**Leader: Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus truly demonstrated his love for all as he rescued us from lives dominated by evil and sin by his acts of mercy and justice, his suffering and death. Hear then the good news that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Response - "Come and See" # 2127 STF (verses 1, 2)**

## Sharing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: and also with you.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## Children's Sermon

*(Children third grade and older will stay for communion. Younger children may leave for Sunday School and will be brought to the lounge after worship.)*

**Anthem: "Revelation 19"**

by Jeffrey LaValley

Chancel Choir

## Litany of Christian Love

Leader: Love is patient and kind.

**People: O God, help us to be patient with people, even when they are foolish and annoying; and help us to be as kind to others as we would wish them to be to us.**

Leader: Love is not jealous or boastful.

**People: O God, help us never to grudge other people their possessions or successes, and keep us from all pride and conceit, that we may never boast of what we are, or have, or have achieved.**

Leader: Love is not arrogant or rude.

**People: O God, make us at all times courteous, and no matter who the other person is, help us never to look at anyone with contempt.**

Leader: Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.

**People: O God, help us not to be irritable and difficult to live with, nor to resent criticism or rebuke, even when we do not deserve it.**

Leader: Love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

**People: O God, help us never to find pleasure in any wrong thing, but to find happiness only in doing the right, and in helping others to do it.**

Leader: Love bears all things.

**People: O God, help us to bear insults and slights, and never to grow bitter.**

Leader: Love believes all things.

**People: O God, help us never to lose faith in Jesus our Lord.**

Leader: Love hopes all things.

**People: O God, help us never to despair however dark and difficult and discouraging life may be.**

Leader: Love endures all things.

**People: O God, help us to stick it out to the end, and never to give in.**

Leader: Love never ends. For faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**People: O God, you are love; help us to show your love to others each day of our lives. This we ask for your love's sake. Amen.**

**\*Hymn "Though I May Speak" # 335 PH**

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 12: 28-34**

**Sermon: "This Is It! Really!"**

*The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of creation with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them.

### **The Offering**

*"For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven.  
It is in dying that we awaken to eternal life."*

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Communion Hymn** *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* #521 PH

### **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

Join in singing "*Jesus, Remember Me*" #599 PH

The Cup

Join in singing "*Let Us Break Bread Together*" #513 PH

## **Prayer After Communion**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to continue his work in the world through our faithful witness and loving service. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Parting Hymn: *"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"* # 514 PH

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude



*\*Those who are able, please stand.*



***Go Forward and Serve!***

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

*Be sure to join us in the lounge after worship for coffee and fellowship time. If you have a child in Sunday School, the teachers will bring them to the lounge when their classes are finished.*

### *Hymnal References:*

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Large blue hymnal)

STF- Sing the Faith (Small blue hymnal)

TH - The Hymnbook (Maroon hymnal)

# The Earth Is Yours

The earth is yours, O God,  
And we are tenants here.  
May we be ready every day,  
With joy, when you appear.

You judge our stewardship,  
Our losses and our gains.  
You know when we are filled with zeal  
And when our passion wanes.

Increase our faith in Christ,  
That resurrection power  
May waken us from selfish pride,  
Transforming us this hour.

We seek to be the church,  
Christ's body on this earth,  
Continuing the work of One  
Whose love proclaims our worth.

Come, reign among us here,  
Equipping us to serve,  
That we may bear the fruit of love  
And give without reserve. Amen.

by Lavon Baylor

**Sunday, November 1, 2009**

***Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!***

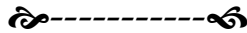
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

*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:** Barbara Maylath

**Deacon of the Day:** Mike Amato

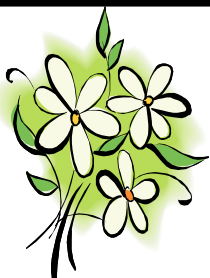
**Fellowship Hour Host:** Jane Trent

**Communion Servers:** Myra Ostrander, Mike Amato, Bob Marks.

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Ray and Catherine Burns in memory of loved ones.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY**

**GIRLS EXPRESS** - Meets after church **today**. This new group just for girls middle school and up will meet the first Sunday of every month. Girls, this is a great chance to support each other and talk about the issues young women face today and how to deal with them from a Christian viewpoint. Lunch and a ride home will be provided.



Flower dedications are available for November 15, 22 and 29 and all of December. Please sign up using the book in the narthex or by contacting Marion in the church office.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today 11/1    10:30 AM - Worship and Sunday School  
11:30 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour  
12:00 PM - Girl's Express

Mon. 11/2    7:00 PM - Session

Tues. 11/3    Election Day: Remember to Vote!  
9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup  
7:00 PM - Deacons

Wed. 11/4    9:30 - 11:00AM - Toddler Playgroup  
5:15 - 6:00 PM - Beginning Handbells  
6:00 - 6:50 PM - Intermediate Handbells  
6:30 - 7:30 PM - Advanced Handbells  
7:00 PM - Membership & Church Life  
7:30 - 8:30 PM - Adult Handbells

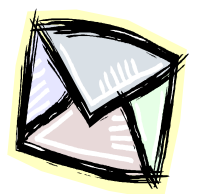
Thurs. 11/5    7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Fri. 11/6    7 - 8:30 PM - First Friday Faith & Fun



## SAVE A STAMP!!

**Please pick up your financial statements from  
the mailboxes in the hall outside the lounge.**





**Circle 2** - The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm in the lounge. Join us for this special chance to fellowship with other women from CPC. All are welcome!

**Books Swap Table** - A whole new batch of books has come in! Check out the table in the lounge. Feel free to take a book or two or leave some that you would like to share. No library card needed!

**Fair Trade Coffee** - Coffee is available for purchase. Please contact Joanie Balderstone at [rebnjoanie@comcast.net](mailto:rebnjoanie@comcast.net) or 856-795-5992 or on Sundays at church. Available coffee includes: Breakfast Blend (\$5.75), French Roast (\$5.75) and Decaf (\$6.75) Exact change or checks made out to CPC are appreciated. Want to stock up? Coffee is also available by the case - ask for details.



**St. Paul's Food Pantry** - November is "cold cereal" month for St. Paul's Food Pantry. Please place your donation on the table in the back of the church and watch it grow!

**Missed the New Member Brunch?** Still want to join the church? Please contact Meg Standing at 547-5554 to sign up for the next new member brunch which is scheduled for November 22 after church. Come join in!

**Warm Winter Clothing for the Homeless** - The Deacon's are collecting "new" and "slightly used" winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves throughout November and December. Your donations will be delivered to the New Visions Homeless Day Shelter in Camden. It is our hope and prayer that these items will help the homeless they reach to be more comfortable and survive the upcoming winter. Please place hats, gloves and scarves on the tree in the Narthex. Coats and jackets go in the box next to the tree. This is an easy way to help others and serve the Lord. We hope you will pray for the success of this effort and take time to participate in this worthwhile cause.



# **Christian Education**



**Girl's Express** meets after church today.

**First Friday Faith & Fun** - 5th through 7th Grades.

Next meeting is November 6, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Bring your friends!

**Senior High Youth** - Next meeting is November 8 from 7 to 9 pm. See you there!

**Middle School Retreat** - 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade December 4 - 6 at Johnsonburg.

**DEPOSITS ARE DUE ASAP!** The cost is \$95.00. Friends are welcome.

Please sign up on the podium and take a packet. Included in the packet is an envelope. You **MUST** place your payment in the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Final payment due by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Note, there will not be a spring Middle School retreat.

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## *Sunday School Schedule*

- ♦ On the 1st Sunday of the month, which is Communion Sunday, we ask all kids 3rd grade and up to remain in church. Younger children are to attend Sunday School after Children's chat.
- ♦ All other Sundays: Children in prek - 4th grade are to attend Sunday School following Children's Chat. We begin in Calvin hall. The children will be brought to the lounge when their classes are complete.
- ♦ 2nd and 4th Sundays: 5th - 12th graders will have bible discussion following Children's Chat. Everyone begins in Calvin Hall, then proceeds to the following classes:
  - 5th grade meets in the Lorrie Lesso room
  - 6th & 7th grade meet in the back of Fellowship Hall (dining rm.)
  - 8th - 12th grade meet in the meeting room next to the nursery

❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

**Those celebrating a birthday this week:** Ashley Banko, Kim Lowden, Pastor Kate, Joanie Balderstone, Lois Ottman, Bill Lagakos, Nicole Franklin, Peter Herzog, Melissa Corso and Kristen Woods.

**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  
Barbara Perry

Robert Johnson  
Rosemary Sammons

Dorothy Lawnicki  
Dorothy Varnum

**Pray for Health and Wellness\***

Brandon Brauns  
Chuck Christy  
Anastasia Fillmore  
Sarah Ginter  
Robert Johnson  
Jonathan Lazorko  
Susan Moler  
Fran Paul  
Catherine Tumminia

Jenn Brooks  
The DeLuca Family  
Annjakira Flores  
Ralph Gunther  
Jeannie Kaufman  
Cathy Mazak  
Paul Masarek  
Christine Siravo  
Cheryl Jean Gordan

Gloria Cezarez  
Bree Donovan  
Arlene Galeski  
Max Gureki  
Philip Lagakos  
Lisa Miner  
Eddie Ostrander  
Nicki Stefanucci  
Ray and Barbara Perry

**Our Partners in Mission**

Elmer Presbyterian Church  
Our PCUSA mission in Togo  
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.**

