

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 27, 2011
1st Sunday of Advent

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

O God, at this time each year we remind ourselves that you have come and continue coming into our lives. Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell among us this day and through this advent season. 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

(Please stand for items marked with an asterisk.)



Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Schuehler Family

Leader: The wreath is round with no beginning or end,
testifying to the eternity of God's creation.

**People: The wreath is evergreen, recalling that our
faith, our hope is alive.**

The first candle is lit.

Leader: This Sunday we light the candle of hope, a reminder
that the prophets had their expectations of a Messiah
who would bring peace and love into the world.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

***Hymn - "Advent Carol" #2090 SF (verse 1)**

*Light the Advent candle, one:
Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas day.*

Refrain: *Candle, candle, burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said "I am the light of the world, the one who
follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the
light of life.

**People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light.**

Leader: Those who have dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on
them light has shined!

**People: Dear God, our world is in darkness. We need the light
of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to**

prepare our lives and homes to receive the Christ born among us. Amen.

***Hymn - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 9**

***Prayer of Confession**

We confess, O God, that we do not take seriously your coming in to our lives. We do not believe that salvation is near, we do not act uprightly, loving you, our neighbors or ourselves. We do not bend our swords into plowshares. Forgive us, we pray, that we might once again walk in your light, choosing for the world of Christ. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Leader: This is the good news in Jesus Christ.

People: That we stand before God, not through our own goodness,

Leader: But through God's great kindness to us.

People: Rejoice and be glad, for God comes to us!

***Congregational Response - "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" #576 PH**

Gloria, gloria, in Excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

***Sharing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

(There will be no Sunday School today.)

Anthem - "Prepare"

by Dale Peterson

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 680-681)

***Hymn - "Open Our Eyes" #2086 STF**

(Choir sings through first, then congregation join in singing second time.)

Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:24-37 (p. 925)

Sermon: "Wake Up! "

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

"This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone."

~Taylor Caldwell

Musical Meditation - *"Lord of All Good"*

Frank Moore, Soloist

***Hymn of Dedication** - *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* #428 PH v.1

*We give thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be,
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn** - *"Breathe on me, Breath of God"* # 316 PH

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

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

Sunday, November 27, 2011

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

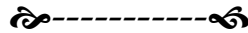
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book* ❧
in the narthex so we know you are here!

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: Anna Lee Bachtell

Deacon of the Day: Lorrie Heuser

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

Flowers: The flowers today are given by George Rafferty and Jean Harle in memory of their parents.

Church Activities This Week

Today, 11/27	9:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. - Worship 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time
Tues., 11/29	7 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Wed., 11/30	11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study - Acts 6 - 8:30 p.m. - Handbells
Fri., 12/2	Junior High Leave for Johnsonburg

Announcements

Curious About CPC? - We will be forming a new member class soon. If you are interested in possibly becoming a member or would just like to know more about our church, please sign up in the narthex.



Memorial Garden Bricks - Would you like to order an engraved memorial brick for a loved one? We are gathering the next order and hope your loved one will be included. Order forms are available in the Narthex by the Memorial Book. See Karen Mazak with any questions.

New Addresses: Elsie Hak and Alex Constantine have new addresses. Drop them a note or card to let them know you are thinking of them during the upcoming holiday season.

Alex Constantine, SBI #466836E
Mountainview Youth
Correctional Facility
31 Petticoat Lane
Annandale, NJ 08801

Elsie Hak
CareOne at Evesham
874 Route 70 East, Room 215
Marlton, NJ 08053
Phone: 988-2234

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

November 27th No YG (Thanksgiving Sunday)
(Johnsonburg total amt due)



December

2-4th Johnsonburg Jr. High Retreat
4th – No YG (Johnsonburg)
11th – YG
18th – YG Christmas Party
25th – No YG (Christmas)



The Christmas Pageant is Coming!!!

December 18, 2011

Sun. 12/4 & 12/11 - Rehearsal during Sunday School.

Thurs, 12/15 @ 6:00 p.m. - Dress rehearsal and church decorating.



Sun. 12/18 - Pageant Day! Please be here by 9:30 a.m. so we can get everyone into their costumes.

We have already begun practicing the songs for the pageant during Sunday School time. Please try to have your kids here on Sundays so they can be ready for the big day!

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The **Christmas Luncheon** will be after church on 12/18. We will provide the ham and meatballs. We need you to bring side dishes, desserts and drinks. Please sign up using the form in the back of the bulletin so we know how many are coming and what you are bringing.

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

- Sun. 11/20 - Numbers 34-36
- Mon. 11/21 - Deuteronomy 1-2
- Tues. 11/22 - Deuteronomy 3-4
- Wed. 11/23 - Deuteronomy 5-7
- Thurs. 11/24 - Deuteronomy 8-11
- Fri. 11/25 - Deuteronomy 12-15
- Sat. 11/26 - Deuteronomy 16-19

## Mitten and Hat and Coat Tree!

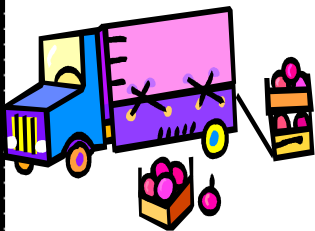


The Deacons will be collecting hats, scarves, and mittens that will be donated to the homeless in Camden. Help us warm as many people as possible during this upcoming winter season by donating as many items as you are able. Please hang your donations on the tree in the Narthex. Our tree will be up through the end of December. This year there will also be envelopes hanging on the tree for those who would like to make a monetary donation. Simply take an envelope, place your cash or check inside, and put it in the offering plate (NOT back on the tree).

You can also help the homeless on the streets of Camden stay warm this winter by donating a gently used or new coat. The Deacons' coat drive will be now through the end of December. Please place coats on the pew (behind the table) in the Narthex. Any questions, call Martha Jane @ 856-559-0154. On behalf of all the bodies you will warm...THANK YOU!

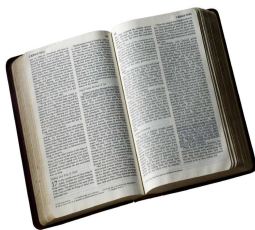


## Mobile Food Pantry The Food Bank of South Jersey's Hope



Mobile is a mobile food pantry that reaches out to families and individuals living at or below poverty level. Every 2nd Saturday of the month, the Hope Mobile drops off food at Whitman Park in Camden for distribution. If you're interested in volunteering, please call Martha Jane for additional details @ 856-559-0154.

## ADULT EDUCATION



**One Year Journey** - This program is a great way to work our way through the Bible together. We will be discussing the passages and their meaning to us at the **Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:00 am** in the lounge.

Study guides are available. 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. - How did the early church begin? Join us in a study on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Materials for study will be available from Pastor Kate.



The elders and other committee leaders were very pleased with the response to our re-visioning luncheon. There were 8 tables actively discussing, suggesting, and scoring directions for the future. (Lunch was very tasty, too!) The elders will be reviewing the results in January to revitalize our mission and programs.

Step-up Your Pledge Sunday was also very encouraging, but we still are missing more than a few pledge forms. If you can't find your form, there are extra copies on the narthex (foyer) table. Please place them in the offering plate during worship or mail them to the church office c/o treasurer. These positive results show that next year CAN be a great year! Thank you for praying, participating and pledging your support to our church family.

Nominating Committee:

This church is so blessed to have the dedicated and supportive membership that we do! We are concluding a successful Stewardship Campaign, and despite continuing hardships for many of us, you continue to pledge as much as you can. But there are other ways we can give, not just financially, but also we can give our time and talents toward the future of Collingswood Presbyterian Church.

Linda & Rich Herzog and Abby Murray are serving as your Nominating Committee this year, and it is time to prayerfully consider your place in the future of our church. Perhaps as we have undergone the Revisioning process in the past few weeks you have recognized an opportunity to serve our church, our community, and God by being a part of our leadership.

We have a place for 3 Deacons and 3 Session members (Elders) starting in early 2012. We are also looking for a member of our Senior High youth to be a Youth Deacon. Please prayerfully consider your role in the future of our church; the direction you'd like to see us go in; the activities and programs you want to see in place; and how we can continue to grow in spirit and fellowship with each other in this service. Any member of the Committee would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS - 2011

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew, Pastor (856-218-1976)
 Stacy Lagakos, Director of Music Marion Wertz, Church Secretary
 Mark Wheeler, Christian Ed. Director Anthony Pilarchik, Sexton
 Maryann Kelly, Bookkeeper

THE SESSION

(Meets second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)

Linda Herzog, Clerk of Session
 Bob Marks, Commissioner to Presbytery
 Barbara Bockmann, Financial Secretary

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Linda Herzog	Kelly Higgs	Robert Marks
	Lorraine Brown	Mark Standring
	Anna Lee Bachtell	Shanna Morascini

Committees of Session

Chair

Christian Education	Keith Haines
Finance and Stewardship	Bob Marks
Membership & Church Life	Lorraine Brown
Memorial	Karen Mazak
Mission	Anna Lee Bachtell
Personnel	Kelly Higgs
Nominating	Linda Herzog
Property and Buildings	Mark Standring
Worship and Arts	Shanna Morascini

BOARD OF DEACONS

(Meets first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)

Lorrie Heuser, Moderator

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Martha Jane Caldwell-Bates	Abigail Murray	Carol Fulton
Lorrie Heuser	Linda Young	Janette Flores
Jane Trent		
Annjakira Flores (1 year)		

∞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ∞

Birthdays: Scott LaPan, Jane Trent, Glen Schuehler, Pat Gardiner,
Jamie Stoy and Pete Pizzutillo.

Births: Congratulations to Tim and Alyson Young on the birth of their
daughter Taryn Paige, on Nov. 21st & to grandparents Paul & Linda Young

**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	Robert Johnson	June Hart
	Elizabeth Baggett	

Pray for Health and Wellness

Beumont Family	Ruth & Harry Binder	Flor D'Castanel
Chuck Christy	Paul Dorety	Charlie Dunlevy
Peter Fagan	Jack Fagan	Rich Forster
Carol Fulton	Rachel Ginter	Sarah Ginter
Frank Griffin	Max Gureki	Brooke Hankins
Susan Kwiatkowski	Mildred Letts	June Marsh
Barbara Miner	Patti Moler	John Pellini
Grace & Mel Sharp	Mary Troyano	Sam Jang Do-Soon
Lisa	Friend of Perro/Forgach Family	

Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Vineland
Our PCUSA mission in Nicaragua
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.**



Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary from December 18th through December 26th. If you would like to order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill in the slip below and place it – along with your check – in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office **by December 11th**. Make your check payable to “Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Flowers.”

If you like, you may pick up your plant after our Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 5:00 p.m. The Deacons will distribute any plants remaining to shut-ins.

The cost is \$15 each (7 inch pot – 6+ blooms). Poinsettias are available in your choice of color with red, pink, or white blooms.



Poinsettia orders due by December 11th:

I would like to order the following poinsettias at \$15 each:

How many? _____ Red
_____ Pink
_____ White



Total # of plants _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

The bulletin insert should read:

Given by _____

In memory of _____
 In honor of _____

In memory of _____
 In honor of _____

Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 18

Following Worship and the Pageant



Mark your calendars for a special time to celebrate Christmas together. The Christmas Pageant will be presented during worship on December 18th, then we'll fellowship together over lunch.

Please make your reservations early! Fill out and submit the form below by December 11th so we can plan our meal. Questions? Contact Lorraine Brown at lorraine.brown@comcast.net or 609-617-3272.

(Fill out and place this form in the offering plate by 12/11)

Family name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Total number attending _____

We will bring (circle one, please):*

Casserole

Side Dish

Dessert

Drinks

*(*Lorraine Brown will contact you with specific menu choices. Sliced Ham and Meatball Sandwiches will be provided.)*