

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2009

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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 29 2009 - 1st Sunday of Advent

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*O come Emmanuel. Fill my mind and heart with the wonder of your light.
Warm my soul with the comfort of your healing and calming arms.
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Ottman Family

Leader: Advent is a season of remembering. We look back over centuries to the coming of Jesus Christ, who brought God near to us.

People: **We remember Jesus Christ, not only as a person of the past, but as a living reality in the present as well.**

The first candle is lit.

Leader: We light the candle of Hope. Long ago, people's hearts were sustained by hope as they waited for a Savior. He appeared and he is with us by his Spirit..

People: **He will appear again. We wait, hoping and trusting, for he promised to complete what was begun in creation. Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ, the Hope of the World.**

Response Hymn #2090 SF - Advent Carol (verse 1)

Call to Worship

Leader: Wake up, people of God! Our salvation is near!

People: **We have been asleep and did not know it. Christ comes to awaken us!**

Leader: Let us enter this season of preparation, expecting to be changed as we worship and serve.

People: **We will watch and ready ourselves for the coming of the One whom God sends.**

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

***Prayer of Confession**

We have fallen asleep, O God. We have numbered our pain and ignored the alarms that warn us. We are exhausted from things that drain us and never find time to do the things that bring us new life. Forgive us for not talking with you and ignoring those that love us. Forgive us for sleeping on the job and hiding from our calling. Free us from all fears that hold us back. Make this Advent season a time for us to wake up to the new voice of the Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God lifts the burdens of sin so we can walk in the newness of life.

People: **Christ has opened our eyes to see new life!**

Leader: The old ways have passed, the new is to come!

People: **Thank God for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, - God with us!**

*Congregational Response - "*Gloria*" # 576 PH
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

Children's Sermon

(Older children may go to their Bible studies and younger children may leave for Sunday School and will be brought to the lounge after worship.)

Anthem: "*Prepare*"

by Dale Peterson

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

***Hymn:** "*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*" # 5 PH

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "*One Can Always Hope*"

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

RESPONSE TO THE 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.

The Offering

"To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kind that will stand behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude."

Albert Schweitzer

Musical Meditation

*Doxology

*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.

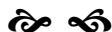
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Parting Hymn: "Prepare the Way" # 13 PH

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

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

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Hymnal References:

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Large blue hymnal)

STF- Sing the Faith (Small blue hymnal)

TH - The Hymnbook (Maroon hymnal)

Don't forget your November memory verse!

*Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:29-31*

Sunday, November 29, 2009

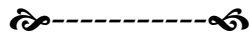
Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

☞ 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: Keith Haines

Welcoming Team Lead:

Opening/Closing Building: Art Moffett

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Jane Trent and Lorrie Heuser

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Lois Noyes in loving memory of my sister Dottie.

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 11/29** 10:30 AM - Worship & Sunday School
11:30 AM - Expanded Fellowship Coffee Time
- Tues. 12/1** 9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup
7:00 PM - Deacons
7:00 PM - Creative Needlework Guild
- Wed. 12/2** 9:30 - 11:00AM - Toddler Playgroup
- Thurs. 12/3** 5 - 6:00 PM - Daisies
7:00 PM - Choir
- Fri. 12/4** Depart for Middle School Retreat
- Sat 12/5** 9:45 AM - Brandywine River Museum Trip

Announcements

NO HANDBELL REHEARSALS THIS WEEK!!

First Friday - Please note that there will be no First Friday on Dec. 4. due to the middle school retreat. Please keep us in your prayers for that weekend!



Circle 2 - There will be a Circle 2 women's meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. There will be a craft. Join us, everyone is welcome!

Christmas Pageant Luncheon - Sign up in the Narthex beginning next week. See next page for more info.

Christmas Poinsettias - Please use the order form on the back of the bulletin. Orders are due by December 13.



Save The Date!

December 5, 9:45 AM - Brandywine River Museum

Chadds Ford, PA. Meet at 9:45 am at the church. Be home by 4 pm. Admission is \$10.00, plus we will chip in for carpooling costs. Sign up in the Narthex.

December 20th - Annual Christmas Pageant and Luncheon

The pageant will take place during the Worship Service with the Luncheon following the pageant. We will be serving Stuffed Shells and Meatballs, Ham and Mac and Cheese, salad, rolls and dessert. There will be a donation of \$5 per family to offset the cost. Sign up to bring something will be in the narthex on Dec. 6 and 13



January 15, 7:00 PM - White Elephant

Bingo. Please save and donate those Christmas gifts that you just can't use. . . we can use them!! (Only new items, please.) Toys, candles, household items, accessories, bath products, just to name a few. Your unused gift could be someone's

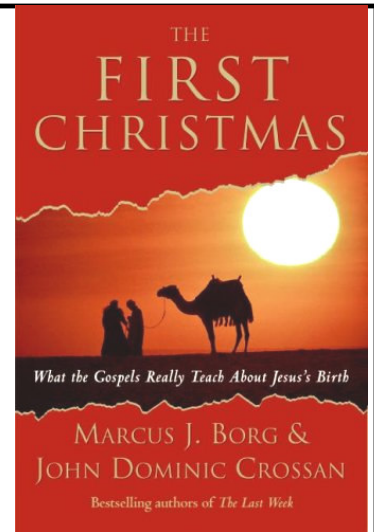
treasured prize!

March 13 - Progressive Dinner. If you live in or near Collingswood and would like to offer your home for one of our courses, please let Donna Willis know at dwillis423@hotmail.com.



"The First Christmas" The Birth of Jesus

Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20
at 9:15 am
in the Pastor's office.



Come early to church and "center" yourself during this holiday season as we talk about the stories of the birth of Jesus.

Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation. We will be using Marcus Borg's book "The Real Story of Jesus' Birth" and chapters will be available in the narthex for reading. Leader will be Pastor Kate.

"The First Christmas" enriches our understanding of Jesus in a desperately needed way. Readers will find profound and convincing insights into the meaning of birth and life of Jesus- for the early church, and will be challenged to discern their meaning for the world today."

*Brian McLaren, author of
"A New Kind of Christian"*



We're Getting Ready for Christmas!!!

Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm

Children who are in the Christmas Pageant need to be here for a rehearsal. Parents, we need you to stay and help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas while the children are rehearsing. We'll all enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate when we're finished!



INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH? QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN?

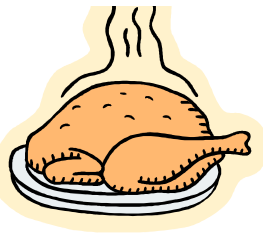
Perhaps you have decided to join CPC or maybe you just want to know more about the Presbyterian Church. Come to an Inquirer's Brunch after church hosted by Pastor Kate and some of the members of the church on Sunday, December 6. RSVP at collspres@verizon.net if you will be coming.



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!





Got Turkey?

In these tough economic times, more people than ever can use a helping hand. St. Paul's Food Pantry in Collingswood has "the fixings" but not enough turkey and ham for this Christmas season.

If you qualify for a free turkey or ham from a local supermarket please consider donating it to St. Paul's Food Pantry. Just bring it to church on any Sunday between now and Christmas and the Deacons will deliver it to St. Paul's. If you prefer to have your donation picked up, please call Martha Jane @ 856-858-6419 or Mike Amato @ 609-413-6770.

Remember your neighbors in need, donate a turkey or ham.

(P.S. Don't forget, December is also "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!)

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.



Holiday Offerings to Make your Season Bright!

Sunday, December 6th - 5 to 8 PM
28th Annual Community Sing of The Messiah



First United Methodist Church - Moorestown
446 Camden Ave. - Phone: 235-0450

**Join the tradition of celebrating the season
by singing Handel's Messiah with your friends and neighbors.
An experience not to be missed!**



Friday, December 11 - 6 to 9 PM
Live Nativity

First United Methodist Church - Collingswood
Park and Dayton Avenues - 858-1186
(Rain Date 12/12)

**A wonderful event for the whole family with
live actors and animals. Enjoy hot cocoa ,
cookies, and peaceful Christmas music.**



Friday, December 18 - 7 PM
The American Boychoir: A Holiday Concert



Trinity Presbyterian Church
499 Route 70 East - Cherry Hill - 428 - 2050
(call for info. about pricing or tickets)

**Enjoy this premier boys' choir consisting of an ensemble
of beautiful voices performing holiday music.
Sure to be a highlight of your season!**

❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

Those celebrating a birthday this week: Glen Schuehler, Pat Gardiner and Jamie Stoy.

Those celebrating blessings - Welcome to Guillermo Andres Ortiz, born November 22 weighing in at 7 lbs., 11 oz., 21 inches! Congratulations to proud Grandmother Karen Mazak who thanks you for keeping her daughter Cathy in your prayers.



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
Erin Eaton
Max Gureki
Philip Lagakos
Paul Masarek
Christine Siravo
Cheryl Jean Gordan

Jenn Brooks
The DeLuca Family
Annjakira Flores
Sarah Ginter
Joe Hall
Lisa Miner
Fran Paul
Nicki Stefanucci

Gloria Cezarez
Bree Donovan
Arlene Galeski
Ralph Gunther
Jeannie Kaufman
Susan Moler
Terri Rodgers
Catherine Tumminia

Our Partners in Mission

Greenwich Presbyterian Church
Our PCUSA mission in Ukraine
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.**



Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary from December 20th through December 27th. 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 13th**. Make your check payable to “Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Flowers.”

If you like, you may pick up your plant after our Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 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 13, 2006:

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 _____