

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*November 8, 2009*

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

**November 8, 2009**

*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Silent Prayer**

*As we gather together on this fall day, may we recognize and affirm the pieces of possibility, the bits of good, we bring, allowing our individual gifts to weave a patchwork of peace. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presence of God. 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:** God is calling you today.

**People:** **Help us to hear God's call in our lives.**

**Leader:** God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

**People:** **May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

**People:** **Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions.**

**AMEN.**

**Hymn - "We Sing to You, O God" # 2001 STF**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair. Let us pray,

**People: Bountiful Love: our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, enough respect, enough recognition, enough to live on. And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you, we cannot see the emptiness of others, we cannot help but cling to more than we need. Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings. Tell us how we can be more loving; whisper to us of how we can be more compassionate; sing to us of how we can serve others - all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is observed*

## **Words of Assurance**

Leader: The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours.

**People: Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ, so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**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 5th grade and older may go to their bible studies. Younger children may leave for Sunday School and will be brought to the lounge after worship.)*

**Anthem:** *"I Will Glorify Your Name"* by Cindy Berry

Chancel Choir

**Epistle Lesson:** Hebrews 9:24-28

**Psalm 103: 1-14 (Responsive)**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**People: who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**People: The LORD works vindication and justice  
for all who are oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**People: The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

**People: a far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**People: For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

**\*Hymn:** *"We All Are One in Mission"* #2243 STF

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 12:38-44

**Sermon:** *"Little Bits of Heaven"*

*The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: What gifts do we have to bring to the Lord?

**People: First, come into God's presence with humility and peace.**

Leader: What service can we bring to God?

**People: Come rejoicing and praising God for all that God has done for you.**

Leader: How shall we witness to these mighty acts of God?

**People: Let your love, that abides deep in your heart, the love that God has placed there, be a beacon for others who feel as though darkness has engulfed them.**

Leader: How shall I praise my God?

**People: With all that you have and all that you are.**

Leader: Praise be to God who has blessed me and all of us in such mighty ways!

**People: Praise be to God who continually blesses our lives and calls to each of us to be a blessing for others. AMEN.**

### The Offering

*"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."* Elizabeth Bibesco

\*Hymn "Give Thanks" #3036 STF

### \*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:** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* # 2241 STF

**\*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)

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Don't forget your November Bible 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*

## **“A Prayer of God’s Presence”**

**In gentle touches of fathers,  
in calming words of mothers,  
you care for us; through teachers in schools,  
neighbors at the corner,  
colleagues who share jobs with us,  
you touch us with your peace.  
We worship you, Holy God,  
with our words and with our silence.**

**You appeared but once,  
yet all people have been cleansed in your grace;  
you lived but once, yet every life is redeemed by your love;  
you died but once, and all people will live in your kingdom  
forever.  
Jesus, Friend of the fallen, we follow you with our lives.**

**Stained by the pride of the world,  
you wash us with your tears;  
made naked by the criticisms of others,  
you clothe us with your grace;  
condemned by those around us,  
you hallow us with your hope.  
We welcome you into our hearts, Spirit of Joy.**

**God in Community, Holy in One,  
we lift our prayers to you, Amen.**

**Thom W. Shuman**

**Sunday, November 8, 2009**

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

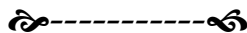
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

*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:** Mike Amato

**Welcoming Team:** Nicole and KP Will

**Opening/Closing Building:** Art Moffett

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:** Jane Trent and Lorrie Heuser

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Peggy and Keith Haines in memory of Peggy's mother, Peggy Beck.

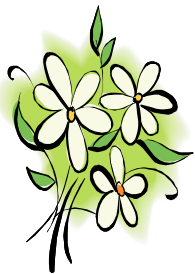
## ***Sunday School Schedule***



- ♦ 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 will leave for Sunday School after Children's chat and are brought to the lounge when their classes are finished.
- ♦ All other Sundays: Children in prek - 4th grade will go to Sunday School following Children's Chat. They begin in Calvin hall and are brought to the lounge when done.
- ♦ 2nd and 4th Sundays: 5th - 12th graders will also leave following Children's Chat and will go to bible discussion groups. 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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

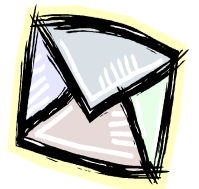
- Today 11/8    10:30 AM - Worship & Sunday School  
11:30 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour  
7 - 9 PM - Senior High Youth Group
- Tues. 11/10    9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup
- Wed. 11/11    9:30 - 11:00AM - Toddler Playgroup  
5:15 - 6:00 PM - Beginning Handbells  
6:00 - 6:50 PM - Intermediate Handbells  
6:30 - 7:30 PM - Advanced Handbells  
7:30 - 8:30 PM - Adult Handbells  
7:30 PM - Circle 2
- Thurs. 11/12    5:00 PM - Daisies  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice
- Sat. 11/14    9:30 AM - Creative Needlework Guild  
9AM to 1PM - Presbyterian Women's Team Mtg.



Flower dedications are still available for November 29 and December 6. Please sign up using the book in the narthex or by contacting Marion in the church office.

### 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 this Wednesday, Nov. 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**

**Senior High Youth** - Meets tonight from 7 to 9 pm. See you there!

**Unicef** - Please bring your Trick or Treat for Unicef boxes to Jennifer's office or place them in the offering plate.

**Middle School Retreat** - 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade December 4 - 6 at Johnsonburg. There is still space if you would like to come. See Jennifer ASAP!

**Summer Mission Trip to Schuylkill County, PA** - 7<sup>th</sup> - 12 grades. June 27 to July 2. Deposit of \$60.00 is due by 11/15 if your child is going on this trip. Don't miss this rewarding and fun trip. If you are interested, see Jennifer for more information



**Check out this free mini-course being offered at Camden County College. See Lorrie Heuser for information.**

## **THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION: 1500 to 1650**

**Instructor: J. Block**

**Room: Madison Hall, Room 105**

**Dates: Monday evenings, October 26 to November 23**

**Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m.**

Christian beliefs and practices were tightly woven into the political, cultural and social fabric of the 16th century. This mini-course will explore the big picture of Medieval Christianity on the eve of the Reformation and humanity's focus on anxiety and sin; Martin Luther's core ideas; the Anabaptist movement and Zwingli's theology of civic government and church as two aspects of one and the same Christian community; John Calvin's theology of God's sovereignty, and majestic, divine providence and predestination; and finally, as history moves into the Age of Reason, religious thought and belief undergoes change in the intellectual revolution. Our goal will be to understand the historical ramifications of the Reformation on today's culture.

Week 1 - The Big Picture

Week 2 - Germany and the Theology of Martin Luther

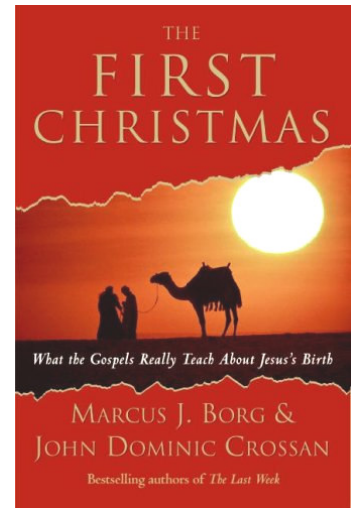
Week 3 - Zurich and Huldrych Zwingli

Week 4 - Geneva and John Calvin

Week 5 - The Impact of Reformation

# "The First Christmas" The Birth of Jesus

Sundays, December 6 and 13  
at 9:30 am in the lounge



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"*



# 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 - Christmas Pageant**

during Worship Service with Christmas 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 ups 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](mailto:dwillis423@hotmail.com).



❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

**Those celebrating a birthday this week:** Joshua Wolfe, Mary Troyano, Tess Standring, Art Dickol, and Emma Standring.

**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  
EricnEaton  
Max Gureki  
Philip Lagakos  
Lisa Miner  
Eddie Ostrander  
Nicki Stefanucci  
Ray and Barbara Perry

Jenn Brooks  
The DeLuca Family  
Annjakira Flores  
Sarah Ginter  
Robert Johnson  
Jonathan Lazorko  
Susan Moler  
Fran Paul  
Catherine Tumminia

Gloria Cezarez  
Bree Donovan  
Arlene Galeski  
Ralph Gunther  
Jeannie Kaufman  
Cathy Mazak  
Paul Masarek  
Christine Siravo  
Cheryl Jean Gordan

**Our Partners in Mission**

Christ Presbyterian Church, Gibbstown  
Our PCUSA mission in Trinidad and Tobago  
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.

