

*The  
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

*"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"*



***Third Sunday of Advent***

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*December 14, 2008*

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

**December 14, 2008  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Silent Prayer

*Jesus says, " I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all fear, you will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.  
Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow, I will bring you home."*

Prelude "What Child is This?" Marjorie Miller, Viola

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 Missions

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 "The Coventry Carol"

Jane Trent, Flute - Marjorie Miller, Viola



Lighting of the Advent Candles

Circle 1

Leader: This is the third Sunday of Advent, the time of preparation for the coming of Christ our Savior.

**People: This Sunday we celebrate the JOY of Christ's presence in our lives.**

Leader: We are God's joyful people who bring the love of Christ to the world.

**People: Our souls rejoice in the light of Christ's presence.**

Response: Hymn #2090 SF Advent Carol (Verse 3)

## Call to Worship

Leader: Let the wilderness and dry lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom.

**People: Let it bring forth flowers,  
let us rejoice and sing for joy!**

Leader: They shall see the glory of God,  
The splendor of our God.

**People: They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
Everlasting joy on their faces!**

Leader: Let us joyfully worship God!

\*Hymn "*Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth*" #7 PH

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We stand at the doors of your great temple, O God, and we open wide our hearts awaiting the one who deals with our sin. May Emmanuel descend on us, we pray. Free us from the preoccupation of the tinsel and the artificial lights. Free us from the belief that we can buy happiness. Forgive us from giving material gifts and withholding the gift of love and true joy. Help us to rejoice in the real presence of the Lord. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

Leader: God's love has been made known to us,

**People: The proof of God's love is that God sent his Son into the world.**

Leader: Jesus came to be our salvation.

**People: So we may love and celebrate life!**

Leader: Thanks be to God for this amazing gift!

\*Congregational Response: #576 PH

**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.**

Musical Meditation

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Jane Trent, Flute - Marjorie Miller, Viola

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Children's Sermon

*(Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

Anthem:

*"Shout, Ye Shepherds"*

by Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126 (responsive)

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
'The LORD has done great things for them.'**

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

**People: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

Leader: May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

**People: Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

\*Hymn *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"* #20 PH

Gospel Lesson: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon: "100 Gifts Under \$20.00" Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith - Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba Confession

**I believe in God, who is love and who has given grounding to the persons who believe in Jesus Christ, the One who came to save us and to liberate us from all the forms of oppression. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who acts in and works in all of those who have turned to the truth. I believe in the community of faith, which is the essence of Jesus Christ in service to all the persons. I believe in the promise of God that will destroy the power of the evil in all of us, establishing his kingdom of justice and peace for the whole of humanity. Amen.**

Offering

*"And the disciples said to Jesus, 'Send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves,' And Jesus said, 'They need not go away, you give them something to eat.'"*

Matthew 14:15

Offertory *"Now the Green Blade Riseth"* Memorial Handbell Choir  
by Noel Nouvelet, Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, we offer you thanks and praise for this season of anticipation, this season of Advent. As we prepare for the birth of your son, we share our tithes and offerings with the joy and excitement that is common as one anticipates the birth of a new child. Bless these gifts in your Holy Name. Amen.**

## 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 "*Prepare The Way*" #13 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, December 14, 2008**

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

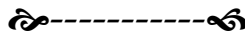
❧ ***If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book  
in the narthex so we know you are here!*** ❧

*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:** Larry Ottman

**Advent Readers:** Circle 1

**Opening and Closing Building:** Joanie Balderstone, Rebecca McIntire and Keith Haines

**Greeters/Ushers:** Deacons

**Flowers:** The flowers today are from Bob Marks and Jane Trent in honor of their children, Robin, Wendy and Christian.



**Collection of Coats, Hats, Gloves, etc.** The Deacons will again be collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and new or used coats in the month of December. They will all be donated to New Visions, the homeless ministry in Camden. Please bring your donations to church by **Sunday December 28th**. This is a good time to clean out your closets and take advantage of the many Christmas sales going on. We thank you in advance for your support.

**New Flower Book** - The Flower Dedication book for 2009 is now available in the Narthex. If you have a special date during the upcoming year that you would like to dedicate flowers, be sure to reserve it by filling out your information in the book. You can also call or email Marion in the church office.



## This Week at CPC

**Sun., Dec. 14**      10:30 am - Worship and Sunday School  
3:00 pm - Families w/Children from  
China Year End Luncheon

**Mon. Dec. 15**      7:00 pm - Session

**Tues., Dec. 16**      9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup  
3:00 pm - Urban Promise  
7:00 pm - Finance

**Wed., Dec. 17**      9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup  
5:15 pm - Intermediate Bell choir  
6:45 pm - Pageant Rehearsal  
6:30 pm - Advanced Youth Bell Choir  
7:00 pm - Decorating the Church  
7:00 pm - Confirmation Class  
7:30 pm - Memorial Bell Choir

**Thur., Dec. 18**      5:00 pm - Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

*A Memorial Service will be held for  
Alexander Fell*



Collingswood Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, January 4, 2008

Luncheon after church 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

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!

Christmas Pageant rehearsal today during Sunday School !

All groups will be rehearsing for the **Christmas Pageant** during the month of December. We will

rehearse during Sunday school and on Wed.,

**December 17** at 6:45pm. (We will decorate the church for Christmas this night!) All should try to attend. Please make plans to have family

and friends attend our pageant on **December 21st** during worship. This is a wonderful way

for our children and youth to express their joy for the Christmas season. As always a DVD will be available so you

do not need to panic about a video camera. The cost of the DVD is only \$5.00. Please plan to attend!



**It's Not Too Late!** If you didn't get a chance to place your poinsettia order, we have extended the deadline. Fill out the form on the back of the bulletin and place in the offering plate or call or email Marion in the office by Monday.

**St. Paul's Food Pantry** is grateful for anything you can donate this holiday season. They have specific need for pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and canned goods.



*From The Nicholson and Engime Families :*

*We are grateful for your many prayers, thoughts and cards at such a difficult time. How wonderful that you honored George in such a lovely way by so many who attended the memorial service. Please know how much we appreciate your continued support. We thank you sincerely.*



## Library News!

As we celebrate Advent, check out *Reader's Digest's Jesus and His Times*, that explores the birth of Jesus in the context of the Holy Land's trade, travel, village life, classes, and religious conflict.

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.

***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.***

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- **Confirmation Class** - We will meet on Wed., December 17 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.
- **Urban Promise:** This Tuesday, December 16 the youth (7th grade and up) will be going to UrbanPromise to help with homework and a craft. Adults are welcome too. Meet at the church by 2:55 pm. Let Jennifer know if you plan to come.
- **Christmas Caroling:** All youth (5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) will meet on December 21st to go Christmas caroling. We will meet at the church at 7:00 pm. We will carol for about 1 hour and then end with hot chocolate and cookies. Please plan to attend with your friends (Your home baked cookies are appreciated!) **NOTE - ALL of the congregation and family and friends are welcome to join us as we carol around town! Please mark your calendars for this fun church outing!!!**



**KEEPING GREEN.** . . Did you know you should recycle compact fluorescent light bulbs? You can do this by:

- √ Saving them until your municipality has a hazardous waste collection day.
- √ Taking them to IKEA.
- √ Shipping them to a recycler (find one at [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org))



**The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield  
124 Kings Highway, East**

**Presents**

**“Bell A Deux”**

**Sunday, December 14  
at 4:00 pm**

**Come see this wonderful handbell duet playing over 85 bells  
and chimes accompanied by harp, voice and piano. The  
musical selections are both serious and light and lots of fun.**

**For more info call the Baptist Church at  
429-2326 or go to [firstbaptisthaddonfield.org](http://firstbaptisthaddonfield.org)**



Tickets are available for the  
Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra Christmas Show

*“Joy, Joy, Joy - A Christmas Celebration”*  
Sat., December 20 and Sun., December 21  
at 2:30 pm

The performances will be held at  
Paul IV High School  
901 Hopkins Road  
Haddon Township.

Call 858-0693 or email [JDICO@comcast.net](mailto:JDICO@comcast.net)  
for tickets or more information



# Pot Luck Luncheon

## Following Worship and Our Christmas Pageant

### Sunday, December 21, 2008



*Mark your calendars for a very special Luncheon to celebrate Christmas together. The Christmas Pageant will be presented during worship on December 21st, then we'll fellowship together over lunch.*

*Please make your reservations early! Fill out and submit the form below by December 14th so we can plan our meal. Questions? Contact Donna Willis at 858-6392 or [tj12697@hotmail.com](mailto:tj12697@hotmail.com)*

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*(Fill out and place this form in the offering plate by 12/14/08)*

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_

We will bring (circle one, please):

Meat

Meat Casserole

Meatless Casserole

Dessert

Vegetable

*(Salad, bread and beverages will be provided.)*

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

**Those Celebrating a Birthday this Week:** Harry Binder, Chris Johnson, Melissa Wolfe, Griffin Maylath, Carly Forgach, and Matina Lagakos.

**Those who are Grieving:** The family of Alex Fell who went home to be with the Lord on December 8, 2008.

The family of Pastor Ryan Bartlett who was killed in an automobile accident in Africa and missionary Kelsey Lynn who works with them and will now be traveling to Cambodia after Christmas.

The Nicholson Family on the loss of George Nicholson.

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

Our country, the upcoming presidential election, and our leaders  
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world  
CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley, Stephanie Nalls  
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  
Sarah Ginter  
Max Gureki  
Susan Moler  
Barbara Perry  
Tony Tumminia

Chuck Christy  
Cheryl Jean Gordan  
Philip Lagakos  
Carol O'Malley  
Bill Sharp  
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Bree Donovan  
Ralph Gunther  
Richard Marks  
Eddie Ostrander  
Catherine Tumminia

**Our Partners in Mission**

Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church in Sewell  
Our PCUSA mission in Mexico  
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 21st through December 24th. If you would like to order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill in the slip below and put it – along with your check – in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office *by December 14<sup>th</sup>*. Make your check payable to “Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Flowers.”

If possible, you may pick up your plant after our Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 solid colors—red, pink, or white blooms.



## **Poinsettia order due December 14, 2008:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ White



Total # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The bulletin insert should read:

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

“In memory of” or “In honor of” (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_