

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*December 19, 2010  
4th Sunday of Advent*

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**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
*December 19, 2010*  
*4th Sunday of Advent*

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Silent Prayer

*Gracious Lord, open our eyes to the wonders you have done,  
open our ears to the promises you have spoken,  
and open our hearts that we might become  
the people you have called us to be.*

*We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. 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.*

Centering Music

*(Please stand for items marked with an asterisk.)*



## Call to Worship

Leader: During Advent we remember God's faithfulness shown to us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's humility set before us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's commands, spoken to us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's incredible love shared with us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle -

The Bermudez Family

### *The Angels' Message: Obey*

Today we light four candles. The **first candle** reminds us that during Advent we hear again the good news of ultimate hope offered through Jesus Christ.

The **second candle** calls us to believe that just as God fulfilled the promise to the Israelites, God's plan continues to unfold in our world today.

The **third candle** calls us to accept that with God nothing is beyond possibility, for we serve a God who can do all things.

We light the **fourth candle** as a call to faithful obedience to the ways of God. As we continue our Advent journey, let us hear what God has spoken, believe what God has promised, accept what God has revealed, and obey what God has commanded.

## Advent Hymn - "God is Near"



Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;  
tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the  
world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em -  
man - u - el, God is near.

### \*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have revealed the glory of your love in the face of Jesus Christ, and have called us by him to live with you as children. We confess that we have not always lived as your children. May the spirit of Jesus be born in us anew, teaching our love to remember, our anger to forgive, our unkindness to forget; that something of his beauty may be upon us. Make us compassionate towards one another, merciful, tender-hearted, forgiving one another; even as You, O God, are compassionate towards us, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; for the sake of your son, our savior. Amen.

### \*Words of Assurance

Leader: The birth of Bethlehem holds for us the promise of rebirth. The faithful response of the shepherds renews among us the courage to trust and to act on our convictions.

**People: Our salvation has come. Our healing is assured.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: as a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I declare your sins are forgiven.

**People: We are God's holy people, redeemed and not forsaken. Praise God!**

\*Congregational Response - "Gloria, Gloria" # 576 PH (Sing twice)

*Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo*

*Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Branle" by C. Gervaise

Intermediate Handbell Choir

Sami Fulton, Lois Ottman, Victoria Brown and Lorraine Brown

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p. 623)

### **Responsive Reading - Psalm 96**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song: Sing all the earth; bless  
God's holy name; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

**People: Declare God's glory among the nations,  
and sing God's marvelous works among all peoples.**

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.  
No one is so great, neither kings nor other gods.

**People: Honor and majesty are before the Lord;  
Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.**

Leader: Honor the Lord, O families of the peoples, give thanks for  
God's glory and strength. Worship the Lord in holy  
splendor; let all the earth tremble before our God.

**People: Tell all the nations: "God is king!  
The world has a firm foundation, it shall never be moved.  
God judges the peoples justly."**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar and all that fills it;  
let the fields shout and everything that grows.

**People: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord; for God is coming!**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 877)

\*Hymn #53 PH *"What Child Is This?"* (verses. 1, 2)

Litany for Christmas - "Unexpected"

written by Ann Weems

Leader: Even now we simply do not expect to find a deity in a stable.

**People: Somehow the setting is all wrong: the swaddling clothes too plain,**

Leader: The manger too common for the likes of a Savior, the straw inelegant,

**People: The animals, reeking and noisy, the whole scene too ordinary for our taste.**

Leader: And the cast of characters is no better.

**People: With the possible exception of the kings, who among them is fit for this night?**

Leader: The shepherds? Certainly too crude, the carpenter too rough, the girl too young.

**People: And the baby!**

Leader: Whoever expected a baby?

**People: Whoever expected the advent of God in a helpless child?**

Leader: Had the Messiah arrived in the blazing light of the glory of a legion of angels wielding golden swords,

**People: The whole world could have been conquered for Christ right then and there.**

Leader: And we in the church – to say nothing of the world! – wouldn't have so much trouble today

**People: Even now we simply do not expect...**

**All: To face the world armed with love.**

Offering

*"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts." ~ Janice Maeditere*

Musical Meditation

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

# *Christmas Pageant ~ "Let Us Go To Bethlehem"*

Children's Choir *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Carlee Aversa, Giavonee Aversa, Ashley Banko, Celeste Banko, Amanda Brown, Victoria Brown, Jenna Dersh, Emily Giordano, Cee Cee Moul

*As the angels and shepherds enter, please join us in singing:*

## **The First Noel (#56 PH)**

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a great star  
Shining in the east beyond them far.  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

*The shepherds exit and we sing as Mary, Joseph and the animals enter.*

## **O Little Town of Bethlehem (#44 PH)**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years , are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King , and peace to all on earth.

*After the angels announce the birth of Jesus, the congregation sings:*

**Away in a Manger (#25 PH)**

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Solo: "O Holy Night" by Cee Cee Moul

*The Angels speak and we sing as the kings enter :*

**We Three Kings of Orient Are ( #66 PH)**

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain,  
Moor and Mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light!

*The kings speak and honor the Christ child. Please join the children in singing:*

**Silent Night, Holy Night" (#60 PH)**

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

**CHRISMON PROCESSION**

The congregation is invited to come forward to place their Chrismons on the front trees and return by the side aisles. Join us as we sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns during the placing of the Chrismons.

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#31 PH)**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**Joy to the World (#40 PH)**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The savior reigns  
Let us our songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**O Come, All Ye Faithful (#41 PH)**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude



*Go Forward and Serve!*

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

Everyone is invited to come to the  
lounge for the cookie exchange and a time of  
Christmas fellowship!  
There will be a pizza party for the pageant  
participants in the dining room.



## *WHAT IS A CHRISMON?*

Chrismons are a type of Christmas tree decoration used in many churches and often in the homes of Christians. The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Technically, if the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a "Chrismon Tree." Most Chrismons are white with gold decorations of beads, ribbon, and glitter.



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*Join us Friday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior  
with a candlelight service.  
If you have donated a poinsettia, you may take it  
with you after the Christmas Eve service.*





## **Christmas Poinsettias Given with love by:**



**Don and Anna Lee Bachtell** in memory of our parents.

**Ray & Catherine Burns** in memory of Bill & Margaret Hearn and loved ones.

**Betty & Art Dickol** in memory of loved ones.

**Carol Fulton** in honor of all 2010 new members.

**Marie & Bill Goulburn** in memory of loved ones.

**Keith & Peggy Haines** in memory of Peggy & Ray Beck and Edward Haines.

**Muriel Haines** in memory of loved ones.

**Jean Harle & George Rafferty** in memory of Eleanor and Herman Harle.

**Amy Henderson Riley** in memory of Ivra Hill Henderson  
and Ruby Faye Pribble.

**The Herzog Family** in memory of loved ones.

**Pastor Kate Killebrew** in honor of the faithful work of our Elders & Deacons

**June Lattimore** in memory of my parents, Sam & Bunny Lattimore  
and in honor of my aunt, Hazel Stecklair.

**The Lowden Family** in memory of loved ones.

**Marjorie & Nolan Miller** in memory of their parents, Marie & Bruce  
and Grace & Nevin.

**Mr. & Mrs. Art Moffett** in memory of departed loved ones and in honor of  
brother Lt. J.G. George Moffett.

**Lois & Sydney Noyes** in memory of loved ones.

**The Pizzutillo Family** in memory of Ida & Tony Pizzutillo and John Nevins.

**Jean Waitz** in memory of Bill Waitz.

**Linda & Paul Young** in memory of loved ones.





**Sunday, December 19, 2010**

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

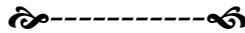
*If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!*

*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:** Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

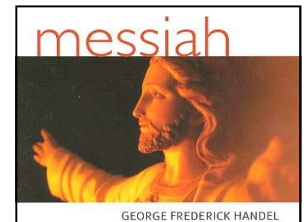
**Deacon of the Day:** Mike Amato

**Welcoming Team Lead:** Lorrie Heuser

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

### ***Announcements***

**Adult Bible Study** - Join us at 9:00 A.M. for the final session of our Advent study entitled "*Halleluiah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah.*"



**Christmas Pageant and Cookie Exchange** - Drop your cookies off in the lounge before church today and come back after the pageant to celebrate Christmas together.

**The Mailboxes are Full!** - Please be sure to check your mailbox in the hallway. There are lots of Christmas cards and other goodies that need to be picked up!!!



**'TIS THE BUSY SEASON**, but in order for the Church to get the Christmas bonus for our Viridian fundraiser, you must be **QUALIFIED** by the end of Dec. That means signing up **NOW**. It takes 5 or more



days to qualify once you sign up. Please sign up **NOW** to **HELP** CPC, you, and the environment!

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

**Today 12/19**

4th Sunday of Advent



10:30 a.m. - Worship & Christmas Pageant

11:30 a.m. - Cookie Exchange in Lounge

11:30 a.m. - Cast Party in Dining Room

**Tues. 12/21**

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts

**Wed. 12/22**

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Advanced Youth Handbells

**Fri. 12/24**

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Sat. 12/25**

*Merry  
Christmas*

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**COMING UP**

**Tues. 12/28**

7:00 p.m. Session Meets

**12/26 to 1/9**

Helping IHOC homeless @ Baptist Church

*Please Note: The office will be closed Friday 12/24 and Monday, 12/26.*

### *"Windows to Christ"*

We have copies of the beautifully illustrated "Windows to Christ" book available for \$10 in the narthex. These make a wonderful Christmas gift and proceeds go to the Deacons' Fund which is used for the needy.



# DEACONS' UPDATE

**NEW VISIONS** - In addition to providing meals, New Visions Homeless Day Shelter also has shower facilities. They are in need of new or gently used bath towels. Please leave towels under the food collection table in the back of the Church.



**FOOD PANTRY** - Last year at this time St. Paul's was providing food for 156 families. This year they have over 350 on the list. Please donate whatever you can - Cold cereal is still requested.



## The Mitten Tree

The Deacon's are collecting "new" and "slightly used" winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves through 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 next to the tree.



**Green up your  
holiday gift giving!**

**Alternative gifts from CWS**

Are you surfing the web for Christmas gifts this year? Go to the Church World Service website and check out the gifts that will bring a smile to your loved one's face AND do a world of good. A pair of rabbits for a struggling family, a soccer ball for a refugee child... simple gifts that won't break the bank, but will change lives. Shop for HOPE this Christmas and help spread some cheer -- both at home and around the globe! Go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) and click on "Shop Now" to purchase gifts that will really make a difference.

# GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

On Tuesday, December 21 The Rev. Bryan Bass-Riley will be offering a seminar on coping with grief during the holidays. This will be followed by a “Service of the Longest Night” at 7:15 p.m. held at Christ Presbyterian Church of Gibbstown, NJ. Christ Church is located at 400 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ.

The grief seminar will explore some of the common experiences that people have when they are dealing with grief during the holiday season and will offer practical suggestions for coping. The Longest Night service is held on or around Solstice, the shortest day of the year, as a recognition that while the darkness of grief can at times seem overwhelming, the bright sunshine of God’s love will always conquer our pain and grief.

Please also remember that Rev. Bass Riley's ministry of pastoral counseling is available to help both the clergy and the lay people of our area cope with personal, professional, and relationship problems in a caring environment that supports and affirms the power of faith as a part of personal healing and growth.

## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for promptly returning your pledge cards for next year. So far we have received 41 pledges. If you have not yet returned your pledge, please send it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

**Home Heating Help** - In December The Citizens Energy Oil HEAP Program is offering 100 gallons of FREE home heating oil to those who qualify. Call 1-877-563-4645 and let them know you heard about it from Royal Oil, LLC Dealer #103844.



## What are you waiting for?

### Sign up for the WIN-WIN-WIN No-Brainer today!

Help yourself, help the Church, and help the environment all at the same time.

How? Simply direct your utility to buy its electricity supply from Viridian, and everyone wins.

First: go to [www.liveviridian.com](http://www.liveviridian.com) and watch the video to see how you can save money and help the environment with Green energy.

Then go to [www.viridian.com/cpc](http://www.viridian.com/cpc) and sign up for Everyday Green 20% electric from Viridian. This does not change your utility: it only directs them to an alternate source for the electricity they send to your home.

You can also select the 100% renewable option. There would be no savings to you, but you would "support the care of God's creation."

**Win #1:** You save money on your utility bill. No contracts, no fees, no cost to you, only savings. If you sign up in December, you get an additional 10% off of your first bill under Viridian.

**Win #2:** The church will get \$2 each month from Viridian for each customer. In addition, Viridian will pay the church a \$250 bonus when 25 people sign up which doubles if they are signed up and qualified by the end of December. That's \$500 to CPC just for people signing up! Note: It may take up to 5 days to qualify, so please **ACT NOW! Sign up BEFORE Dec 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**Win #3:** The environment wins because Viridian uses a minimum of 20% Green Renewable energy. For a household using 1,000 kw a month, that's the equivalent of over 1,000 lbs less of carbon emissions.

It's a no-brainer! You save money, the church gets money, and the environment is cleaner!

If you have questions, please  
Call Keith at 856-816-7810.

What are you waiting for?



∞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ∞

**Birthdays:** Matina Lagakos, Gregory Ambruster, Noah Kaiblinger VanDerlyke, and Ajay Ostrem.

**Special prayers for:** Those who are unemployed; those 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 and Jennifer Riippa  
Jessica Lowden, currently working in Monrovia, Liberia

**Those in Care Facilities**

Mabel Cordier  
June Hart

Robert Johnson  
Don Bachtell

Rosemary Sammons

**Pray for Health and Wellness**

Chalmas Baggett  
Rich Forster  
Sarah Ginter  
Eleanor Kelley  
Mitchell Miner  
Frank Griffin  
Marge Miller's Friend  
Sam

Jen Brooks  
Arlene Galeski  
Max Gureki  
Frank LePore  
John Morascini  
JoAnn Westermaier  
Grace Sharp  
Jang Do-Soon

Chuck Christy  
Rachel Ginter  
Brooke Hankins  
June Marsh  
John Pellini  
Dianna Metzler  
Mel Sharp  
Lisa

**Our Partners in Mission**

Community Presbyterian Church, Brigantine  
Our PCUSA mission in Germany  
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.**

# **Contemporary Worship Wednesday at Collingswood Presbyterian Church**

**January 5, 2011 @ 7 PM**

**Interested in contemporary worship  
in a relaxed atmosphere?**

**Work weekends and can't find time to worship on Sundays?  
Need for week-night fellowship?**

During these stressful economic times and with other events in our daily lives, sometimes we need that additional motivational factor to carry us through. Come worship with us on the first Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8 PM with food, music, praise and worship. All ages and people from various walks of life are welcome.



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