

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

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

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

Come, Spirit of God, into this congregation to enliven our worship, to immerse us in righteousness, and fill us with hope, joy and peace. Amen.

Prelude "Away in a Manger"
"Silent Night"

Doris Ottman, piano
Jack Standring, piano

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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Carly Maylath, piano
Stephanie Willis, vocals

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kristin and Justin Jones

Leader: This is a time of gathering together. And old friends and families come together. It is a time when new friendships are made and love grows.

People: **Where two or three are gathered, our Lord is present among us sharing his love**

The fourth candle is lit.

Leader: Today we light the candle of love. We celebrate the love found in the presence of Jesus Christ.

People: **The miracle of this season is the gift of this love, God has come to us.**

Response Hymn #2090 STF - Advent Carol (verse 4)

*Light the Advent candle, four:
Think of joy forevermore;
Christ Child in a stable born,
gift of love that Christmas morn.*

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Light dispels the shadows in which we have lived.
A child is born, an heir is given.

**People: We have seen the light and no longer are afraid.
We have seen the light and give thanks for it!**

Leader: All gifts may both threaten and delight for they bring
change and change upsets us.

**People: We want to respond to those who need us, as the
shepherds responded to the angels' song!**

Leader: Let us join in worship and celebration.

**People: And praise and glorify the Lord of Heaven who came
down to earth!**

***Hymn "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" #22 PH**

***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 one towards 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 saviour. 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" # 576 PH (sing twice)**

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

Anthem: *"The Twelve Days of Christmas Praise"*

Chancel Choir

Words and Arr. by Pepper Choplin

On the first day of Christmas, we gather now to sing,
and praise you, Christ the King.

On the second day of Christmas we gather now to sing,
Emmanuel, We praise you, Christ the King.

On the third day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
God with us, Emmanuel, We praise you, Christ the King.

On the fourth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Bright Morning Star, God with us, Emmanuel. . .

On the fifth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Prince, Prince of Peace, Bright Morning Star. . .

On the sixth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Everlasting Father, Prince, Prince of Peace. . .

On the seventh day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Almighty God, Everlasting Father. . .

On the eighth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Counselor, Almighty God. . .

On the ninth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Wonderful, Counselor. . .

On the tenth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
King of Kings, Wonderful. . .

On the eleventh day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Lord of Lords, King of Kings. . .

On the twelfth day of Christmas, we gather now to sing
Alpha and Omega

Lord of Lords

King of Kings

Wonderful

Counselor

Almighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince, Prince of Peace

Bright Morning Star

God with us

Emmanuel

We praise you, Christ the King!

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Responsive Reading from 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!**

Offering

*"What a joy to give! What a delight to join in our efforts to God's
purposes and work in harmony with all of God's children!"*

Offertory

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

Traditional French Carol

Arr. Darrell Day

Advanced Youth Handbell Duet

Liz Lazorko and Steve Wilson

*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.

"CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REWIND"

Congregation will join in singing hymns noted with a "★."

OUR PAGEANT BEGINS. . . WITH THE END OF THE STORY

Beginning Handbell Trio - Rebecca Celebre, Sami Fulton, Lois Ottman
"Away in a Manger" J.E. Spilman Arr. Frances L. Callahan

THE WISEMEN

As the kings process out, please join in singing:

★*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* #66 PH, Verse 1

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 SHEPHERDS

As the shepherds process out, please join in singing:

★*"Go Tell It On the Mountain"* #29 PH

(Refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

(Refrain) Go tell it on the mountain. . .

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

(Refrain) Go tell it on the mountain. . .

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

THE BIRTH

Please stand while singing the final pageant hymn:

★ *"O, Holy Night"*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices!
Oh night divine! Oh night when Christ was born!
Oh night divine! Oh night! Oh night divine!

Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother,
and in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the lord, that ever, ever praise we.
Noel! Noel! Oh, night, oh night divine!
Noel! Noel! Oh night, oh night divine!
Noel! Noel! Oh night, oh night divine!

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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem (#43 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

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.
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



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 Poinsettias



Given with love by:

Richard Ambruster in memory of Margaret Ambruster and Bob McGoldrick.

Joanie Balderstone and Rebecca McIntire in memory of Ann Hsu.

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

Art and Betty Dickol in memory of our parents.

Jean Fulton in memory of loved ones.

Marie and Bill Goulburn in memory of loved ones.

Muriel Haines in memory of loved ones.

Keith and Peggy Haines in memory of our parents, Peggy & Ray Beck and Ed Haines.

Pastor Kate, Gary, Will and Brett in memory of loved ones and in honor of Grandma Carol Salmon.

June Lattimore memory of her parents, Bunny and Sam Lattimore and in honor of her aunt Hazel Steckclair.

The Lazorko Family in memory of Anthony & Rose Lazorko, Jennie Brazbi, Marge Lazorko and Esther Bohn.

Christmas Poinsettias



Given with love by:

Bob, Candace, Jessica & Kim Lowden in memory of loved ones.

Marjorie and Nolan Miller in memory of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moffett in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Moffett, Lt. J.G. George Moffett, and Mr. and Mrs. William Waters.

John, Shanna and CeeCee Morascini in memory of Petra Giddings.

Lois and Syd Noyes in memory of loved ones.

Sheralyn Tinsley in memory of Mr. J.S. Tinsley and Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Franklin and in honor of Mrs. E. Tinsley and the congregation and choirs of Collingswood Presbyterian Church.

The Tumminia, Mazak and Ortiz Families in loving memory of my mother, Violet Tumminia.

Noah and Andrew VanDerlyke in honor of Grandma and Grandpa.

Jean Waitz in memory of Bill Waitz.

Linda and Paul Young in memory of loved ones.



Sunday, December 20, 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!*

Deacon of the Day: Meredith LaPan

Welcoming Team: Mike Dersch

Fellowship Hour Host: Jane Trent

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 12/20 9:15 AM - "First Christmas" Advent Study
10:30 AM - Worship and Christmas Pageant
11:30 AM - Christmas Luncheon

Tues. 12/22 9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup

Wed. 12/23 9:30 - 11:00AM - Toddler Playgroup
6:30 - 7:30 PM - Advanced Handbells
7:30 - 8:30 PM - Adult Handbells

Thurs. 12/24 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Fri. 12/25

*Merry
Christmas*

Announcements

Christmas Pageant and Luncheon Today - The pageant will take place during the worship service today with the Luncheon following the service. Please join us downstairs in the dining room. There will be a donation of \$5 per family.

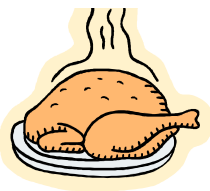


Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 PM 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.

DEACONS



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 and Blankets for the Homeless - 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. Blankets are also needed for the IHOC program for homeless men.



Welcoming Team

Our welcoming team is looking for volunteers, can you help? With new visitors coming each week, we're looking for your assistance in greeting people at our church each Sunday. It's an easy task and everyone gains from the social and spiritual connection. Can you help out for (1) Sunday? If so, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Deacon bulletin board and/or reach out to **Jim Woods or Mike Dersch**. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we look to make positive connections with each member/visitor to OUR Church.



CHURCH & SOCIETY

- IHOC -

WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

We are helping the Baptist Church with their annual hosting of the IHOC homeless program from Dec. 27th thru January 10th.

How can you help?

- ♦ Provide a dinner or lunch on Dec. 28, Dec. 30 or Jan 4 (this is a great family project.)
- ♦ Attend a welcoming reception on Dec. 27
- ♦ Provide a ride to the Laundromat on January 9th.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN!!!

CPC Men are needed to stay overnight with the men on either Sunday, Dec. 27 or Saturday, Jan 9. PLEASE consider helping out!

Embrace the spirit of Christmas by giving the gift of service. If you would like more information about helping please contact Joanie Balderstone at 856.795.5992 or rebnjoanie@comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for promptly returning your pledge cards for next year. These numbers are very important as we figure out the budget for the coming year. If you have not yet returned your pledge, please send it to the church office or give it to Barbara Bockmann as soon as possible.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL!!!

Please check your mailboxes in the hallway and church office to pick up Christmas cards and financial statements that have been left there.



Also, please pick up your church envelopes for next year. They are on the table in the narthex.

White Elephant Bingo Night!

January 15, 7:00 PM



Food, fun and Prizes!!
\$2.00 per card or 3 for \$5.00
All are welcome - adults and kids

Please save and donate those Christmas gifts that you just can't use. . . we can use them!! (Or any other new, unused items you have around the house.) Toys, candles, household items, accessories, bath products, just to name a few. Your unused gift could be someone's treasured prize!

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!



❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

Those celebrating a birthday this week: Gregory Ambruster, and Noah Kaiblinger VanDerlyke.

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	Robert Johnson	Barbara Perry
Rosemary Sammons	Dorothy Varnum	

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Brandon Brauns	Jenn Brooks	Gloria Cezarez
Chuck Christy	The DeLuca Family	Bree Donovan
Nancy Elwell	Anastasia Fillmore	Annjakira Flores
Arlene Galeski	Erin Eaton	Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki	Joe Hall	Jeannie Kaufman
Philip Lagakos	Marjorie Miller	Lisa Miner
Susan Moler	The Moore Family	Paul Masarek
Fran Paul	Terri Rodgers	Christine Siravo
Nicki Stefanucci	Catherine Tumminia	Tina Young

Our Partners in Mission

Bethany Presbyterian Church of Haddon Heights
Our PCUSA mission in Vanuatu
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.**

