

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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December 21, 2008

COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

Thank you, O God, for this brief respite before a busy celebration. Here is where I see you face to face, where I hear the timeless story of your birth and where I know you have come for me. Amen."

Prelude *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"* Arr. Dawn Thompson
Adv. Youth Handbell Trio - Mark Eife, Liz Lazorko and Stephen Wilson

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 Mission

Elder Joan Balderstone

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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Flores Family

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 SF Advent Song (Verse 4)

**Light the Advent candle, four:
Think of joy forever more;
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!**

"A CHRISTMAS BEGINNING"

(Please remain seated)

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

Leader: Almighty God, before whom angels veil their faces and in whose presence they delight, with reverence and joy we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

**ALL: Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strain;
Gloria in excelsis deo . . .**

Leader: Confessing our sin and our unworthiness, we beseech your mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.

**ALL: Christ by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The Herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Leader: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

**ALL: Come to Bethlehem and see Him
whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the Newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo . . .**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwell in a land of deep darkness—on them the light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Father, Prince of Peace.

(Please stand)

***All:** Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risn' with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us Second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Newborn King!"

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you made your world shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:10-14

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!**

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

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.

Offering

Offertory

"Silent Night "

Doris Ottman, Piano

*Dedication Hymn: #36 *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* (verse 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part

Yet what I can give Him, give Him my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Our Gift to the Baby King"

Congregation will join in singing hymns noted with a "★."
Please remain seated until final hymn, "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

Narrator: Luke 2:1-7

★"*What Child Is This*" #53 PH, Verse 1- Congregation

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

"*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*" - Stephanie Willis

Narrator: Luke 2:8-14

"*Do You Hear What I Hear?*" Angel Choir

Narrator: Luke 2:15-20

★"*O Come, All Ye Faithful*" PH #41, Verse 1 - Congregation

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!

Narrator: Luke 2:21-24

"Simple Gifts"

Intermediate Handbell Choir

Ashley Banko, Martha Jane Caldwell-Bates, Lorraine Brown,
Victoria Brown and Amanda Brown

Narrator: Matthew 2:1-2 and 9-11

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

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!

Narrator: Introduces Little Drummer Boy

'The Little Drummer Boy'

Sung by Amanda Brown
Drum - Sam Henderson

Narrator: Conclusion

(ALL STAND)

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

(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!

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.

Away in a Manger (#53)

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem (#43)

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)

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.*

Joy to the World (#40)

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



**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



Please join us to celebrate
the Nativity of our Lord.

Today - Come downstairs for the potluck lunch!
All are welcome!

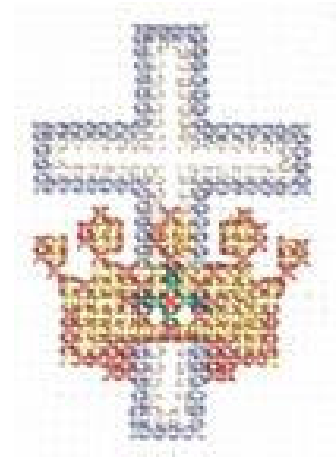
Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:00 pm Worship Service
Candlelight and Communion

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:

Mike and Sarah Amato in memory of Barney and Mary Rovi, Jeanette Talbot, and John Mascitis.

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

Circle I in memory of loved ones.

The Deacons in memory of Alex Fell.

Betty and Art Dickol in memory of our parents and Drew Dickol.

The Forgach Family in memory of Wattsy, Punky, and Bepop.

Marie and Bill Goulburn in memory of loved ones.

Muriel Haines in memory of loved ones.

Peggy and Keith Haines in memory of Peggy's parents, Peggy and Ray Beck.

The Herzog Family in memory of loved ones.

Tara Klemash and Amanda Miner in memory of Christine Klemash.

The LaPan Family in memory of Rodney's father, Marvin LaPan and Jill and Rodney's grandparents.

June Lattimore in honor of Hazel Steckclair.

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

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

Christmas Poinsettias



Given with love by:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moffett in memory of our parents and Art's brother, Lt. J.G. George L. Moffett.

The Moler family in memory of Bob and Bobby Moler.

Lois Noyes in memory of loved ones.

Pastors Kate and Gary and sons Will and Brett in memory of Patsy Brown DeChurch, Gay Killebrew, and Bill Salmon.

Pastor Kate Killebrew in honor of the Salmon family.

Ted Stubbins in memory of Elizabeth Dallesandro, by her nieces and nephews.

Sheralyn Tinsley in memory of Mr. T.J. and Mrs. M. Franklin; Mr. J.S. Tinsley and Mr. Alex Fell, and in honor of Mrs. E. Tinsley.

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

Jean Waitz in memory of Bill Waitz.

Linda and Paul Young in memory of Paul Young and Cora Schmidt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 21, 2008

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

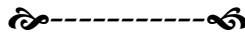
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

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:

Advent Readers: Flores Family

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

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons



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. 21 10:30 am - Worship and Sunday School
10:30 am - Christmas Pageant
11:30 am - Potluck Luncheon

Tues., Dec. 23 9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup
6:00 pm - Brownies

Wed., Dec. 24 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Thur., Dec. 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Office Closed

Fri., Dec. 26 Office Closed



*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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- **Confirmation Class** - Our next meetings will be Wednesday, January 7th and 21st, 2009 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.
- **Christmas Caroling:** All youth (5th - 12th) will meet tonight 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!!!**

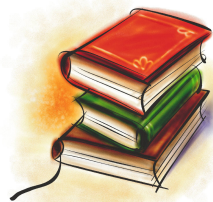


Join us for the Third Annual Women's Retreat At Johnsonburg Retreat Center April 17-19, 2009

*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.



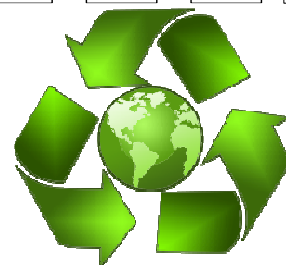
Library News!

Want to feel more of the holiday spirit? Check out *Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury: Holiday Stories to Warm the Heart* by Jack Canfield and Mark

Victor Hansen. Anecdotes exploring the true meaning of Christmas; the spirit of giving; yuletide memories; holiday traditions; and boughs, holly and mistle...aneous.

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.

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)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS..

Those Celebrating a Birthday this Week: Gregory Ambruster, Noah Kaiblinger VanDerlyke, Pat Moler and Nancy Celebre.

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,
Jessica Lowden-- in Monrovia, Liberia

Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier	Robert Johnson	Alma Lattimore
Dorothy Lawnicki	Patricia Moler	Barbara Perry
Rosemary Sammons	Pat Schuehler	

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Brandon Brauns	Chuck Christy	Bree Donovan
Sarah Ginter	Cheryl Jean Gordan	Ralph Gunther
Max Gureki	Philip Lagakos	Richard Marks
Susan Moler	Carol O'Malley	Eddie Ostrander
Barbara Perry	Bill Sharp	Catherine Tumminia
Tony Tumminia	Rev. Fred Westermeier	

Our Partners in Mission

Friendship Community Church of Sicklerville
Our PCUSA mission in Morocco
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.

