

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



*December 25, 2011
Christmas Day*

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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 25, 2011
Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*Born to us this day is a Savior, the Prince of Peace,
and known to all as the hope of the world.
We thank you for this best gift of all. 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.)



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: We light the Christ candle on the day of Christ's Birth.

People: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

Leader: Light and life to all he brings.

**People: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth!**

Hymn response - *"Savior of the Nations Come"*

(To the tune of #23 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*)

Brightly does your manger shine

Glorious is its light divine

Let not sin o'er cloud this light

Ever be our faith thus bright

Gloria In excelsis deo

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Call to Worship

Leader: We celebrate the birth of Christ this day.

People: and all the joy this day brings to us.

Leader: We are gifted by God's presence among us,

People: and we rejoice with all the world at his birth.

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: The busyness of the season is behind us, the toys bought and presents unwrapped. Stripped of the trappings of this season, we are open to welcome your presence on this holy day. We thank you O God, for sending us your Son, so we may know of your love for us. We thank you for the joy of his birth and the wonder of the Christmas story. Glory be to you, O God!
Amen.**

*Hymn #40 PH - *"Joy to the World"*

*Sharing the Christmas Peace

Leader: The peace of our newborn Savior be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Mary and Joseph, and the babe in a manger....

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #24 PH - *"Away in a Manger"*

and the shepherds came ...

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn #56 - *"The First Noel"*

and the angels came

Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn #30 PH - *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

and the kings came...

Matthew 2:1-12

Reading - *"Nicky's Christmas"*

Offering

*“What shall I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give him a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet, what can I give him? Give him my heart.”*

Christina Rossetti

*Hymn of Dedication - #66 PH - *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

*We three Kings of Orient Are
Bearing Gifts we traverse afar
Field and Fountain, Moor and Mountain
Following yonder Star...
O Star of Wonder Star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Prayer of Dedication

...and now WE come to the manger.

Luke 2:25-35

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.

*Hymn #43 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Hymn #23 PH "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the new born King
Gloria, in excelsis deo
Gloria, in excelsis deo.*

*Postlude



Go Forward and Serve!
Be a part of God's work through CPC!





Christmas Poinsettias, Given With Love



Anna Lee Bachtell in memory of Donald Bachtell.

Ray & Catherine Burns in memory of loved ones.

Roxanne Courtney & family in memory of Alma (Mom) Jimmy and Nan Nan & Pop Pop.

Betty & Art Dickol in memory of our parents.

Marie & Bill Goulburn in memory of our parents.

Peggy & Keith Haines in memory of loved ones.

Muriel Haines in memory of loved ones.

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

Kate Killebrew & Gary Salmon in honor of our sons, William and Brett Salmon.

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

The Lazorko Family in memory of Anthony & Rose Lazorko, Jennie Brazb, Esther McCleery, and Marguerite & Patty Lazorko.





Christmas Poinsettias, Given With Love



The Lowden Family in memory of loved ones.

Laura Miller in memory of Dorothy Peters Gafford.

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

Carolyn & Art Moffett in memory of Geo & Ella Moffett and
Bill & Hazel Waters and in honor of Lt. J. G. George
Moffett.

The Motson Family in memory of loved ones.

Lois & Sydney Noyes in memory of loved ones.

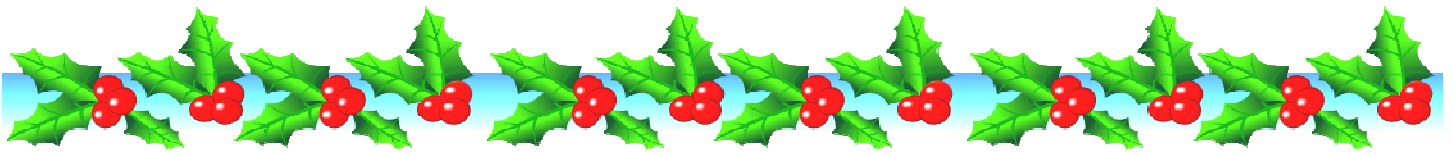
George Rafferty & Jean Harle in memory of our parents.

Robert, Alison & Lilly Smentek in memory of Jeffrey Smentek.

Jean Waitz in memory of Bill Waitz.

Linda & Paul Young in memory of our loved ones.





Sunday, December 25, 2011

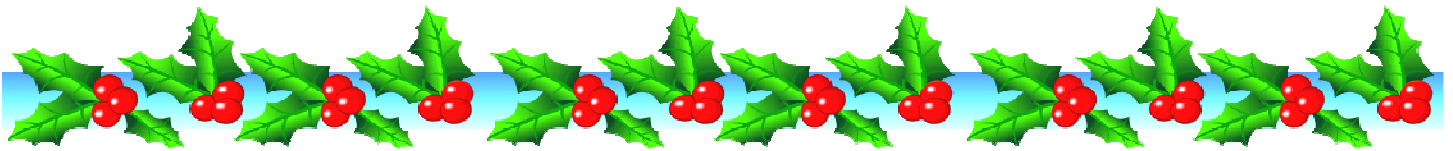
Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

❧ *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.*



Announcements



Curious About CPC? - We will be having a new member brunch after church on January 15, 2012. If you are interested in possibly becoming a member or would just like to know more about our church, please let Pastor Kate know.

Adult Bible Studies - We are taking a break for the holidays. The Sunday class will resume on 1/8 at 9 a.m. and the Wednesday class will resume on 1/4. Join us!

Church Envelopes - The 2012 church envelopes are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to pick yours up. If you need envelopes, please see Barbara Bockmann.



Mail Call!! - Many people use the alphabetical mail slots in the hall outside of the lounge to send Christmas cards. Please be sure to check your slot, you may have some cards waiting!!

Please note there will be **NO NURSERY** care available on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

*Merry
Christmas*

Church Activities This Week

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Mon. 12/26

Office Closed

Wed. 12/27

11:30 a.m. - Youth Trip to New Visions
7:00 p.m. - Personnel Meeting

Sat. 12/31

8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

Sun. 1/1/12

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service



As we celebrate the season of thanksgiving and the birth of the Jesus, we need to acknowledge our blessings. Our church is blessed with a caring community of members that support each other in faith and the bumps we encounter in our everyday lives. Also, as a church body we need your continuing financial support. So as you sift through the year-end pleas from many worthy charities, also keep CPC in mind. If you have waited till now to reconcile your commitments please consider this a gentle reminder to catch up on your giving to CPC. We still are several thousand dollars short of our budgeted income for 2011. Thank you so much for your commitment to the life and mission of Collingswood Presbyterian Church.

From Martha Jane:

As the holidays approach, we are often reminded of the folks in our community that need our help. Toccara Anderson, a friend of the Food Bank, is working with Habitat for Humanity in Gloucester County. She needs some folks to come out and help her volunteer at the Habitat Store in Pitman. Her email is jerseygirl2423-@yahoo.com and her phone number is 856-832-7048. If anyone has some free time and is willing to help, please let her know. Thank you.

☞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ☞

Birthdays: Ajay Ostrem, Nancy Celebre, Anthony Tumminia and Justin Bleistein.

Special Prayers: Please keep Martha Jane and her family in your prayers as they care for her father who is on hospice.

Also, please keep Eleanor Kelley in your prayers.

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
Jessica Lowden, currently working in Monrovia, Liberia

Those in Care Facilities

Mabel Cordier
Elsie Hak

Robert Johnson
Elizabeth Baggett

June Hart

Pray for Health and Wellness

Ruth & Harry Binder
Charlie Dunlevy
Rich Forster
Eleanor Kelley
Evelyn Plunkett
Edward Werner

Chuck Christy
Peter Fagan
Frank Griffin
Barbara Miner
Mary Troyano
Virginia and Ed

Paul Dorety
Jack Fagan
Max Gureki
Patti Moler
Sam Jang Do-Soon
Lisa

Friend of Perro/Forgach Family

Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Williamstown
Our PCUSA mission in Northern Ireland
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 one of the deacons or elders.

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.**