

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 26, 2010
1st Sunday after Christmas

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the shadows of death a light has dawned.
Jesus Christ is our Life and Light.
Be born in us this day, O 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: Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened.

Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.

Leader: Let us go with those who are wise:

People: Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.

Leader: Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh;

Let us go with those who are humbled by life:

People: Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.

Leader: Let us go with our friends and family,

Let us go with our neighbors and with strangers,

Let us go with all the children of God:

People: Let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.

Leader: O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore him!

People: Christ our Lord!

Liturgy for Lighting the Advent and Christmas Candles

The Genghini Family

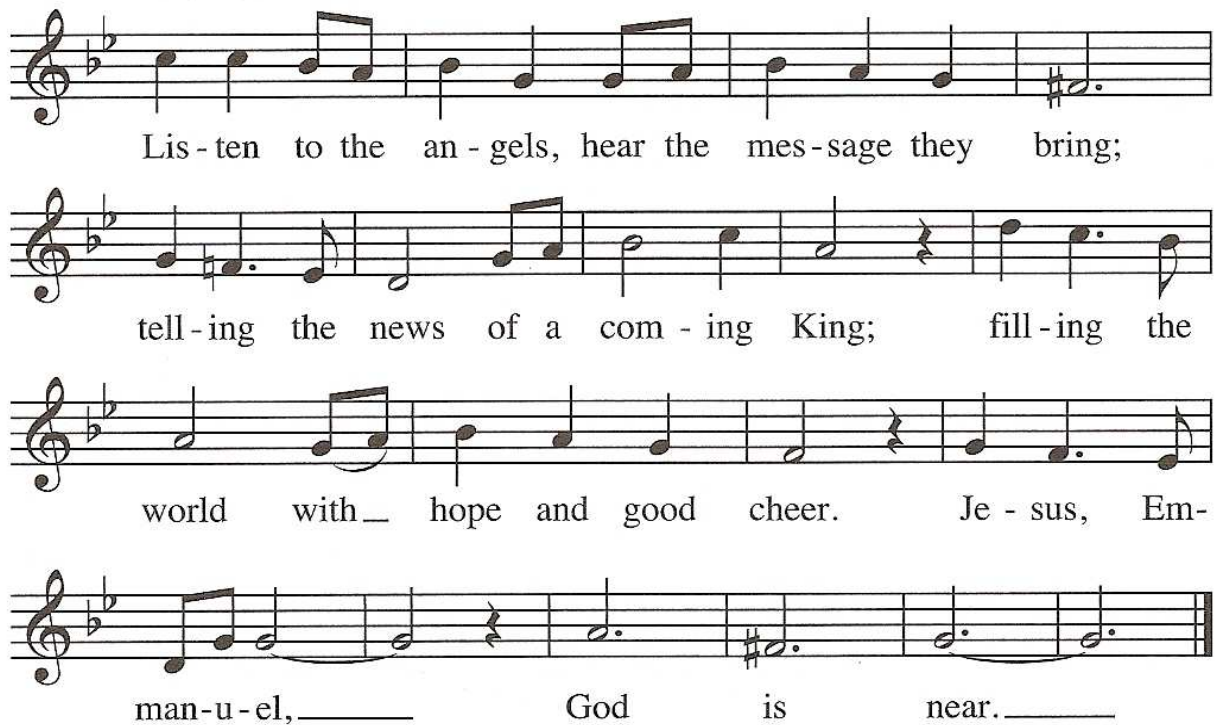
After counting the weeks of Advent we have come to Christmas.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

[Four colored candles are lit first and then the white candle, and reading continues.]

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Advent Hymn - "God is Near"



The image shows a musical score for the Advent Hymn "God is Near". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the lyrics "Lis-ten to the an-gels, hear the mes-sage they bring;". The second staff continues with "tell-ing the news of a com-ing King; fill-ing the". The third staff continues with "world with_ hope and good cheer. Je-sus, Em-". The fourth staff concludes with "man-u-el, _____ God is near. _____". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

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

You came in weakness, Mighty God:

forgive our grasping for power.

You came in humility, Prince of Peace:

forgive us for wanting more than others.

You came in poverty, Everlasting One: forgive us

when we do not see your family sleeping in our streets.

You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor:

forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause.

Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today:

forgive us, heal us, make us new;

then we will join the angels in singing your praises

this Christmas and all the days to come.

Silence is kept

Words of Assurance

Leader: Break forth into singing, children of God:
for the Babe comes to comfort us,
like a mother rocking her son to sleep,
like a father wiping away the tears
of his daughter.

All sing: **Joy to the Word, the Lord is come,
let earth receive her King.
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the Prince of Peace dwell in your hearts

People: And dwell with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Opening Words

Prayer (Unison)

ALL: Loving God, open our hearts and minds to the truth made manifest in Christ, that you are with us. You are with us now, in this moment, flowing like a secret spring in our innermost being. May the simple beauty of the birth of Jesus summon us always to love what is most deeply human, and to see your love reflected in those whose lives we touch. May the testimony of creation—in the stable animals and the very heavens—summon us to cherish all life, and to see your goodness in the beauty of this Earth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading: Genesis 1:26-38; 5:1b-2

*Hymn #9 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Reading Isaiah 9:2; 6–7

*Hymn # 22 PH *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

Psalms 148 (responsive)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

**People: He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**People: fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

ALL: Praise the LORD!

Anthem: *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Arr. Mark Hayes

Stacy Lagakos, Piano

Luke:1:26–35; 38

Reading by Ellyn Sanna

Hymn #2095 STF *"Star Child"*

Offering

Human gifts given and received rarely reach that place of deepest need. Through our family and friends, God allows us to see a glimpse of the love that truly meets our deepest needs. Christmas reminds us that all of our gifts and love fall short of the true gift that comes into the world bringing light and life. Jesus Christ is the greatest gift of all. Merry Christmas!

*Offertory #36 PH *"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 wiseman, I would do my part
Yet what I can I give Him; Give my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

Luke 2:1; 3-7

Reading by *Paul S. Nancarrow*

*Hymn #44 "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*"

Reading John 1:1-14

Prayer

Leader: O God, we thank you for the message of love that Christmas brings to a world where hatred and violence is experienced by so many people in so many places.

People: Help us to reveal in our lives the love that Jesus so embodied, the love that Paul wrote about so eloquently - the love that is patient and kind; the love that is never envious or boastful, or arrogant or rude; the love that does not insist on its own way and is not irritable or resentful; that in all things we may put love first.

Leader: O God, we thank you for the message of joy that Christmas brings to a world grown used to suffering. We remember in your presence the hungry and homeless men, women and young people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, who cry out for a word of tenderness, a touch of love, a sign of hope, some practical help; We remember also those for whom this season is clouded by loneliness or anxiety or bereavement.

A time of silence

Leader: O Jesus, born of Mary, who came to be with us and to be one of us, remember those for whom Christmas is not a happy time, but a time of struggle and pain. Be with those who are ill, in pain, those who have lost hope and those who are lost.

People: We pray that they may be kept from bitterness and despair as they remember the birth of him who bore our grief and carried our sorrows, yet who was born at Bethlehem that people might experience life in all its fullness.

Leader: O God, we thank you for the message of kindness that Christmas brings to a world grown self-centered and cynical through greed. Help us to remember that Jesus Christ came not to be served but to serve.

People: May we all find true joy and fulfillment in giving ourselves in service to others as we remember together the birth of him who came to give himself to us. O God, we thank you for the message of peace that Christmas brings to our troubled world.

Leader: Give peace among nations; peace in lands torn apart by warring factions; peace in our homes and in our hearts as we remember the birth at Bethlehem of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask all this in the name of him who was born King of the Jews, Mighty God, prince of peace and Savior of the world, Jesus the Christ.

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven...

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #31 *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

*Benediction

Leader: Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world.


People: We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger, But in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.

Leader: May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others; may the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

People: **We will welcome the challenge of discipleship.**
We will offer ourselves as God's ministers.
We will go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.

Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



Please join us in the lounge
For coffee and a time of fellowship.



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 26, 2010

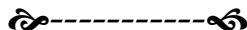
Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

❧ *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: Bob Marks

Deacon of the Day and Welcoming Team Leader: Lorrie Heuser

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

Announcements

Sunday School - There will be no Sunday School today or next week. We will resume **1/9/11** with a rotation about the baptism of the Lord. Breakfast Club for kids 5th grade and up will be held on **1/9** and **1/23**.

Adult Bible Study - We will resume on Sunday, 1/9/11 and will be using the materials "Living the Questions." Come learn more about the Bible and your beliefs!



The 2011 Flower Book is available on the table in the narthex. Be sure to sign up if you would like to reserve a special day to donate the flowers which decorate the chancel each week.

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!!!



THIS WEEK AT CPC

Today 12/26 10:30 a.m. - Worship (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Tues. 12/28 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup
7:00 p.m. - Session

Wed. 12/29 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup

12/26 to 1/9 Helping IHOC @ Baptist Church

Sat. 1/1/11 **Happy New Year!!**

Wed. 1/5/11 6:45 - 8 p.m. - Worship Wednesday
Contemporary Service



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.

"Windows to Christ"

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



☞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ☞

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

Sympathy: Condolences to Lorrie and Fred Heuser on the death of Lorrie's father, Chalmas Baggett. There will be a memorial service at Chews United Methodist Church on Monday, December 27 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Jen Brooks
Arlene Galeski
Max Gureki
Frank LePore
John Morascini
JoAnn Westermaier
Grace Sharp

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

Rich Forster
Sarah Ginter
Eleanor Kelley
Mitchell Miner
Frank Griffin
Marge Miller's Friend
Sam Jang Do-Soon

Our Partners in Mission

Presbyterian Church of Burlington
Our PCUSA mission in Ghana
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, lively music, praise and worship. All ages and people from various walks of life are welcome.



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