

*The  
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

*"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"*



***Ring in the New Year!***

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*December 28, 2008*

*Within the Father's house  
the Son has found his home;  
and to his temple suddenly  
the Lord of Life has come.*

*The doctors of the law  
gaze on the wondrous child,  
and marvel at his gracious words  
of wisdom undefiled.*

*Lord, visit then our souls,  
and teach us by your grace  
each dim revealing of yourself  
with loving awe to trace;  
till we behold your face,  
and know, as we are known,  
you, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
co-equal Three in One.*

*-Robert Kruschwitz*

**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**December 28, 2008 -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas.**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Silent Prayer

As we look at the year past, O Lord, we thank you. As we look at the year ahead, we trust you. As we worship you in this moment, may we praise you, Amen.

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.*

Centering Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: The heralds of peace are on the mountains bringing good news: God reigns!

**People: All the ends of the earth shall see God's glory.**

Leader: Let us lift up our voices and break into singing!

**People: Glory to the new born King!**

HYMN # 22 - "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Call to Confession:

Leader: "No more let sins and sorrows grow." Jesus calls us to live in his light, to "prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love." Let us turn to God for forgiveness and life.

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**God of Glory, you sent your Son to take away our sins: We celebrated Jesus' birth, and we ask you to change us, heal us and make us your children. Help us to praise you by our lives for the gift of Jesus. Keep us from neglecting to honor Jesus with gifts of mercy and kindness, from failing to welcome your perfect love with love for each other, from allowing lesser lights to blind us to the Light that overcomes, from forgetting the call of the needy and the cry of the world for peace. We give you thanks for the love of Jesus, our friend, who lives among us.  
Amen**

Words of Assurance:

**Leader:** Good Christian friends rejoice!

**People:** **Jesus Christ was born to save.**

**Leader:** He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed ever more!

**People:** **Christ was born for this!**

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Sharing of the Peace

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you

**People:** **and also with you.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*(No Sunday School today. The children are invited to stay for worship.)*

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#25 "Away in a Manger" Verses 1, 2

Old Testament Lesson : Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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#31 *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”* Verses 1, 2

Psalm: Psalm 148:1-14 (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.  
Praise the LORD!**

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#56 *"The First Noel"*, Verses 1, 2

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: *"Seeing the Future"*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)- **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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#40 *"Joy to the World"* Verses 1, 2

The Offering

Musical Meditation

\*Hymn of Dedication *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* Verse 1

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Mighty God, you founded the earth, the heavens are the work of your hands. We bring you gifts of our own making; we honor you with what you have given us. We thank you for the goodness of this day and the bounty we enjoy. Accept our praise for the gift of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People:

Leader: The lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us pray. God of all creation, Your angels sang a new song on the mountains, A song of good news to all the earth: Lift up our eyes to the singing hills, open our ears to the roaring sea and the clapping rivers. Open our hearts to those around us that we may praise you with our whole lives and know the joy of your presence. For the coming of your Word to live among us,

**People: We give you grateful thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: We praise you for the victory that is yours, O God, for the gift of your Son who laid down his glory and was born in a stable to share our weakness and die our death that we may one day live with him. We thank you for Christ's rising, for the healing of his wings and for the Light and the life he brings to all. For the coming of the light that cannot be overcome,

**People: We give you grateful thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Give us grace to be with those in sorrow this day, to weep with those who cannot sing for joy. Grant your peace to the sick, the grieving, the dying; Comfort them in your presence. Give us grateful hearts for Christmas feasts and loved ones gathered round our tables. Show us the way to share our food and love with hungry people everywhere and bring us all to your great banquet feast of joy.

**People: We give you grateful thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: We pray for your ever present power to heal and strengthen the weakest among us. We pray for those who are suffering physically or mentally. We pray for those unemployed or overworked. Especially this day we pray for. . . .

**People: We give you grateful thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: We thank you for the life Christ's coming brings. As we anticipate a new year, we pray that you give us strength to change what is wrong, forgiveness for what was past, and hope to look with joy to the future. Grant us grace to know Jesus in a new way this year so we may walk with newness of life all our days.

**People: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Holy Child and our Savior who taught us to Pray, saying... Our Father...**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" #28 PH

\*The Benediction

Leader: This new year, go into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good.

**People: Let us strengthen the fainthearted, return no one evil for evil, and support the weak.**

Leader: Help the suffering and love and serve the Lord

**People: We rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit who makes all things new! Amen**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ remain with you in this and coming years. Amen.

\*The Postlude



*Those who are able, please stand.*



***Go Forward and Serve!***

**Be a part of God's work through CPC!**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, December 28, 2008**

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

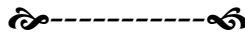
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

*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:**

**Liturgist:** Karen Mazak

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

**Greeters/Ushers:** Deacons

**Flowers:** The flowers are given by the Tumminia and Mazak families in honor of Anthony Tumminia's 92nd birthday today.

*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



Please check the mailboxes in the hallway outside the lounge for your financial statements. Many people have also left Christmas cards for each other so check and see if you have any surprises waiting!

## **This Week at CPC**

- Sun., Dec. 28**            10:30 am - Worship  
                                         Ringing in the New Year
- Mon., Dec. 29**            7:00 pm - Health Care Now Meeting
- Tues., Dec. 30**            9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup
- Wed., Dec. 31**            New Year's Eve
- Thurs., Jan. 1**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Office Closed

**Fri., Jan 2**                    Office Closed

**Flower Dedications** - The entire month of January is available for flower dedications. Be sure to reserve any special dates (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) by filling out your information in the new book in the Narthex. You can also call or email Marion in the office.



***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.***

## 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 the families staying there.
- **First Friday Faith and Fun** - will be on January 9, 2009 which is the 2nd Friday in January!! All youth grades 5th through 7th are welcome. Bring your friends!!



### Library News!

Thinking about a New Year's resolution? Try reflecting on the spirituality of day-to-day living through Irwin Kula's *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life*.

Kula writes: "The search for truth is not about letting go; it's about going deeper. The goal is not reaching a single realization but living the process of realization again and again." (p. 4)

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.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS..**

**Those Celebrating a Birthday:** Anthony Tumminia ( 92 Today!), and James Cockerill.

**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  
Dorothy Lawnicki  
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson  
Patricia Moler  
Pat Schuehler

Alma Lattimore  
Barbara Perry

**Pray for Health and Wellness\***

Brandon Brauns  
Sarah Ginter  
Max Gureki  
Susan Moler  
Barbara Perry  
Tony Tumminia

Chuck Christy  
Cheryl Jean Gordan  
Philip Lagakos  
Carol O'Malley  
Bill Sharp  
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Bree Donovan  
Ralph Gunther  
Richard Marks  
Eddie Ostrander  
Catherine Tumminia

**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.**

