

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



December 5, 2010
2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you that your word never changes and your promises never fail. In faith we know that everything you have spoken about will come to pass. Yet like your people of old, we often struggle during times of waiting. As we cast our faith in your unfailing promises, enable us to also trust the timing of your response. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

Minute for Missions

Centering Music

(Please stand for items marked with an asterisk.)



Call to Worship

Leader: During Advent we recall God's promises spoken to us long ago.

**People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds,
you alone are God.**

Leader: During Advent we anticipate promises yet to unfold.

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you alone are God.**

Leader: During Advent we anticipate mighty deeds yet to come.

**People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds,
you alone are God.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Anna Lee Bachtell and Flo Stringer

The Angels' Message: Believe

Today we light two candles. The **first candle** reminds us that Advent is a time to hear again the message of hope offered through Jesus Christ. In a season when our lives abound with activity, Advent is a time to listen with faithful expectation.

The **second candle** invites us to recall the mighty deeds God has performed throughout the ages, and to recognize the marvelous ways God is at work today. As we continue our Advent journey let us hear what God has spoken and believe what God has promised.

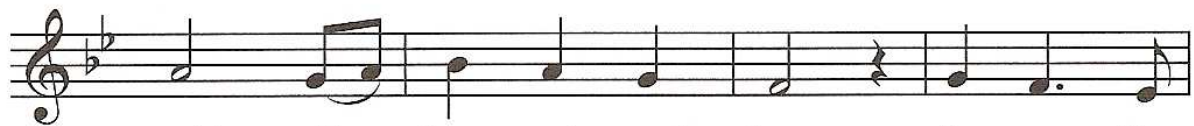
Advent Hymn - "God is Near"



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

Leader: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" and "bear fruit worthy of repentance" cries John the Baptist to those people long ago from Judea and Jerusalem. He was preparing the people to receive the one more powerful than he - the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire - Jesus Christ. He confronts us as we also make preparations to receive Jesus. He addresses these same words to us. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" and "bear fruit worthy of repentance" How would we respond - both personally and as this faith community?

A time of silent confession

Leader: Let us pray: When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place.

**People: Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit,
source of power and life.**

A time of silent confession

Leader: When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, we turn towards you as flowers turn towards the sun and we produce fruit shaped by this attitude of our hearts and our lives. Yet we can be so driven by seasonal busy-ness that our fruitfulness suffers.

**People: Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit,
source of power and life.**

A time of silent confession

Leader: Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.

People: May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who does wondrous things. The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

**People: "Those who believe in him are not condemned."
Thanks be to God!**

*Congregational Response - "*Gloria, Gloria*" # 576 PH

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo

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Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

(Children 4th grade and younger may leave for Sunday School.)

Anthem *"Who Would Send a Baby?"*

by Mary Kay Beall

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Haggai 1:2-11 (p. 863)

Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:4-13 (p. 1035)

*Hymn #3 PH *"Comfort, Comfort You My People"*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 878)

Sermon: *"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of Belhar of South Africa

Leader: We believe that Christian unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

People: We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

Leader: We believe that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;. . .

People: . . . together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

Offering

"Generosity is not giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is giving me that which you need more than I do." ~ Kahlil Gibran

Offertory - "God Bless the Child"

Fred Heuser, guitar - Paul Young, piano

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #5 PH *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* (v. 1,2)

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy. . .

And join their unending hymn singing, (Hymn #581)

People: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,*

God of power and might

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord Most high...

(Prayers of intercession, petition and the Lord's Prayer)

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

The Bread

(Please partake in your own timing.)

The Cup

(Please hold until all have been served.)

Prayer after communion (unison)

Through this special meal, illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ's presence that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful to you always. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #13 PH *"Prepare the Way"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

*Please join us in the lounge for a time of
fellowship and a cup of coffee!*

WORSHIP MATTERS

An Introduction to The Confession of Belhar

The confession of Belhar emerged out of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. The Belhar Confession was originally a product of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church as it protested the sin of apartheid. It is a product of a conversation between the Theological Declaration of Barmen written in response to Nazism and the unjust realities of South Africa. Dirk Smith, a South African Theologian and one of the principal authors of the confession, says:

Confession is a commentary on scripture, representing insight given to the church and presupposing risk and danger. It is born out of compulsion. It is geographically, temporally and materially limited. It always arises in a definite antithesis and conflict. It says a definite Yes only because a definite No is implied, otherwise it is no confession. It is public speech, on the basis of solid theological preparation and is intended to be heard, tested, and evaluated by others. Since there is a "notorious connection, even a unity, between the heresies of every age and place," it can be confidently expected that confessions written for another time and place, if they really express the Word of God, can again reveal and address conflicts at other times and other places.

The PCUSA will be voting on whether we wish to include this confession as one that speaks for the values and beliefs of the PCUSA. What do you think?

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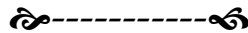
Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

❧ *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: Barbara Maylath

Deacon of the Day: Mike Amato

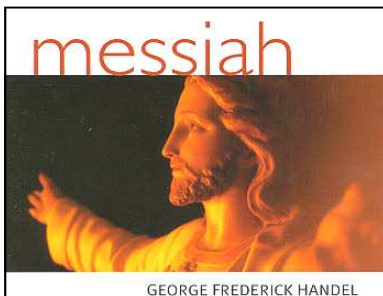
Welcoming Team Lead: Lorrie Heuser

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

Communion Servers: Mike Amato, Linda Herzog, Carly Maylath, and Bob Marks.

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Jean Fulton in memory of Robert Samuel Fulton and Lt. J.G. Franklin Goulburn, Jr.

Announcements



Adult Bible Study - Join us at 9:00 A.M. for an Advent study entitled "*Halleluiah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah.*"

Home Heating Help - In December The Citizens Energy Oil HEAP Program is offering 100 gallons of FREE home heating oil to those who qualify. Call 1-877-563-4645 and let them know you heard about it from Royal Oil, LLC Dealer #103844.

Men's Breakfast - Men of CPC: Join us at the next Men's Breakfast on December 18th at 8:30 a.m. at the Crystal Lake Diner on Cuthbert Blvd.



Christmas Poinsettias - If you would like to order a poinsettia for the sanctuary, remember that orders are due by next week. Use the form on the back of the bulletin or in The Pulse.

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Today 12/5



2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. - Worship & Sunday School (Pageant practice)
11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time
2:30 p.m. - Middle School Retreat Returns

Tues. 12/7

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup
6:15 p.m. - Nominating Committee
7:00 p.m. - Deacons

Wed. 12/8

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Intermediate Youth Handbells
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Advanced Inter. Youth Handbells
6:45 - 7:30 p.m. - Advanced Youth Handbells
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Adult Adv. Memorial Handbells

Thurs. 12/9

7:00 - Chancel Choir Practice

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## COMING UP

Thurs. 12/16

6:30 p.m. - Pageant Dress Rehearsal & Decorating Night

Sat. 12/18

8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast, Crystal Lake Diner

Sun. 12/19

Christmas Pageant and Cookie Exchange  
Pageant Party for Cast and Crew

Fri. 12/24

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## DEACONS' UPDATE

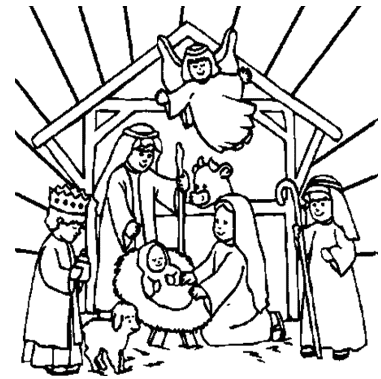
**NEW VISIONS** - In addition to providing meals, New Visions Homeless Day Shelter also has shower facilities. They are in need of new or gently used bath towels. Please leave towels under the food collection table in the back of the Church.



**FOOD PANTRY** - Last year at this time St. Paul's was providing food for 156 families. This year they have over 350 on the list. Please donate whatever you can - Cold cereal is still requested.

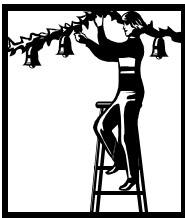
# Christmas Pageant!

DECEMBER 19th



**\*\* SAVE THESE DATES! \*\***

We are getting ready for the upcoming Christmas Pageant, which will take place during the worship service on Sun., December 19th. Rehearsals will be held during Sunday School on Dec. 5th and 12th.



The dress rehearsal will be Thursday evening, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. Parents, please plan to stay after the dress rehearsal to help decorate the church for Christmas. We'll provide the refreshments!!

On the day of the pageant, children are asked to be at the church by 10:00 a.m. so that we can get everyone ready!

**\*\* NEW THIS YEAR!!! \*\***

We are inviting members to bring 3 dozen cookies for our Christmas Cookie Swap after the pageant on Dec. 19th. Drop your cookies off in the lounge before church and come back to enjoy the fellowship time and celebrate Christmas together. Bring your own container or baggies and take some cookies home!!!





## Green up your holiday gift giving!

Alternative gifts from CWS

Are you surfing the web for Christmas gifts this year? Go to the Church World Service website and check out the gifts that will bring a smile to your loved one's face AND do a world of good. A pair of rabbits for a struggling family, a soccer ball for a refugee child... simple gifts that won't break the bank, but will change lives. Shop for HOPE this Christmas and help spread some cheer -- both at home and around the globe! Go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) and click on "Shop Now" to purchase gifts that will really make a difference.

## IHOC - Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council

**FUNDRAISER** - Wednesday, December 8th, 2010 at California Pizza Kitchen in the Cherry Hill Mall. Pick up one of the flyers in the narthex and take it with you and 20% of your check will be donated to IHOC.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be able to help some folks who are homeless over this coming Christmas holiday? We are the support congregation for the Baptist Church, who are the IHOC hosts from December 26 to January 9. If you can make a dinner for 12 men, provide lunches, or spend the night (men only), please sign up in the narthex. If you are unable to help, please consider making a donation to the Deacon's fund to help with costs.

# What are you waiting for?

## Sign up for the WIN-WIN-WIN No-Brainer today!

Help yourself, help the Church, and help the environment all at the same time.

How? Simply direct your utility to buy its electricity supply from Viridian, and everyone wins.

First: go to [www.liveviridian.com](http://www.liveviridian.com) and watch the video to see how you can save money and help the environment with Green energy.

Then go to [www.viridian.com/cpc](http://www.viridian.com/cpc) and sign up for Everyday Green 20% electric from Viridian. This does not change your utility: it only directs them to an alternate source for the electricity they send to your home.

**Win #1:** You save money on your utility bill. No contracts, no fees, no cost to you, only savings. If you sign up in December, you get an additional 10% off of your first bill under Viridian.

**Win #2:** The church will get \$2 each month from Viridian for each customer. In addition, Viridian will pay the church a \$250 bonus when 25 people sign up which doubles if they are signed up and qualified by the end of December. That's \$500 to CPC just for people signing up! Note: It may take up to 5 days to qualify, so please **ACT NOW! Sign up BEFORE Dec 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**Win #3:** The environment wins because Viridian uses a minimum of 20% Green Renewable energy. For a household using 1,000 kw a month, that's the equivalent of over 1,000 lbs less of carbon emissions.

It's a no-brainer! You save money, the church gets money, and the environment is cleaner!

If you have questions, please Call Keith at 856-816-7810.

What are you waiting for?



## ☞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ☞

**Birthdays:** Stephanie Willis, Sydney McGinnis, Joyce Goulburn, Art Moffett, Patty Sheffler, and David Motson.

**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  
Rachel Ginter  
Brooke Hankins  
John Morascini  
Frank Griffin  
Marge Miller's Friend  
Jang Do-Soon

Rich Forster  
Sarah Ginter  
Eleanor Kelley  
John Pellini  
JoAnn Westermaier  
Grace Sharp  
Lisa

Arlene Galeski  
Max Gureki  
Mitchell Miner  
The Gillette Family  
Dianna Metzler  
Mel Sharp

### Our Partners in Mission

Bethany Presbyterian Church of Bridgeton  
Our PCUSA mission in the Fiji Islands  
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.



# Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary from December 19th through December 26th. If you would like to order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill in the slip below and place it – along with your check – in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office **by December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Make your check payable to “Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Flowers.”

If you like, you may pick up your plant after our Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Deacons will distribute any plants remaining to shut-ins.

The cost is \$15 each (7 inch pot – 6+ blooms). Poinsettias are available in your choice of color with red, pink, or white blooms.



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## Poinsettia orders due by December 12:

I would like to order the following poinsettias at \$15 each:

How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ White



Total # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The bulletin insert should read:

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_