

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*2nd Sunday of Advent*

***December 6, 2009***

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**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**December 6, 2009 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Silent Prayer**

*O God, you are my light and my hope.  
Come to me in this season of anticipation and fear.  
Make me ready to receive the Prince of Peace. 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 Mission**

**Centering Music**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Schuehler Family

**Leader:** Advent is a time of preparation. We work very hard to prepare our homes, gifts and food. Let us work on preparing our hearts to make room for him.

**People: Come Lord Jesus, into our hearts.**

*The second candle is lit.*

**Leader:** On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace. Jesus said, "My peace I leave you. It is not as the world gives."

**People: We long for the godly peace that passes understanding. We pray for Shalom to be in our hearts this season. We pray for peace in our world.**

**Response** Hymn #2090 STF - Advent Carol (verse 2)

*Light the Advent candle, two:  
Think of humble shepherds, who  
filled with wonder at the sight,  
of the child of Christmas night.*

*Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** The day of God is coming: lift up your voices.

Cry out with the strength God provides.

**People:** **We await God's coming day with anticipation.**

**We seek the peace and patience God provides.**

**Leader:** Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.

Speak tenderly to my suffering people.

**People:** **We will prepare the way for the One who is coming.**

**God's hand is upon us. Praise be to God!**

**\*Hymn - "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #2 PH**

**\*Prayer of Confession (adapted from I Peter 3: 11-16)**

**Leader:** Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness? In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

**ALL:** **While we are waiting for these things, we strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish. We confess that we are carried away with the error of the lawless and have lost our stability. We have lost our way in the glitter and lights of this season. We do not seek holiness. We seek things that give only temporary happiness and not true peace. Only you, O God, who forgives us, can give us the greatest gift of all, your Son. Amen.**



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### **Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Offering**

*"To give and then not feel that one has given  
is the very best of all ways of giving."*

Max Beerbohm

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Musical Meditation** - The congregation is invited to sing

*"Open our Eyes" #2086 STF (three times)*

## 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

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)*

#### The Bread

Join in singing "*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*" #2258 STF (vs. 1-3)

1. *Sing alleluia to the Lord!*
2. *Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. . .*
3. *In Christ the world has been redeemed. . .*

#### The Cup

Join in singing "*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*" #2258 STF (vs. 4-6)

4. *His resurrection sets us free. . .*
5. *Therefore we celebrate the feast. . .*
6. *Sing alleluia to the Lord. . .*

## Prayer After Communion

We thank you Lord for your coming to us in the form of a baby so long ago. We thank you for this sacrament where the Spirit comes to us and fills us with the presence of Christ. May this supper sustain us for the coming celebration of your birth.  
Amen.

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn: "Starchild" #2095 STF

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude



*Go Forward and Serve!*

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

*Please join us in the lounge after worship for fellowship and coffee.  
If you have a child in Sunday School, the teachers will bring them to the lounge when their classes are finished.*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Hymnal References:

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Large blue hymnal)

STF- Sing the Faith (Small blue hymnal)

TH - The Hymnbook (Maroon hymnal)

December's memory verse:

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

*I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

John 14:27

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**

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

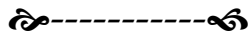
*☞ If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here! ☞*

*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!

**Liturgist:** Linda Herzog

**Deacon of the Day:** Mike Amato

**Welcoming Team:** Mike Dersch, Lois Noyes

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Jane Trent

**Communion Servers:** Linda Miller, Megan Miller, Myra Ostrander, Mike Amato, and Bob Marks.

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Don and Anna Lee Bachtell in honor of their first date 45 years ago, a blind date which we are sure God took great pleasure in arranging!

### ***Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule***

- ◆ 1st Sunday of the Month - 3rd grade and up remain for communion. Younger children go to Sunday School after Children's Chat and are brought to the lounge after class.
- ◆ All other Sundays: Pre-k to 4th grade go to Sunday School after Children's Chat and are brought to the lounge after class.
- ◆ 2nd & 4th Sundays: 5th - 12th grade leave after Children's Chat for bible groups. All begin in Calvin Hall, then proceed as follows:
  - 5th grade - Lorrie Lesso (handbell) room
  - 6th & 7th grade - Back of Fellowship Hall (dining room)
  - 8th - 12th grade - Meeting room next to the nursery

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Today 12/6** 9:15 AM - "First Christmas" Advent Study  
10:30 AM - Worship & Sunday School  
11:30 AM - Fellowship Coffee Time  
11:30 AM - New Member Brunch  
Middle School Returns
- Tues. 12/8** 9:30 - 11 AM - Toddler Playgroup  
12:00 PM - Circle 1 Lunch at The Painted Cottage
- Wed. 12/9** 9:30 - 11:00AM - Toddler Playgroup  
4:00 - 8:00 PM - Eat at Chik-fil-A for CPC Youth  
5:15 - 6:00 PM - Beginning Handbells  
6:00 - 6:50 PM - Intermediate Handbells  
6:30 - 7:30 PM - Advanced Handbells  
7:30 - 8:30 PM - Adult Handbells  
7:30 PM - Circle 2 Meeting
- Thurs. 12/10** 7:00 PM - Choir  
7:00 PM - Church & Society Meeting

## **Announcements**

**Inquirer's Brunch Today** - Join us for brunch downstairs in the dining room after worship to meet with Pastor Kate and members of the Outreach Committee if you are interested in becoming a member of the church or have questions about what it means to be a Presbyterian.

**Circle 1** - The Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 8 at 12:00 pm at the Painted Cottage on Haddon Ave.



**Circle 2** - There will be a Circle 2 women's meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 pm in the lounge. Join us for refreshments and a Christmas craft. Everyone is welcome!

**Chik-fil-A Night for CPC** - Eat at the Chik-fil-A this **Wed., December 9** from 4 to 8 PM. (Located on Rt. 70 in The Garden State Shopping Center, near Wegmans.) Mention CPC and we will receive a portion of the proceeds towards the Youth Summer Mission Trip.

**Church & Society** - Meeting **Thursday, Dec. 10** at 7 PM in the lounge.



**Christmas Poinsettias** - Please fill out the order form on the back of the bulletin or in your issue of *The Pulse*. Orders are due by **December 13**.

## *We're Getting Ready for Christmas!!*

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS**

**Sunday, December 13, during Sunday School, until 12:00**

**and**

**Thursday, December 17 at 6:45 pm**



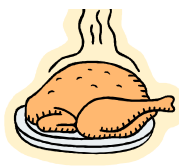
Parents, please stay and help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas while the children are rehearsing. We'll all enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate when we're finished!

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, December 20th**

The pageant will take place during the worship service with the Luncheon following the pageant. We will be serving Stuffed Shells and Meatballs, Ham and Mac and Cheese, salad, rolls and dessert. There will be a donation of \$5 per family to offset the cost. Sign up will be in the narthex on Dec. 6 and 13.





**Got Turkey?** In these tough economic times, more people than ever can use a helping hand. St. Paul's Food Pantry in Collingswood has "the fixings" but not enough turkey and ham for this Christmas season.

If you qualify for a free turkey or ham from a local supermarket please consider donating it to St. Paul's Food Pantry. Just bring it to church on any Sunday between now and Christmas and the Deacons will deliver it to St. Paul's. If you prefer to have your donation picked up, please call Martha Jane @ 856-858-6419 or Mike Amato @ 609-413-6770. Remember your neighbors in need, donate a turkey or ham.

(P.S. Don't forget, December is also "cold cereal" month for St. Paul's Food Pantry. Please place your donation on the table in the back of the church and watch it grow!)

### **Warm Winter Clothing for the Homeless** - The Deacon's are



collecting "new" and "slightly used" winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves throughout November and 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 in the box next to the tree. This is an easy way to help others and serve the Lord. We hope you will pray for the success of this effort and take time to participate in this worthwhile cause.



### **GOING GREEN WITH CPC!**

**Now you can recycle and help CPC at the same time. Bring in your used inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones and place them in the white recycling box which is located in the lounge. When the bin is full, it will be picked up and we will receive a check which will go toward the cost of the Summer Mission Trip for the Youth. If you would like to take a box to your workplace, see Jennifer Giordano. It doesn't get any easier! Support CPC's youth and the environment at the same time!**



## CHURCH & SOCIETY

- IHOC -

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.**

We are helping the Baptist Church with their annual hosting of the IHOC homeless program from Dec. 27th thru January 10th.

How can you help?

- ◆ Help with one of three dinners or lunches on Dec. 28, Dec. 30 or Jan 4 (this is a great family project.)
- ◆ Donate a blanket
- ◆ Attend a welcoming reception on Dec. 27
- ◆ Attend a family-friendly News Years Eve Party on 12/31
- ◆ Provide a ride to nightly meetings or the Laundromat
- ◆ Donate a box of cereal or a gallon of milk for breakfast

### **WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN!!!**

CPC Men are needed throughout the 2 weeks to stay overnight with the men. PLEASE consider helping out!

Embrace the spirit of Christmas by giving the gift of service. If you would like to help or would like more information about helping please contact Joanie Balderstone at 856.795.5992 or [rebnjoanie@comcast.net](mailto:rebnjoanie@comcast.net).

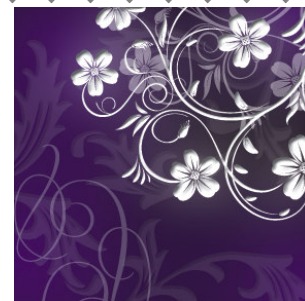
*Dear CPC,*

*Thank you for your cards,  
e-mails, phone calls, fruit,  
thoughts and the many prayers.*

*Your love and friendship will not be  
forgotten.*

*Blessings to you all.*

*Myra, Patty and our family*



# ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 6, 13 & 20 at 9:15 AM  
"First Christmas" Bible Study

December 8, 12:00 PM  
Circle 1 Christmas Lunch at the Painted Cottage

December 9, 7:30 PM  
Circle 2 meeting at church  
Refreshments and a Christmas craft.

December 13, during Sunday School until 12:00  
and December 17 at 6:45 PM  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

December 17 at 7:00 PM  
Decorating the Sanctuary

December 18 at 7:00 PM  
Christmas Caroling

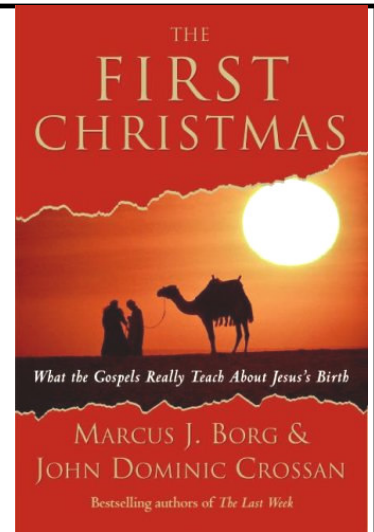
December 20  
Christmas Pageant and Luncheon

December 24 at 7:00 PM  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



# "The First Christmas" The Birth of Jesus

Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20  
at 9:15 am  
in the Pastor's office.



Come early to church and "center" yourself during this holiday season as we talk about the stories of the birth of Jesus.

Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation. We will be using Marcus Borg's book "The Real Story of Jesus' Birth" and chapters will be available in the narthex for reading. Leader will be Pastor Kate.

*"The First Christmas" enriches our understanding of Jesus in a desperately needed way. Readers will find profound and convincing insights into the meaning of birth and life of Jesus- for the early church, and will be challenged to discern their meaning for the world today."*

*Brian McLaren, author of  
"A New Kind of Christian"*

# **Holiday Offerings to Make your Season Bright!**

***Sunday, December 6th - 5 to 8 PM***  
**28th Annual Community Sing of The Messiah**



**First United Methodist Church - Moorestown  
446 Camden Ave. - Phone: 235-0450**

**Join the tradition of celebrating the season  
by singing Handel's Messiah with your friends and neighbors.  
An experience not to be missed!**



**Friday, December 11 - 6 to 9 PM**  
**Live Nativity**

**First United Methodist Church - Collingswood  
Park and Dayton Avenues - 858-1186  
(Rain Date 12/12)**

**A wonderful event for the whole family with  
live actors and animals. Enjoy hot cocoa ,  
cookies, and peaceful Christmas music.**



**Friday, December 18 - 7 PM**  
**The American Boychoir: A Holiday Concert**



**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
499 Route 70 East - Cherry Hill - 428 - 2050  
(call for info. about pricing or tickets)**

**Enjoy this premier boys' choir consisting of an ensemble  
of beautiful voices performing holiday music.  
Sure to be a highlight of your season!**

❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

**Those celebrating a birthday this week:** Stephanie Willis, Sydney McGinnis, Joyce Goulburn, Patty Sheffler and David Motson,

**Special prayers for:** Those who are unemployed and those who are 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

**Shut-Ins**

Mabel Cordier  
Barbara Perry

Robert Johnson  
Rosemary Sammons

Dorothy Lawnicki  
Dorothy Varnum

**Pray for Health and Wellness\***

Brandon Brauns  
Chuck Christy  
Nancy Elwell  
Arlene Galeski  
Max Gureki  
Philip Lagakos  
Susan Moler  
RodgersChristine Siravo  
Tina Young

Jenn Brooks  
The DeLuca Family  
Anastasia Fillmore  
Erin Eaton  
Joe Hall  
Marjorie Miller  
Paul Masarek  
Nicki Stefanucci

Gloria Cezarez  
Bree Donovan  
Annjakira Flores  
Sarah Ginter  
Jeannie Kaufman  
Lisa Miner  
Fran Paul Terri  
Catherine Tumminia

**Our Partners in Mission**

First Presbyterian Church of Grenloch  
Our PCUSA mission in Uruguay  
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 20th through December 27th. 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 13<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 Sunday, 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 13:

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 \_\_\_\_\_