

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



Second Sunday of Advent

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December 7, 2008

COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 7, 2008

2nd Sunday of Advent/The Lord's Supper

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*O God, our Father, send out your light and your truth upon us now.
Your light that we may see where we ought to go;
Your truth that we may know what we ought to do,
so that, being guided and taught by you
we may make no mistakes.
Through Jesus Christ, our 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.



Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kaiblinger/VanDerlyke Family

Leader: In the days to come, says the prophet Isaiah,

People: The wolf shall lie down with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

Leader: The calf and the lion and the fatling together,

People: and a little child shall lead them.

Leader: For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsive Hymn - Advent Carol (Verse 2) #2090 STF

(Please remain seated during the advent carol.)

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you have given us your own child to walk with us
an among us

People: That me might better recognize your love.

Leader: Focus our eyes to see your life among us!

People: Open our ears to hear new sounds of joy!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn "*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*" #15 PH

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Leader: The gift of God's presence among us in Jesus Christ is freely given: we have only to open our hearts to accept it. In full confidence that God will lift our sin from us if we confess it and ask God's help in turning from it, let us now unburden ourselves by confessing our sin before God.

ALL: God, giver of all gifts, we constantly fail to recognize your gifts. We were created to be in relationship, yet we spend much of our lives trying to live independently from you and others. Remove from us the blind compulsion to control, and let us accept and trust your grace as all sufficient. Let us loosen our hold on thing that we may share with one another as signs of your grace. We pray in the name of the one whose incarnation we celebrate this season, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the Good News!

Who is in a position to judge or condemn you?

People: We feel guilt and condemnation from so many places - our own failings or the scorn of others.

Leader: Yet the only one who is perfect does not condemn us.

People: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us.

Leader: Put aside your shame and walk in the light of the Lord!

People: For anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation! Alleluia!

*Congregational Response: #576

**Gloria, Gloria
In Excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria
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

*(Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School
Youth third grade and older remain for Communion)*

Anthem: "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

by Regney/Shayne

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (responsive)

Leader: LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**People: You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Leader: The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

People: **Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: "*A Desert Symphony*"

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith -- 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.

Offering

*"Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Matthew 6:34

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Meditation: Hymn "*Come, Share the Lord*" #2269 STF

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

Please sing Hymn #2258, verses 1-3 "*Alleluia to the Lord*"

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

The Cup

Please sing Hymn #2258 verses 4-6 "*Alleluia to the Lord*"

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

Prayer after communion (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* #540 PH

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

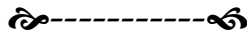
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book* ❧
in the narthex so we know you are here!

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: Rebecca McIntire

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

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Communion Servers: Carol Fulton, Jean Fulton, Myra Ostrander, Sheralyn Tinsley and Tom Wolfe.

Flowers: The flowers today are from Sheralyn Tinsley in memory of Keith Richard Orłowski.



We welcome The Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli to our church today while Pastor Kate and Jennifer Giordano are away at the Women's Conference in Cuba.

Rev. "Debby" has been the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery since July 1st. This involves care for the 65 churches and 12,000 members in our bounds. For the previous 23 years she was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Burlington.



This Week at CPC

Sun., Dec. 7 10:30 am -- Worship and Sunday School

Mon. Dec. 8 **NO BIBLE STUDY**

Tues., Dec. 9 9:30 am -- Toddler's Playgroup
12:00 pm -- Circle 1 Christmas Luncheon
Pastor Kate and Jennifer Return from Cuba

Wed., Dec. 10 9:30 am -- Toddler's Playgroup
5:15 pm -- Intermediate Bell choir
6:30 pm -- Advanced Youth Bell Choir
7:00 pm -- Confirmation Class
7:30 pm -- Memorial Bell Choir

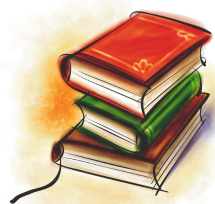
Thur., Dec. 11 7:00 pm -- Choir Practice
8:30 pm -- Bible Study

Sat., Dec. 13 1:00 pm -- Flores Dance Practice
5:00 pm -- Leave for "Miracle of Christmas"



Collection of Coats, Hats, Gloves, etc.

The Deacons will again be collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and new or used coats in the month of December. They will all be donated to New Visions, the homeless ministry in Camden. Please bring your donations to church by **Sunday December 28th**. This is a good time to clean out your closets and take advantage of the many Christmas sales going on. We thank you in advance for your support.



Library News!

Looking for decorations for your home or workplace, check out Martha Bettis Gee's [Things to Make & Do for Advent & Christmas](#). Projects include wreaths, calendars, cards, ornaments, decorations, crèches and manger scenes, and Epiphany crowns, stars, and other symbols of light.

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.

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.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!

Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin today
during Sunday School !

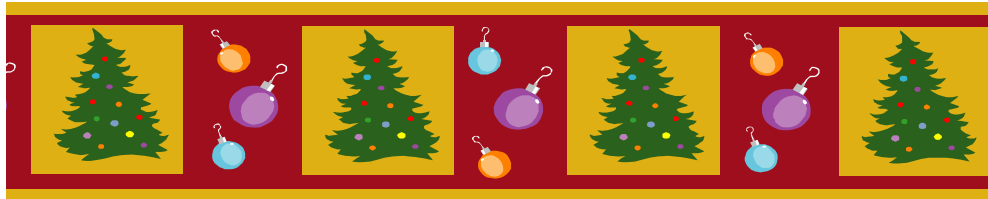
Please plan to attend!!! We need your talent!!!

All the groups will be rehearsing for the **Christmas Pageant** during the month of December. We will rehearse during Sunday school and on Wednesday December 17 at 6:45pm. (We will decorate the church for Christmas this night!) All should try to attend. Please make plans to have family and friends attend our pageant on December 21st during worship. This is a wonderful way for our children and youth to express their joy for the Christmas season. As always a DVD will be available so you do not need to panic about a video camera. The cost of the DVD is only \$5.00. Please plan to attend!



Adults- Learn and Grow in Faith

- ♦ Sunday Mornings 9:30 am Bible Study- The study will be "**God's Faithfulness.**" (No meeting on 12/7) Facilitator Jennifer Giordano. Youth Room
- ♦ Monday morning Bible Study will not meet in December. Join us when we start up again in January. All are welcome.
- ♦ Adult Bible Study this Thursday December 11 in the lounge "**God's Faithfulness**" After choir at 8:30pm. (or put the kids to bed and come over!)
- ♦ **Think About It!** Interested in thinking more about our faith and it's impact on the world? Pick up handouts from Presbyterians Today magazine and The Thinking Christian in the narthex.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- **Confirmation Class** - We will be meeting on Wednesday December 10 and 17 from 7-8 pm in the Meeting room upstairs. Pick up your Worship Reflection Sheets in the narthex and drop off finished ones outside Pastors 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.
- **Urban Promise:** On December 16 the youth (7th grade and up) will be going to UrbanPromise to help with homework and a craft. Adults are welcome too. Meet at the church by 2:55 pm. Please let Jennifer know if you plan to come.
- **Christmas Caroling:** All youth (5th - 12th) will meet on December 21st to go **Christmas caroling**. We will meet 7:00 pm here at church. We will carol for about 1 hour and then end with hot chocolate and cookies. Please plan to attend with your friends (Your home baked cookies are appreciated!) **NOTE - ALL of the congregation and family and friends are welcome to join us as we carol around town! Please mark your calendars for this fun church outing!!!!**



Check out these Holiday Happenings!!

*27th Annual Community Sing
"The Messiah"*

Sunday, December 7, 2008

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Choruses and solos

to be sung by all those present

Light refreshments and child care provided

Free-will offering

*First United Methodist Church
Camden Ave. at Pleasant Valley Ave
Moorestown, NJ*

235-0450





Tickets are available for the
Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra Christmas Show

"Joy, Joy, Joy - A Christmas Celebration"
Sat., December 20 and Sun., December 21
at 2:30 pm

The performances will be held at
Paul IV High School
901 Hopkins Road
Haddon Township.

Call 858-0693 or email JDICO@comcast.net
for tickets or more information

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
124 Kings Highway, East

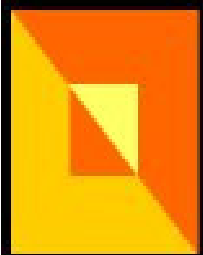
Presents

"Bell A Deux"

Sunday, December 14
at 4:00 pm

**Come see this wonderful handbell duet playing over 85 bells
and chimes accompanied by harp, voice and piano. The
musical selections are both serious and light and lots of fun.**

**For more info call the Baptist Church at
429-2326 or go to firstbaptisthaddonfield.org**



Kairos Pastoral Counseling of South Jersey

Time for healing, wholeness, hope, new beginnings.



Christ Presbyterian Church 400 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ 08027

November 27, 2008

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all have had a wonderful day with your loved ones and that you find many things in your life to be grateful for!

I am writing to invite you to a special event. On Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m., I will be offering a screening and discussion of the video "Men Get Depression," which was produced in conjunction with PBS, the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and other partners. Women are disproportionately diagnosed with depression, in large part because the ways in which men exhibit depression are often quite different from "textbook" symptoms of depression. This video helps to explore the unique ways in which men experience depression. Following the screening, we will discuss the video, signs and symptoms of depression in men and women, and how to know when to initiate a referral for counseling or psychotherapy. I hope that you all will consider joining me for this special event. Please, if you plan to come, either let me know via e-mail response or by phoning me at 856-982-4108.

Also, keep in mind as we enter the holiday season that the stress of this time of year can make it difficult for some people to cope. Also keep in mind that with the shorter days, seasonal affective disorder (light sensitive depression) may trouble some people. Please consider me as a resource for helping to support your parishioners (or you!) who may need pastoral counseling services at this time. For more information or to make an appointment, please feel free to phone me at 856-982-4108 or to e-mail me at bryan@kairospc.com.

Peace,

Bryan Bass-Riley

Pot Luck Luncheon

Following Worship and Our Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21, 2008



Mark your calendars for a very special Luncheon to celebrate Christmas together. The Christmas Pageant will be presented during worship on December 21st, then we'll fellowship together over lunch.

Please make your reservations early! Fill out and submit the form below by December 14th so we can plan our meal. Questions? Contact Donna Willis at 858-6392 or tj12697@hotmail.com

(Fill out and place this form in the offering plate by 12/14/08)

Family name _____

Total number attending _____

We will bring (circle one, please):

Meat

Meat Casserole

Meatless Casserole

Dessert

Vegetable

(Salad, bread and beverages will be provided.)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Celebrating a Birthday this Week: Sydney McGinnin, Joyce Goulburn, Art Moffett, Patty Sheffler, and David Motson.

Prayers: Keep Pastor Kate and Jennifer Giordano in your prayers this week for their work at the Women's Conference in Cuba and for safe travel home on Tuesday.

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, Stephanie Nalls
Jessica Lowden-- in Monrovia, Liberia

Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier
Alma Lattimore
Barbara Perry

Alex Fell
Dorothy Lawnicki
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson
Patricia Moler
Pat Schuehler

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Brandon Brauns
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Susan Moler
Bill Sharp
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Chuck Christy
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Philip Lagakos
Eddie Ostrander
Catherine Tumminia
Joanne Westermeier

Bree Donovan
Ralph Gunther
Richard Marks
Barbara Perry
Tony Tumminia

Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Salem
Our PCUSA mission in Mauritius
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 21st through December 24th. If you would like to order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill in the slip below and put it – along with your check – in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office *by December 12th*. Make your check payable to “Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Flowers.”

If possible, you may pick up your plant after our Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th 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 solid colors—red, pink, or white blooms.



Poinsettia order due December 10, 2006:

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

_____ Red

_____ Pink

_____ White



Total # of plants _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

The bulletin insert should read:

Given by _____

“In memory of” or “In honor of” (circle one) _____

