

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



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March 1, 2009

COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2009

1st Sunday in Lent/Our Lord's Supper

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

Lord of love and mercy, lead us through the wildernesses that surround our lives. Decrease our fears and increase our faith as we embark on this Lenten journey with Jesus to the Cross. 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.

Minute for Mission

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Our journey is commencing. We have set our footsteps on the pathway to the cross.

People: Lord, be with us on this journey.

Leader: Along the way we will encounter tragedy and triumph.

People: Lord, be with us on this journey.

Leader: Come, tune your hearts to the Lord.

People: Lord, fix our eyes on the cross. Give us courage for the journey. AMEN.

*Hymn *“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”* #81 PH

*Prayer of Confession

Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to just sit back and listen to the journey of Jesus from the Jordan to Jerusalem; from life and ministry to death. We would rather be observers than place ourselves on this journey. We don't want to think about the many things that weigh us down; the many ways in which we have turned away from you and sought our own selfish desires. We are terribly afraid. Forgive us and heal us, O Lord. Give us courage to face our fears and faith to place our trust in your guiding mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Congregational Response - *“Kyrie”* #2275 STF

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

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*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

*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.
Children Third Grade and up may stay for Communion)*

Anthem

"Canon of Praise"

by J. Pachelbel

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 20:22-26

Responsive Psalm

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your
steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions; according to your steadfast love
remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his
decrees.**

Hymn *"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"* #2171 STF

New Testament Lesson: Acts 15:1-21

Sermon *"God Knows the Human Heart"*

The Rev. Dr. Jack Rogers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - The Heidelberg Catechism

Q.1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offering

*Do as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly
or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

1 Corinthians 9:7

*Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *"Hyfrydol"*

by Rowland H. Prichard

Arr. Dawn Thompson

Advanced Youth Handbell Trio:

Liz Lazorko, Mark Eife, Steven Wilson

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 "*In Remembrance of Me*" #2254 STF

The Cup

Join in singing "*Jesus, Remember Me*" #599 PH

Prayer after communion (unison)

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn "*Would I Have Answered When You Called?*" #2137 STF

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude  

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Please Join us in the Lounge for Fellowship Time
And an opportunity to greet Dr. Rogers



WORSHIP MATTERS

This is the first Sunday of the Lenten season. Lent is the forty days leading up to Easter. (Sundays were considered “mini-Easters” and not included in the count.) It is usually a penitential time, marked by fasting (giving up) or taking up a new cross of mission in preparation for the sacrifice on Good Friday and the Celebration of Easter. Traditionally, churches have not used celebratory music or liturgy during this time. Many churches ban alleluias in worship as a small sacrifice during Lent.

Our creed today is the Heidelberg Catechism. Written in 1562, by Dr. Ursinus, professor of theology and Rev. Olevianus, preacher to the city of Heidelberg, the creed was an instructional piece for both Lutherans and Reformed Christians. The Reformed did not believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in bread and wine, Lutherans believed that they were desecrating the Lord’s Supper. Providing a basis for peaceful coexistence between Lutheran and Reformed Christians, the catechism denied that the bread and wine became the very body and blood of Christ but affirmed that “by this visible sign and pledge. . . we come to share in his true body and blood through the working of the Holy Spirit. . .”(paragraph 4,079).

The Heidelberg Catechism opens with two questions concerning our comfort in life and death. The knowledge that our only comfort is Jesus Christ frames the remainder of the catechism **AND this catechism is the favorite of Dr. Rogers, who joins us today.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

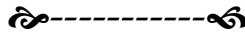
❧ ***If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book
in the narthex so we know you are here!*** ❧

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.



Thanks this morning to:

Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. Katherine Killebrew

Opening and Closing Building: Jonathan Lazorko

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Communion Servers: Megan Standring, Donna Willis, Linda Herzog, Mark Standring

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Peggy and Keith Haines in honor of their 3rd Anniversary.

Welcome to CPC!

We welcome The Rev. Dr. Jack Rogers to our pulpit today. Dr. Rogers began his teaching career at Westminster College in PA. He then taught Systematic theology at Fuller theological seminary for 17 years. He served two years on the national staff of the Presbyterian church in Louisville. He retired from San Francisco theological Seminary in California after teaching ten years and developing their Southern California branch campus. In 2003 he was elected the Moderator of the General Assembly, one of the highest honors of PCUSA denomination. He is the author of several books including "Presbyterian Creeds" and "Jesus, Homosexuality and the Bible-Reforming the Myths and Healing the Church."

This Week at CPC

Sun., March 1	10:30 am - Worship & Sunday School 11:30 am - Intermediate Bell Rehearsal
Mon., March 2	6:30 pm - Soup and Soul - Lenten Study 7:00 pm—Study in Lounge
Tues., March 3	9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup 6:00 pm - Brownies 7:00 pm - Deacons
Wed., March 4	9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup 5:30 pm - Intermediate Handbell Choir 6:30 pm - Advanced Handbell Choir 7:00 pm - Memorial Handbell Choir
Thurs., March 5	5:00 pm - Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir
Fri., March 6	6:00 pm - 30-Hour Famine
Sat., March 6	6:00 pm - 30-Hour Famine Concludes

UPCOMING WORKSHOP:

The Presbytery of West Jersey will be offering several workshops on the upcoming vote on an Overture before the Presbyterian Church to change the ordination standards. The next one is **Saturday, March 7, 2009, from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm.**

Dr. Robert Gagnon of Pittsburgh Seminary, will make a presentation arguing against ordination and homosexuality at Faith Presbyterian Church in Medford, NJ. Q & A time and discussion will be part of the program. Registration is \$10.00 (includes lunch) and is open to the public.

Christian Education Update

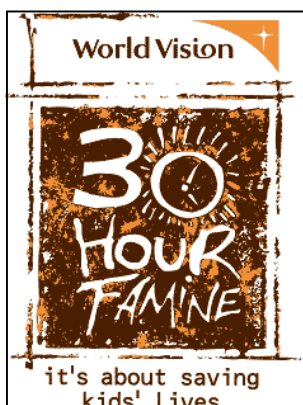
- **Confirmation Class** - Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 7 - 8 pm in the Meeting room upstairs. Pick up your Worship Reflection Sheets in the narthex and drop off finished ones outside Pastor Kate's office.
- **First Friday Faith and Fun** - has been rescheduled for March 13 from 7 to 8:30 pm. All 5th through 7th graders are welcome. Wear clothes you can get messy in as we will be having a Food Fest!! Bring your friends!

30-HOUR FAMINE UPDATE

On March 6 and 7 our youth will be going without food for 30 hours to see what millions of people around the world experience each and every day. (Yes, teenagers can actually give up food for the right reasons!!)

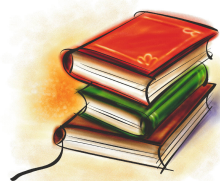
Thank you to those who have signed up to sponsor the youth. If you too would like to sponsor one of the kids, please see the youth in the narthex after today's service.

If you are able to donate fruit juice for the kids, please drop it off to the church by Friday. Adults are needed to help out during this event. Shifts are available for Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. See the sign-up sheet on the podium or talk to Jennifer Giordano.



For more information you can visit the website at www.30hourfamine.org.

Keep us in your prayers!



Library News!

Check out John Dominic Crossman and Richard G. Watts' *Who Is Jesus? Answers to Your Questions about the Historical Jesus*. The authors explore the differences among the four gospels, the role of John the Baptist, the teachings of Jesus, miracles, the executors of Christ, Easter Sunday, and more. Remember: You can sign out books and tapes ANY TIME THE CHURCH IS OPEN. Use the print lists of our holdings or access our CPC Library catalog through the CPC website at <http://collingswoodpres.com/>. See Lorrie Heuser, Peggy Haines, or Karen Mazak for assistance.



Soup and Soul

Monday Evenings

6:30- 8:30 pm

Sign up now for our Lenten Study
"Simply Christian."

This is a 5 week course starting on Monday, March 2 that will begin with soup at 6:30pm in the dining room. If you don't want dinner, then come at 7:00pm for the study taught through video and discussion led by Pastor Kate. If you think you know it all already, think again with us. Questions are welcome! Sign up in the narthex. Cost for the book is \$5.00. (If you can't come on the evenings, talk to Pastor Kate and a Sunday morning class can be added.)



❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Lois Noyes, Doris Bockmann, Joey Sperlunto and Stacy Lagakos.

Those celebrating anniversaries: Peggy and Keith Haines (Third)

Sympathy: Funeral services were held this past week for Alma Lattimore. Please keep Hazel Stecklair and June Lattimore in your prayers.

Those who serve in government, our military personnel, & those who work in other countries:

Our country, our new president, 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
Barbara Perry

Robert Johnson
Rosemary Sammons

Dorothy Lawnicki
Pat Schuehler

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Brandon Brauns
Doris Feaster
Ralph Gunther
Richard Marks
Eddie Ostrander
Evelyn Tinsley

Chuck Christy
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Susan Moler
Barbara Perry
Catherine Tumminia

Bree Donovan
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Philip Lagakos
Paul Masarek
Bill Sharp
Tony Tumminia

Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood
Our PCUSA mission in Nigeria
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.

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Robert Lowden, Sexton

THE SESSION

(Meets second Monday, 7:00 p.m.)

Linda Herzog, Clerk of Session
Barbara Maylath, President of Board of Trustees
Robert Marks, Commissioner to Presbytery
Barbara Bockmann, Treasurer

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Barbara Maylath
Linda Miller
Megan Standring
Jill LaPan

Class of 2011

Keith Haines
Fred Heuser
Donna Willis
Bob Marks

Class of 2012

Joan Balderstone
Linda Herzog

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(Meets first Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.)

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