

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



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March 22, 2009

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

**March 22, 2009
4th Sunday in Lent**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. 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: We gather to share in our love of God.

People: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

Leader: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

People: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

Leader: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

People: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. Amen.

*Hymn "Blessing and Honor" # 147 PH

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been , help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

*Words of Assurance

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love for us - even when we were dead through our sins - made us alive together with Christ....for by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: By Jesus life death and resurrection, we are saved.

Leader: We are claimed in our baptism to be born again.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response - "Bless The Lord" #2013 STF

Bless the Lord my soul
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul,
who leads me into life.

*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 are dismissed to Sunday School)

Anthem " God So Loved the World"

John Carter

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Litany of Faith

Leader: Darkness has encompassed the world. Fear and alienation seep into every corner of our lives.

People: From the very beginning of creation, God's spirit hovered over the waters of discontent and fear.

Leader: The darkness of the waters did not dissuade God's creative intention for this world. Even now, God's love floods over the world.

People: In the fullness of time God sent God's own Son, Jesus Christ, who offered for us a model of peace and justice, mercy and love.

Leader: But there were those who would not hear the Good News.

People: There are those today who scoff at even the possibility of peace and mercy.

Leader: Just as fear reigned in the lives of those who turned away from Jesus; so fear reigns in the lives of some people today.

People: Peace does not even seem a distant possibility to them. But we have known the peace Christ offers.

Leader: Joy! Celebration! A reason to laugh, dance, rejoice.

People: Jesus came to remind us that we have choices. We can choose to rejoice and celebrate the many ways in which we can serve and love others; or we can choose to moan and weep about our lot in life.

Leader: We can keep everything we have and hoard and hold onto all the trinkets of life.

People: Or we can share! That's what it is all about - God shares God's best with us and we are called to share our best with others. Jesus came that we may have life abundantly.....and to share that abundance with others. Praise be to God!

*Hymn "Grace Alone" #2162 STF

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

Sermon "Are You Born Again? -- The Presbyterian Answer"

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering

"The disciples said to Jesus, 'Send the crowds away so they may buy something for themselves to eat'. But Jesus said to them, 'You give them something to eat.'

Mark 6:36-37

Musical Meditation

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, petition,
And the Lord's Prayer.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" #101 PH

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



Following the worship service today, there will be a short service of wholeness and healing. All are welcome to stay to pray and meditate on God's promise of peace and wholeness for you and your loved ones.

There will also be a coffee and fellowship time in the lounge. Please join us.

All travelers, somewhere along the way, find it necessary to check their course, to see how they are doing.

We wait until we are sick, or shocked into stillness, before we do the commonplace thing of getting our bearings.

And yet, we wonder why we are depressed, why we are unhappy, why we lose our friends, why we are ill-tempered.

This condition we pass on to our children, our husbands, our wives, our associates, our friends.

Cultivate the mood to linger.

... Who knows? God may whisper to you in the quietness what God has been trying to say to you, oh, for so long a time.

Howard Thurman
Deep Is the Hunger

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

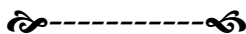
*☞ If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book ☞
in the narthex so we know you are here!*

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: Fred Heuser

Opening and Closing Building: Robert Marks

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Circle 1 in loving memory of our dear friend May Nicholson; and by Vanessa Ross and Sara Webber in loving memory of Christine Ross and Robert Byers.

This Week at CPC

Sun. March 22	10:30 am - Worship & Sunday School 11:30 am - Healing and Wellness Service 2:00 pm - Visitation with Nicholson Family 3:00 pm - May Nicholson Memorial Service
Mon. March 23	6:30 pm - Soup Dinner before Lenten Study 7:00 pm - Lenten Study in Lounge
Tues. March 24	9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup 9:30 am - Circle 1 7:00 pm - Creative Needlework Guild
Wed. March 25	9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup 5:30 pm - Intermediate Handbell Choir 6:30 pm - Advanced Handbell Choir 7:30 pm - Memorial Handbell Choir
Thurs. March 26	7:00 pm - Chancel Choir
Sat. March 28	8:45am - New York Trip

~ Transferred to the Church Triumphant ~



May R. Nicholson

July 7, 1924 - March 13, 2009

A memorial service will be held this afternoon at
Collingswood Presbyterian Church

Visitation with Family - 2:00 to 3:00PM

Service with Interment in the Memorial Garden - 3:00 PM

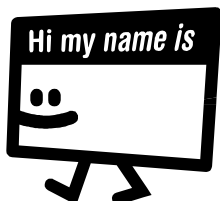
Following the service the family invites you to join them
for a light meal downstairs in the dining room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior High Youth - All youth 8th through 12th grades are invited to come tonight March 22 at 7PM. Wear clothes you don't have to worry about for the Food Fest! Bring your friends, and be prepared to have some fun and get messy!!

Circle 1 - The next meeting will be this Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30 am. Please join us for refreshments and a bible study with Pastor Kate.

New York City Trip - for confirmation class is Saturday, March 28. Meet at the church by 8:45 am. The church will pay for transportation - kids pay for their lunches. Adult chaperones are welcome!



Fellowship Sunday - Next Sunday, March 29, we will be having a special Meet and Greet fellowship time after worship (with plenty of food and refreshments!!) to introduce the new Elders and Deacons. Come spend some time with your church family!

Sunday School Primer - Who's ready? Hope you've been working on memorizing your primer lesson. Jen will be available on March 29 to hear anyone who is ready to recite what they have learned.



UrbanPromise - Our next trip to the UrbanPromise after school program will be Tuesday, March 31. We will be dying Easter Eggs with the kids. Meet at the church by 3:00 pm. Join us!

Confirmation Class - Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 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. (**Reminder:** Your statements of faith are due at the 4/1 class.)

Spring Clean-Up Day - We will be having a Spring Clean-Up day on Saturday, April 4th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please come out and help spruce the place up! We will be cleaning inside and out, completing minor repairs, and painting. All ages and all abilities are WELCOME and NEEDED! To sign up or for more information about what we will be doing, contact Keith Haines.



Easter Egg Hunt - Please bring in plastic Easter eggs filled with candy for Jennifer to use in the Sunday School egg hunt on Easter Sunday. You can drop them off in her office. Thanks!

St. Paul's Food Pantry needs your help now more than ever during these difficult economic times. Many people are asking for assistance and anything you can donate is greatly appreciated. They are specifically in need of jelly, syrup, coffee and 1 or 2 lb. boxes of sugar. Thank you for your help.



Women's Retreat - Last call!!! We would love for you to join us on April 17 to 19 when we go to Johnsonburg for our Third Annual Women's Retreat. Cost is \$90.00 and includes your meals. See Jennifer Giordano for details.



Soup and Soul

**Sign up now for our Lenten Study
“Simply Christian.”**

**Monday Evenings
6:30- 8:00 pm**

We will meet each Monday through April 6. Join us for 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.)



Library News!

As we toggle between winter and spring, we can feel the warmth of connectivity and compassion. Check out Kay Allenbaugh's *Chocolate for a Woman's Soul: 77 Stories to Feed Your Spirit and Warm Your Heart*. "Life is happening right now. This is the real thing! It's time to stop planning, posturing, and postponing. It's time to stop *talking* about a dream—and start *doing* my dream. I finally let go of my negative self talk and striving for perfection. I released my inner music." (p. 171)

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.

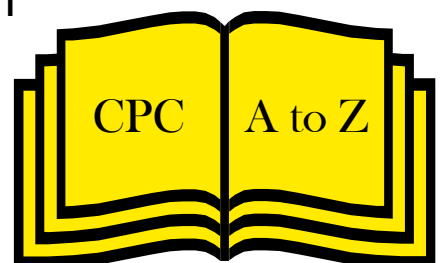
What is Church & Society All About?

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

The mission of the **Church & Society Committee** is to identify and respond to local, regional, national, and global issues from a caring Christian perspective. Whenever possible the committee also promotes the missions of Collingswood Presbyterian Church to people as a source of God's Love in our community. The committee continues to actively seek to identify and respond to these opportunities. Our committee devotes time and resources to important causes such as Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Caring Hearts Ministry, Fair Trade Coffee, Crop Walk for Hunger, Sister Jean's Kitchen, etc. New members are ALWAYS welcome to join our effort to help those in need. If you have any interest or questions please contact me – Elder Joanie Balderstone, Chair of Church & Society. (856) 795.5992 or rebnjoanie@comcast.net.

GET YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!!

If you have not yet gotten your new church directory with the purple cover, stop at the table in the back of the sanctuary and pick one up or contact the church office and one can be mailed to you. One per family, please!



**In celebration of the 500th Anniversary
of John Calvin's birth,
Princeton Seminary invites you
to a festival highlighting his contributions
to the church's music and liturgy.**

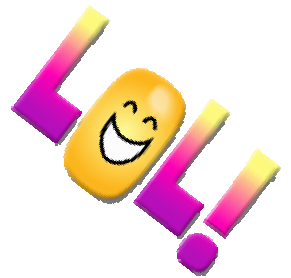
**Sunday, March 29, 2009
6:00 pm**

Princeton Theological Seminary

**A festival service of thanks and praise for the life of
Calvin and his gifts to the church, featuring
"A Sacrifice of Praise," a commissioned work by local
composer Philip Orr, and the singing of psalms in
traditional and modern settings, with the combined
choirs of Nassau and Witherspoon Street Presbyterian
Churches and Princeton Seminary. A homily will be
offered by guest preacher, Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.
Free and open to the public.
For more info. call (609) 497-7990
or visit www.ptsem.edu/ce**



**Camden County Fire Police Association
Presents
Comedy Blast, Inc.
An Evening of Stand-up Comedy**



**Saturday, April 4, 2009
Doors open at 7:00 PM - Comedy begins at 8:30 PM
Collingswood Community Center**

**\$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.
Includes Beef 'n Beer, snacks, soda, music, door prizes and comedy.
For Tickets and Info. call Bob at 858-2662
Proceeds benefit the Camden County Fire & Police**

❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

With Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to the family of May Nicholson, who passed away March 13, 2009. Please keep them in your prayers.

Those celebrating birthdays: Mason Forgach and Candace Lowden.

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*

Applegate Family
Bree Donovan
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Mitchell Miner
Eddie Ostrander
Christine Siravo
Tony Tumminia

Brandon Brauns
Doris Feaster
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Philip Lagakos
Susan Moler
Barbara Perry
Evelyn Tinsley

Chuck Christy
Anastasia Fillmore
Ralph Gunther
Richard Marks
Paul Masarek
Bill Sharp
Catherine Tumminia

Our Partners in Mission

The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury
Our PCUSA mission in Norway
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.





Easter Plants



We will once again be offering Easter plants to be purchased in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. The plants will be used to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. At the conclusion of the service you may take your plant with you or you can leave it for the Deacons to distribute to shut-ins.

The cost of each plant is \$12.50 except for Easter Lilies, which are \$8.50 each. Please return your order along with a check marked payable to *Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Easter Plants*, to the church office, 30 Fern Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108, or place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, April 5, 2009.

Easter Plants

I would like to order:

___ Purple Hyacinth @ \$12.50 each ___ Yellow Daffodil @ \$12.50
___ Pink Tulip @ \$12.50 each ___ Lily @ \$8.50 each

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___ I would like to take my plant(s) with me after the service.
___ I would like my plant(s) to be given to a shut-in.