

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



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March 8, 2009

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

**March 8, 2009
2nd Sunday in Lent**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*We worship you, O God, with awe, knowing that you care so much for us -
knowledge deepened and confirmed through the bringing into
being of a new covenant through the suffering and death of Jesus.
Accept, we pray, this worship which comes from thankful hearts,
for we offer it in Jesus' name. 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 come, trusting in God's mercy and love, longing to
know and to learn more about God's ways.

People: **We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth - to
experience the joy of God's salvation.**

Leader: We come, at the beginning of our Lenten journey, aware
of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome the trials
and temptations which can descend on us at any time.

People: **Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes and
teach us to follow the humble way of Christ, your
beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.**

*Hymn "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" #483 PH

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream - that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope - and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

People: Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.

Leader: Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfill what had been promised.

People: Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation - promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.

Leader: Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

People: Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.

Silent reflection on these words

Leader: Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Leader: Help us when we hesitate,

People: and strengthen us when we are weak

Leader: Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds - our lives - so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

*Congregational Response - "*Kyrie*" #2275 STF

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*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: "Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness."

People: We believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins. Thanks be to God

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism of Milo Christopher Bermudez

Presentation

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

Profession of Faith - The Apostle's 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Hymn *"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"* #2051 STF

Anthem *"O Lamb of God"* by John Carter

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Responsive Psalm 22:23-31

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me., but heard me when I cried to him.

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: the poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Hymn *“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”* #357 PH

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon *“There’s Something In The Water”*

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering

“Mission at our church is about doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God.”

Rev. Barlow

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Cincinnati, OH

*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 "*Take My Life and Let It Be*" #391 PH

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

*Please join us in the lounge
for coffee and fellowship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

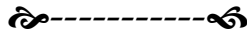
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

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: Joanie Balderstone

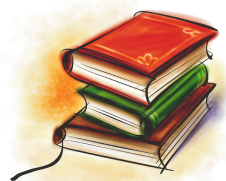
Opening and Closing Building: Keith Haines

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Ruth and Harry Binder in memory of deceased family members.

Christian Education Update

- **Confirmation Class** - Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 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 this Friday, 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!
- **New York City Trip** - for confirmation class is Saturday, March 28. The church will pay for transportation - kids pay for their lunches. Adult chaperones are welcome!
- **UrbanPromise** - Our next trip to the UrbanPromise after school program will be Tuesday, March 31. We will be dying Easter Eggs with the kids. Join us!



Library News!

Check out *Just Like Jesus* in which Max Lucado reaffirms our beliefs: "God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus." 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

(6:00 - 7:30 on 3/9 only)

Sign up now for our Lenten Study

"Simply Christian."

You didn't miss anything! Due to last week's snow storm, the first session of our Lenten study was postponed until Monday, March 9. We will meet each Monday for 5 weeks. Join us this week for soup at 6:00pm in the dining room. If you don't want dinner, then come at 6:30pm 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: Ramon Burns and June Hart.

Those celebrating anniversaries: Ray and Cass Burns (57th)

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
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Philip Lagakos
Susan Moler
Eddie Ostrander
Christine Siravo
Tony Tumminia

Brandon Brauns
Doris Feaster
Ralph Gunther
Richard Marks
Paul Masarek
Barbara Perry
Evelyn Tinsley

Chuck Christy
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Mitchell Miner
May Nicholson
Bill Sharp
Catherine Tumminia

Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Williamstown
Our PCUSA mission in North Korea
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.

