

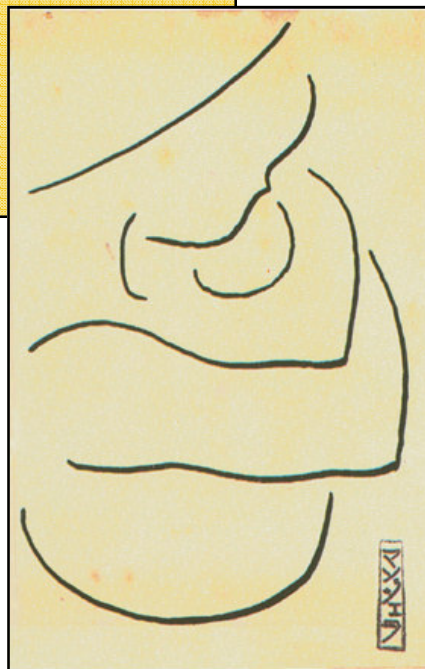
*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"

*As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you.*

Isaiah 6:13

*Happy
Mother's Day*



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May 10, 2009*

COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 10, 2009

5th Sunday of Easter

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Abide with us, O Lord, in this time of gathered worship. Send your Spirit to soothe our souls and ignite a fire of faith to sustain us in the week to come. Amen.

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 Missions

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

"C'mon Get Happy"

Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, we are gathered together
to praise the God of transforming love.

**People: From the ends of the earth,
we remember and turn to God.**

Leader: As the family of God, we reach out
and invite all to join us on our journey.

**People: Hand in hand, and heart to heart,
we have come to worship God,
and to proclaim our faith to all the world.**

Leader: Let us pray,

All: Ever-loving and transforming God, we come this morning with praise and thanksgiving. We come as part of your family—a family that binds us together across time and space, across the barriers of race, class, and sex. May this time of worship empower us to embody your good news. May we always abide in you, and you in us. May we be immersed in the water of your word and promises and love. May we be so filled with your Spirit that we can't help but proclaim to all your goodness as our God. Amen.

*Hymn - *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* #446 PH

*Prayer of Confession (unison):

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcoming, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Beloved, God is love and God loves us with a mother's fierce tenderness.

People: If we abide in this love,
God will hear and respond in loving forgiveness,
so that we may bear the fruit
of love and compassion and justice.

Leader: This is the love which God gives to us.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response: (Sing response through twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

*Sharing of the Peace

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 -
Youth 5th grade through 12th grade will go to their Bible studies.)*

Anthem: *"Arise! Shine!"*

by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

New Testament Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

A Litany for Mother's Day

by Peggy Emerson

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we
celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and
whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise
her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

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*Hymn - *"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"* #2050 STF

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-18

Sermon: *"Are You Strong Enough to Be My Mom?"*

The Rev. Katherine G. Killebrew

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as

one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

The Offering

“Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”
Hebrews 13:16

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 "Now Thank We All Our God" #525 PH

* Benediction

*Choral Response

* Postlude

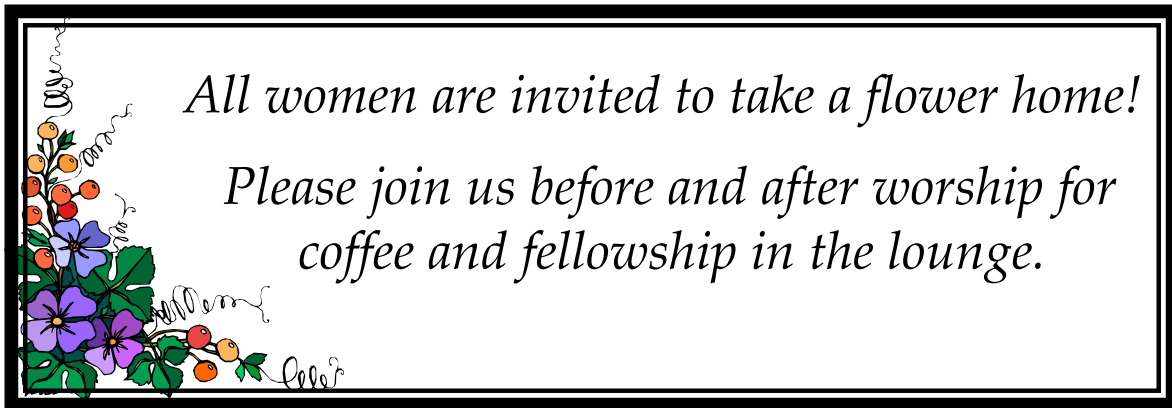


**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



Worship Matters

The hymn "*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*" makes use of feminine imagery in depicting God to help us understand and celebrate God's creation and nurture of humanity. In a time when people are nervous about the use of feminine imagery for the persons of the Trinity, it is significant to note that Jean Janzen's hymn text draws upon imagery from a fifteenth century contemplative, Juliana of Norwich. Less thoughtful people will see the upper-case "M" at the beginning of each stanza's first word, "Mothering," and understand it to be a name for God, Christ, and Spirit, or perhaps a feminist rendering of the Trinity, or an attempt to establish and worship feminine deities. In reality, the upper case results from its place at the beginning of the sentence. Further, the word "mothering" is a descriptive adjective, not a name or title.

The line "Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of the world" is a statement of recognition and thanksgiving for God's creative act in Genesis. In the human birthing process, we do not create life by causing a deep sleep, removing a bone from the man, and using dust and ashes to create a new adult. We understand the science of human procreation and the birthing role of the mother. It is natural for us to believe that God is present in that process today. Indeed, it is natural to say that it is God who remains the ultimate Creator, the ultimate life-giver in the birthing process. It is God who ultimately gives birth to each newborn baby.

Sunday, May 10, 2009

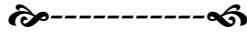
Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

❧ ***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: Megan Standring

Opening and Closing Building: Stacy Lagakos

Deacon of the Day: Susan Banko

Welcoming Team: Mike Dersch, Martha Jane, Mark Standring, and Art Dickol

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Jane Trent and Martha Jane

Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Aversa Family with love, in honor of Dalton Aversa's birthday.

Announcements

St. Paul's Food Pantry - May is "jelly & jam" month for St. Paul's Food Pantry in Collingswood. So far we have "13" jars and our hope is to collect "50" jars for our friends in need. Please place your donations on the "jelly & jam" table and watch it grow! If you are unable to go shopping and would like to donate money, please see Martha Jane and she will shop for you.



Flower Dedications - Please consider signing up to dedicate flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. We have many dates still available for this year - the soonest are June 14 and 21st (Father's Day.) Sign up using the book in the narthex or contact Marion in the office.

Urban Promise Fundraiser - The fundraiser for Urban Promise at The Tortilla Press will have one more date, next Sunday, May 17th. Beginning at 5 pm, The Press will donate 10% of each check to Urban Promise Ministries. Enjoy a delicious meal and help a worthy cause at the same time!

This Week at CPC

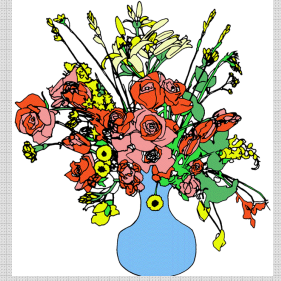
Sun. May 10

Happy Mother's Day!!

10:30 am - Worship

10:50 to 11:40 am - Sunday School

11:30 am - Fellowship Time



Mon. May 11

7:00 pm - Session

Tues. May 12

9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup

6:00 pm - Brownies

Wed. May 13

9:30 am - Toddler's Playgroup

5:45 pm - Intermediate Handbells

6:30 pm - Advanced Handbells

7:30 pm - Adult Memorial Handbells

Thurs. May 14

7:00 pm - Choir

Fri. May 15

3:30 pm - Middle School Leaves for Retreat

Interested in Joining Collingswood Presbyterian Church? Come to a New Member's Brunch after church on May 31 from 11:30 to 12:30. RSVP to the church office at 854-4523 or collspres@verizon.net if you are interested.

**Come one, Come All, to the
Annual Collingswood Mayfair!**

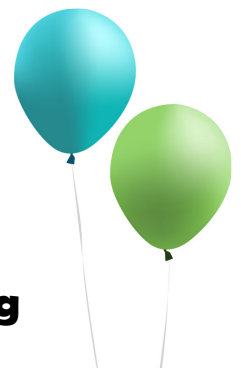
Saturday, May 23rd 9:00 - 11:00 am

Volunteers needed to hand out balloons.

**Don't feel like walking? How about helping
blow-up and tie balloons?**

Come join us for a fun morning!

**Any questions - contact Meg Standing at 547-5554
or megan_standing@verizon.net**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Youth Retreats:

Middle School

If you are going on the Retreat to Camp Johnsonburg this weekend, be sure to meet at the church by 3:30 pm and **don't forget to bring your forms**.



Finally, there is an overnight retreat for our **4th and 5th graders June 5 - 6**. We attended this retreat last year and had a wonderful time! There are lots of activities and fun worship times planned. This trip runs from Friday, evening June 5 until Saturday at 4:00. Then we head home. The cost is \$50.00. Please return the form if you would like to attend.

WE NEED MALE CHAPERONES for ALL our YOUTH RETREATS!!! WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

It is fun! The camp plans all activities, we just need to keep our children safe and secure. We sleep in either lodges or cabins. We **NEED** you!!!! Please see Jennifer if you can help.

Regional Conference on the Single-Payer Health Care Plan

Sunday, May 31, 2009
1:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Princeton Theological Seminary
MacKay Center - 64 Mercer Street
Princeton, NJ 08540

Admission is free, but you must reserve a spot.

RSVP by speaking to Pastor Kate or sending an email to
RSVP-Yes-53109@verizon.net

Please include number and names of attendees in your email.

Retreat Registration Form

Parents, please fill in the form so we know that your child plans to join us on the retreat. Return the form to Jennifer's Office. Make sure you check the appropriate retreat box. One form/child is needed. *Other forms will be available on the podium. As the retreat approaches you will receive a more detailed letter explaining the trip and all that is needed. **Please return this form ASAP** so you can be included in the count. (Deposit money can be paid separately.) We need to let the camp know how many plan to attend in order to hold our spot. Please contact Mrs. Giordano for any other information.

Participant's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

- Middle School Retreat: for all 6th - 8th graders. May 15 - 17. Cost: \$95.00. Deposit of \$25.00 due ASAP. Balance due by May 3.
Time: Meet Friday at 3:45 - Return Sunday at 2:30. Friends are welcome.
- 4th and 5th Grade Overnight Retreat. June 5 - 6. Church Members only.
Cost: \$50.00. \$25.00 deposit due ASAP. Balance due 5/17.
Time: Meet Friday at 3:45 and Return Saturday at 6:30.

For Deposits and Balance, cash or checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to Collingswood Presbyterian Church.

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❧ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ❧

Those celebrating birthdays: Dalton Aversa and Linda Miller

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
Doris Coelln
Anastasia Fillmore
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Richard Marks
Eddie Ostrander
Christine Siravo
Tony Tumminia

Brandon Brauns
Bree Donovan
Jean and Ray Fink
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Muriel Haines
Susan Moler
Bill Sharp
Evelyn Tinsley
Gordon Woods

Chuck Christy
Doris Feaster
Arlene Galeski
Ralph Gunther
Philip Lagakos
Paul Masarek
Jean Simiand
Catherine Tumminia

Our Partners in Mission

Chelsea Community Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City
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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.**



Collingswood Presbyterian Annual Picnic

Saturday June 13th 1:00pm to 5:00pm

FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Robert's Pool

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks

Will be provided

\$7.00 adults

\$5.00 children (ages 4-14)

Kids 3 and under are free

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Questions??? Call Donna Willis @858-6392

All \$ must be in by June 8th

Cash Preferred

bring a chair

If you are a Collingswood Resident and you
Buy pool tags, please get them in time for the
Party to help keep our cost down! Thanks!

_____ Adults @ \$7.00ea

_____ Children @ \$5.00ea (ages 4-14)

_____ I will bring a side to share

_____ I will bring a dessert to share

Name _____

Email address _____

Phone Number _____

I have pool tags _____