

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



May 8, 2011 - Mother's Day

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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 8, 2011

3rd Sunday of Easter

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Silent Prayer

*We praise you O God for your mothering love shared with us.
We thank you for walking by our side on our journey of faith.
Be with us now in this time of worship. 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.

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

(Please stand for items marked with an asterisk.)



Call to Worship

Leader: Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:

People: there, the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,

People: there, we find Jesus walking.

Leader: Where closed wallets are opened,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:

People: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

*HYMN #555 PH *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*Unison Prayer of Confession

**We become comfortable, Joyous God, with our lives,
with our faith, with our friends and family. We are so secure,
your gospel jars us with your hopes for us. We know we should
tell your story, but doesn't everyone who matters know it
already? We could invite others to your table, but then we
might have to share. We could welcome the strangers, but
worry they might feel uneasy among so many unfamiliar faces.**

**Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can
become companions to the lost. Welcome us, so we can include
the hopeless and the homeless. Love us, so we can share that
love with everyone we meet on our journey, as we follow Jesus
Christ, our Lord and Savior, into life with you.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God loves us so much, God will listen to our cries, our prayers, our hopes, and our dreams. God's promises are for all, those who are right beside us, as well as those who live on the other side of the world.

People: What can we give to God for us grace? We will lift our hearts to God, giving thanks for the mercy that has been given to us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response #2026 STF *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"* (sing Twice)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: and also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Anthem

"Butterfly Fly Away" by Glen Ballard and Alan Silvestri

Choir: Ashley Banko, Celeste Banko, Amanda Brown, Victoria Brown,
Jenna Dersch, Emily Giordano, and Jacynnda Moul
Accompanied by Summer Sklivas and Fred Heuser

Children's Sermon

(Children and youth may leave for Sunday School.)

Anthem - *"Let The Praise Go Round"*

by William Boyce

Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (p. 1104)

*Hymn *“God of the Women”* Slane 10.10.9.10 (*Be Thou My Vision*)

**God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.**

**God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.**

**God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.**

**God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim you today.**

**O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.**

Tune: Irish Ballad

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Winfrey Gillette (Geneva Press, 2000).

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 (p. 964)

Sermon: “Ties that Bind”

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

Offering

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Musical Meditation

*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 #438 PH *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

Please join us in the lounge
for a time of fellowship.

Sunday, May 8, 2011

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.

Thank You for your service!

Reader: Art Bermudez

Deacon of the Day: Anjakira Flores

Welcoming Team Lead: Lorrie Heuser

Fellowship Team: Jane Trent, Shanna Morascini, Linda Young

Flowers today are given in memory of Virginia and Fran by Holly and Frank Moore.

Announcements

Hope for Haiti - Mark Hare, a Presbyterian Mission Worker, will be joining us next Sunday, May 15, to talk about the work he is doing in Haiti. See this week's insert for more info. There will be a luncheon with Mark after church next week. Please sign up in the narthex.

Interested in Joining CPC? - The next membership class will be held after church on May 22. Talk to Pastor Kate or send your request to the office at collspres@verizon.net.

For First Communion and Confirmation Kids - There will be a meeting on Thurs., **June 2 at 6:45 p.m.** Confirmation Sunday and First Communion will be **June 5**. After the meeting, the kids will be practicing for Youth Sunday, which will be **June 12**.



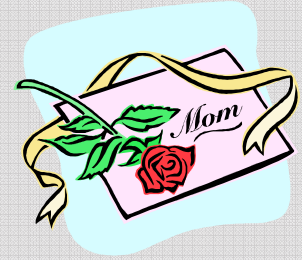
Clean Out Your Basement and Help CPC - We are looking for some furniture for the downstairs restrooms. We need two changing tables and one small bench/ottoman. If you have something you would like to donate, please let Pastor Kate know.

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Today 5/8

Happy Mother's Day!

9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir Practice
10:30 a.m. - Worship & Sunday School
11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time



Mon. 5/9

7:00 p.m. - Session

Tues. 5/10

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup

Wed. 5/11

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Handbells
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Advanced Handbells
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Quartet

Thur. 5/12

7:00 Choir Practice

COMING UP

Sun. 5/22

New Member Brunch after church

Sun. 6/5

Confirmation/First Communion Sunday

Sun. 6/12

Youth Sunday



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Collingswood Presbyterian Church offers an opportunity for family members to remember loved ones who have died, wherever they may be buried, by engraving a paving brick with the names of the deceased. The cost is \$150.00 and will be installed by the church in the memorial garden. Inscriptions can be up to 4 lines with 14 spaces on each line.

Please fill out a form found in the Narthex. For information call Karen Mazak (856-979-8419). Forms and checks can be placed in the offering plate, sent to the church office or given to Karen Mazak and should be made out to Collingswood Presbyterian Church.



Adult Education Classes Resume!

We enjoyed studying a particular book of the Bible during Lent and the members of the Sunday and Wednesday classes would like to continue. We hope you will join in these opportunities to widen our faith!

Sundays at 9:00 am in the Lounge - Join in a study of the Book of Corinthians. This letter written by the Apostle Paul has great truths to impart to Christians of all times. Leader -Pastor Kate.

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm meet in the lounge to study Corinthians. Leader -Pastor Kate. (There will be no class on May 11, the next Wednesday meeting will be May 18.)

Pick up your study guides on the narthex table and read the first two chapters of I Corinthians.

Confirmation Schedule

Please keep these confirmands in your prayers as they continue their studies and services:

Ashley Banko	Cee Cee Moul
Amanda Brown	Doris Ottman
Michael Giordano	Andy Wilson

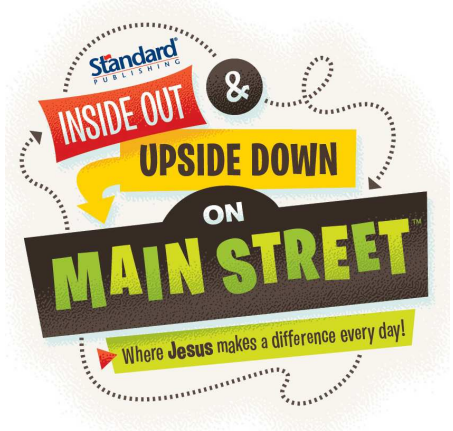
Classes and Events:

May 9 - 12	Individual meetings with Pastor Kate.
May 12	Pictures of "Where I See God" are due.
May 23	7:00 p.m. - Meet with the Session
June 2	6:45 p.m. - Meeting and practice for Youth Sunday
June 5	10:30 a.m. - Confirmation Sunday!

VBS IS COMING!!!!

Dates: Sun., July 17 to
Thurs., July 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Our theme this year is
“Inside Out and Upside Down
On Main Street”



On **Main Street**, kids will be drawn into the stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. We will need lots of help! If you would like to be a part of our

VBS team, please see our new Christian Education Director, Mark Wheeler.

Look for this smiling face . . .
or email him at christianedcpc@verizon.net.
You may also contact Keemia Pizzutillo at keemia@comcast.net.



DEACON'S NEWS

Food Pantry Request- St. Paul's Food Pantry is requesting hot or cold cereal until further notice. Last year they were providing food for 156 families - now they have over 400! Every donation helps !

The Deacons assembled 20 Personal care kits for the homeless and delivered them to the Interfaith Hospitality Network offices to be used for the homeless men, women and families. **Thank you so much for your donations!**

Summer will be here soon!



Beat the rising heat and your rising electric bill with Viridian's Everyday Green. Don't wait until the heat arrives. Make the request now and you should have lower electric rates by the time your June bill arrives. It only takes 5 minutes to **save all summer and to help the church all year**. Do it as soon as you get home, and sit back and enjoy your AC this summer without worrying about the cost.

Go to www.viridian.com/cpc and sign up for Everyday Green which uses 20% renewable energy sources or 100% Green for environmental savings. Not sure, still undecided? Go to Deregulation in the news-learn the facts on Youtube for a short explanation about why it's in your best financial interests to request your utility to change its suppliers.

We recently received this note from Alex Constantine:

"Thank you so very much for the cards of inspiration, they really lift my spirits a lot and seem to come through when I need them the most."

Please keep Alex in your thoughts and prayers and keep those cards and letters coming! Alex's visitation days are Tuesday and Thursdays. If you wish to visit him please see Pastor Kate. You can write to Alex at:

Alex Constantine
#232140
PO Box 90431
Camden, NJ 08102



Jean Fulton would like to thank the congregation for all of the kind thoughts and prayers expressed during her recent loss.

∞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ∞

Birthdays: Urmila Malvadkar, Cash Lynch, Dalton Aversa, Michelle Rhyne and Linda Miller.

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

Our country, our president, and our leaders
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world
CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley and Jennifer Riippa
Jessica Lowden, currently working in Monrovia, Liberia

Those in Care Facilities

Mabel Cordier

Robert Johnson

Rosemary Sammons

June Hart

Pray for Health and Wellness

Florence Stringer
Chuck Christy
Rich Forster
Frank Griffin
Eleanor Kelley
Mildred Letts
John Morascini
Sam Jang Do-Soon

Beumont Family
Peter Fagan
Rachel Ginter
Max Gureki
Mrs. Kramer
June Marsh
John Pellini
Bobby Voight

Ruth & Harry Binder
Jack Fagan
Sarah Ginter
Brooke Hankins
Frank LePore
Helen Masarek
Grace & Mel Sharp
Lisa

Our Partners in Mission

Greenwich Presbyterian Church
Our PCUSA mission in Japan
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 one of the deacons or elders.

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.

CPC Congregational Health and Life

Recently our church was asked by the presbytery to review its ministry. They asked if we could look at our congregation to determine if we are a congregation in need of support or in decline. What do you think? Take a look at these questions and let us know what you think?

Question #1 - Is most of your energy going into survival and not mission, spiritual growth or mutual care?

Our leaders answered **NO** to this question. We are excited about how we are thriving in our mission and ministry. Many members and visitors express a positive feeling about our worship and work in the community.

What would you say? Answer below and drop this sheet in the offering plate or put it on the back table in the narthex. (Use the back if you need more space.)

Stay tuned for next week's question...