

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

**May 25, 2008**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Silent Prayer

*In this time of war, I pray O Lord that you bring peace to all who have lost loved ones in any armed conflict, and you bring peace to our families, our hearts and our entire world. 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.*

Centering Music

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;

Praise the name of the LORD.

**People: Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

**People: The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.**

\*Hymn #457 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

## \*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Remember, O Lord, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues. Deliver us from every evil that gets in the way of your saving purpose; and fulfill the promise of peace on earth among men with whom you are pleased; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: From the curse of war and the sin of man that causes war;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From pride that turns its back on you, and from unbelief that will not call you Lord;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From national vanity that poses as patriotism; from loud-mouthed boasting and blind self-worship that admit no guilt;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From the self-righteousness that will not compromise; and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From the lust for money and power that drives people to kill;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From trusting in the weapons of war, and mistrusting the councils of peace;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From groundless suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred; from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your promise of peace;

**People: O Lord, deliver us.**

## Silent Prayer

### Words of Forgiveness

**Leader:** God sent Jesus into the world to offer salvation to all who fall short of the glory of God.

**People:** **Salvation is for all - even those who live in other lands.**

**Leader:** Salvation is for all - even those who are our enemies.

**People:** **Salvation is for all - even me.**

**ALL:** **The Lord's name be praised!**

\*Congregational Response: *"Gloria Patri"*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

**Leader:** As forgiven people, washed in water and born of the Spirit, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.  
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 *"Faithful Shepherd"*

by Lloyd Larson

The Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalm 146:1-10 (responsive)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**People: who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith for ever;**

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**People: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**People: The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

*\*Hymn #2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: *"Beginnings and Ends"*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Confession of Faith— The Barman Declaration

Leader: “Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together.” (Eph. 4-15-16.)

**People: The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.**

Leader: “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great [leaders] exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” (Matt. 20:25, 26.)

### Offering

*No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. Matthew 6:24*

Offertory "Holy Manna"

Memorial Handbell Choir

William Moore  
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

\*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.

Hymn #562 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

<b>The Great Ends of the Church</b>	<b>Six Core Values for the Church</b>
The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of human kind.	Affirming the power of the gospel to take root in all cultures.
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.	Welcoming children into healthy faith communities.
The maintenance of divine worship.	Providing opportunities to experience the presence of God and to praise God.
The preservation of the truth.	Discovering wisdom in a global context.
The promotion of social righteousness.	Working for justice for all people.
The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.	Living with integrity in a complex world.

## WORSHIP MATTERS

Memory is important. It defines who we are, even if we do not actually experience the events that prompt our memorials. Tomorrow the nation mourns the loss of service personnel and civilian casualties of the wars that have been part of our national experience. Few of us have experienced war, but all of us are affected by it. We owe our comfortable and free lives to those who gave all. May their memories become grounding for our gratitude and American memory.

It is tempting in times of war and national stress to “rally behind the cause” and blindly march to the tune of national pride. However, our confession of faith used today, entitled the Barmen Declaration, cautions Christians against placing anything above the servant and peacemaker, our Lord Jesus Christ. Written in the midst of World War 2, the Reformed and Lutheran Churches challenged the lock step obedience to Hitler in Nazi Germany. It is an important part of our Presbyterian heritage and our Christian memorial to also remember, Dietterich Bonhoeffer who wrote this creed, and was executed by the Nazi’s for his disobedience. His bravery is our Christian memory.

We, as Presbyterians, come from a long line of questioners, challengers and marchers for peace and justice. We always must challenge the quick rush to war and seek peace, as our Lord commands. We hold no nation higher than our God and stand with the Presbyterian reformers who challenged the government for unjust practices and political gain at the expense of its citizens. This is our Presbyterian memory.

So this weekend, I urge you to be thankful for all of these memories and all those who have who stood against injustice, whether on the battlefield, in the government or on the streets. This is our memory and this is our calling to be just as vigilant and faithful.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, May 25, 2008**

***Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!***

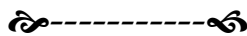
☞ ***If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book  
in the narthex so we know you are here!*** ☞

*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

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

**Opening and Closing Building:** Stacy Lagakos

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Peggy and Keith Haines in memory of Peggy's father, Raymond S. Beck, Jr.

## ***What's Happening at CPC***



**Chancel Choir:** The end of year brunch will be held at Ponzio's Diner after church today.

**4th and 5th Grade Retreat:** On May 30th the 4th and 5th graders will be going on an overnight retreat to Johnsonburg Camp. They are looking forward to an amazing time.

**Cuba Sunday:** Plan now to celebrate our partnership with Cuba on Sunday, June 1. Following church enjoy a lunch hosted by the Flores family celebrating Annjakira Flores' Quinceanera. All are invited.



**Calling all Children:** Be sure to be at Sunday School next week, June 1, when we will be practicing for the Youth Sunday service which takes place on June 8.

**Graduating?** We plan to recognize our graduates (young and old) on June 8th. Please let the office know if you or someone in your family is graduating. Also, if a member of your family has a memorable achievement or milestone, let the church office know so we can embarrass them in the bulletin! If one of your kids heads off to college or moves out, let the church know their address and email.



**Flower Dedications:** June 8, 15 (Father's Day), and 29 are all still available for flower dedications. Sign up using the book on the table in the narthex or by contacting Marion in the church office at 854-4523 or [collspres@verizon.net](mailto:collspres@verizon.net).

**Parking:** Over the next few Sundays, parking will be at a premium. Please park in the funeral home lot if you are able. Thank you!



**New Directories Available:** Pick up your new membership directory in the back of the sanctuary. One per family. Please remember that this information is confidential and should not be shared outside of the church family.



We have a **new address for Robert Johnson** which was received after the directories were printed. He is now at:  
Spring Oak Assisted Living  
396 S. White Horse Pike, Apt. 1102  
Berlin, NJ 08009

## This Week at CPC

**Sun. May 25**      10:30 am -- Worship and Sunday School  
12:00 pm -- Chancel Choir End of Year  
Brunch at Ponzio's Diner

**Mon. May 26**      **Memorial Day** - Office Closed



**Tues. May 27**      9:30 am -- Toddler Playgroup  
7:00 pm -- Creative Needlework Guild

**Wed. May 28**      9:30 am -- Toddler Playgroup

**Thurs. May 29**      6:00 pm -- Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm -- Choir Practice

**Fri. May 30**      5:00 pm -- 4th and 5th Grade Leaves for  
Johnsonburg Retreat



## Youth Sunday June 8, 2008

Don't miss this special worship service where our youth will be in charge of everything! Graduates will also be recognized during the service.

# Urban Promise

Building a City of Promise

....one child at a time.



You can sponsor a child to attend the Urban Promise AfterSchool Program for \$30.00 a month or a one time payment of \$360.00 for the year. To learn more, or to purchase any of their wonderful books, t-shirts and other materials, please go to [www.urbanpromiseusa.org](http://www.urbanpromiseusa.org).

*Special congratulations go to  
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli  
who was elected as the new Executive Presbyter of the  
Presbytery of West Jersey. Pastor Kate served on the  
nominating committee for over two years and is pleased  
with the many years of pastoral and ecclesiastical experience  
Debby brings to the position.  
Debby has served as the pastor of Burlington Presbyterian  
Church for twenty years as well as Synod, General  
Assembly and Presbyterian leadership.*



# World Vision Experience: AIDS

May 30 to June 2, 2008

Raising awareness about the devastating affects of the international AIDS pandemic on children in developing countries, World Vision has created the "World Vision Experience: AIDS" multi-media, interactive exhibit. .

By hosting the "World Vision Experience: AIDS" from May 30 to June 2, 2008, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown will have its new Commons wing turned into an African village, including a home, school, and clinic.

Visitors will share the stories of real children touched by the work of World Vision and inspired by true events. In effect, World Vision invites visitors to "step into Africa," asking them as they go: "The AIDS crisis: can you survive the journey of a child?"

*First Presbyterian Church of  
Moorestown hosts exhibit for  
Delaware Valley*

*101 Bridgeboro Road  
Moorestown, NJ 08057*

*(856) 235-1688*

**May 30 – June 2**

**Step Into Africa**

**World Vision Experience: AIDS**

**Free and open to the public:**

<b>Fri., May 30:</b>	<b>9 am to 9 pm</b>
<b>Sat., May 31:</b>	<b>9 am to 9 pm</b>
<b>Sun., June 1:</b>	<b>12 noon to 9 pm</b>
<b>Mon., June 2:</b>	<b>9 am to 9 pm</b>

# Collingswood Presbyterian Annual Picnic

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to 5:00pm

FOOD, FUN, GAMES & Fellowship

Crystal Lake Pool

Wegman Hoagies and Drinks Provided

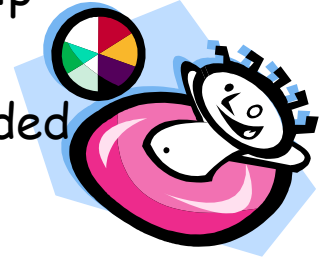
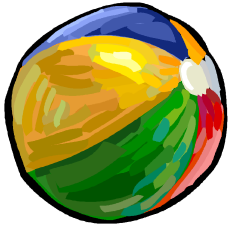
Games starting at 2:30

\$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 8<sup>th</sup>

Cash Preferred

\*bring a chair\*

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\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Pray for:

- ♦ Mary Troyano as she grieves the loss of her friend Francis Sokol..
- ♦ Debbie and Jeff Gardiner as they prepare for the baptism of their Daughter, Samantha Tess, on Sunday June 8.
- ♦ Anne LePore and Donna Schuerenbrand as they plan to celebrate their Civil Union on Saturday, May 31.
- ♦ Safe travel for Will and Brett Salmon coming home from Madrid.

**Birthdays:** Jessica Lowden.

### Those who serve in government and our military personnel:

Our country, the upcoming presidential election, and our leaders.  
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world  
CPC Military personnel – Chad Nalls, Mark McCaulley  
Government worker in Kabul -- Carole Jackson

### Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier	Elaine Freyberger	Dorothy Lawnicki
Conrad Leise	Patricia Moler	George Nicholson
Rosemary Sammons	Pat Schuehler	Arline Smith

### Pray for Health and Wellness

Chuck Baggett	Kim Bancroft	Chuck Christy
George Comton	Alex Fell	Beth Fisher
Sarah Ginter	Ralph Gunther	Beverly Graff
Max Gurecki	Gary H.	The Icart Family
Philip Lagakos	Elma Lattimore	Richard Marks
May Nicholson	Barbara Perry	Bruce Savateri
Bill Sharp	Bernice Street	Rick Stubbins
E. Timbers	Evelyn Tinsley	Catherine Tumminia
Tony Tumminia	Harold Ware	Fred Westermeier
Shannon Young		

### Our Partners in Mission

Elmer Presbyterian Church  
Our PCUSA mission in Hungary  
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. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Kate at home at 218-1976.