

Collingswood Presbyterian Church

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 14, 2008
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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.

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 a pink sheet and hand it to the Pastor. Please mail a prayer card from the narthex to your loved one.

Centering Music

Silent Prayer

Enfold us in your presence and give us light for the journey ahead. We are eager to be fed by your Word today. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.

Let us remember God's marvelous works.

People: Surely God has saved us in difficult times.

How can we forget God's guiding hand?

Leader: Sing the praises of God, our strength.

Know that God is majestic and holy.

People: How great is God's mercy for all who worship!

We sense among us God's kindness and patience.

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

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have prayed the prayer of the Lord, asking for forgiveness when we have not forgiven our debtors. We have negative opinions about others but forget the sin in our lives. We will never know the depth of your love unless we clear this clutter of bitterness and resentment from our own hearts. Forgive us, O God, and help us forgive others. Amen.

*Response "Kyrie"

#2275 STF

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ prays for us.

People: The one without sin doesn't cast a stone in self righteousness, but offers himself for us.

Leader: How amazing is God's love for us!

People: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us! We are forgiven!

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

People: and also with you.

Children's Chat (*The children will be dismissed after the baptism.*)

Recognition of New Members

Liz Linette, Liz Shortell, and Art Bermudez

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Profession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

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, 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome to the Family of God

Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" #2051 STF
(The children are now dismissed to Sunday School.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Simple Gift of Thanks" Arr. By Page/Shafferman

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14: 19-31

Epistle lesson Romans 14:1-12

*Hymn "Lead on, O Cloud of Presence" #2234 STF

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "The Secret of a Happy Life"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4: 31-32

Musical Meditation

*Dedication Hymn: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" 428 PH

**We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*Prayer of dedication (unison)

We honor you, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked together in faith. We are accountable to you and share in the responsibility for one another and the care of this planet. We dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to yourself. Amen.

Prayers of the people

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of intercession, supplication and petition
and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "At the Font We Start Our Journey" #2114 STF

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 14, 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: Karen Mazak

Opening and Closing Building: Mike Amato

Greeters/Ushers: Lynn McConnell

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Circle One in memory of our friend Elaine Freyberger and by Liz Linette & Liz Shortell in honor of Quinton.



This Week at CPC

Sun., Sept. 14th	9:30-10:15 am --Deacons' Breakfast 10:30 am --Worship (Sunday School) 7-9 pm Youth Group Pizza Party
Tues., Sept. 16th	9:30 am --Toddler's Playgroup 6:30 pm --Robin's Nest
Wed., Sept. 17th	9:30 am --Toddler's Playgroup 5:15 pm --Intermediate Bell choir 6:30 pm --Advanced Youth Bell Choir 7:30 pm -- Memorial Bell Choir
Thurs., Sept. 18th	7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Today is Rally Day!



Displays are in the back of the church for you to look at what is planned for the coming year. Take part in something! Special thanks to all the Deacons and kitchen workers who made a great breakfast!

- ⇒ Be a Christian Education Teacher or help in the nursery.
- ⇒ Help with coffee hour with the Deacons.
- ⇒ Sign up for fellowship events.
- ⇒ Be a youth group advisor.
- ⇒ Walk on the CROP walk October 12 (or support a walker).
- ⇒ Sign up for adult small group Bible Study.
- ⇒ Help with clean up days at the church.
- ⇒ Visit the sick and shut-ins.
- ⇒ Pray for those on our prayer list - send cards to the ill.
- ⇒ Play the bells or join the choir.
- ⇒ Help by tutoring with Urban Promise in Camden.



Thanks to Bob Marks who has redesigned our CPC website. Be sure to check it out at <http://collingswoodpres.com/>. Bob also has run cable up to the meeting room so we are now wireless in all of Calvin!

Library News! You can now access our CPC Library catalog **online** through the CPC website at <http://collingswoodpres.com/>. Click on the Library tab for the collection and Online Resources and Links of Interest. The site is hosted by librarything.com so you can also access the collection directly at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/collingswoodpc>. Enter the author, title, or keyword in the query box that says SEARCH YOUR LIBRARY or may click on the YOUR LIBRARY tab to bring you to the actual collection. **There will be a brief demo of the new online catalog after worship today in Calvin**



YOUTH GROUP PIZZA PARTY TONIGHT, 7-9

For all 8th-12th graders

FREE PIZZA FOR ALL.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Back to Bells! We start up rehearsals on Wednesday, September 17.

Intermediate Bell choir - 5:15-6:00pm

Advanced Youth Handbell Choir - 6:30-7:30pm

Memorial Handbell Choir (adult) - 7:30-8:30pm



Interested in Handbells? Contact Marjorie Miller at 856-858-6851 or stop by the Music Table on Rally Day to play a bell.



Enjoy singing? Want to learn how to sing better? Join the Chancel Choir! We rehearse Sunday mornings and Thurs. evenings at 7pm. All are invited (high school and beyond....). Know you can carry a tune? Then have some fun and come on

Yes, it's really time to plan for Christmas!



Join us for the spectacle Sight and Sound Theater show titled the *Miracle of Christmas*. This show is offered at the Lancaster Theater. Tickets are going fast, so we will need a commitment from you by September 14th. On Rally Day, please stop in to fill out a form and to leave your deposit check. Half of your total cost will be due on **Sunday September 15th**.

This show is said to be amazing. We can car pool to the theater. Our plan is to get tickets for Saturday, December 13th at 7:30. If you will not be in church on Sunday, Sept. 14th, then please call Jennifer to make arrangements for your deposit.

Adult (18 years old and up) - \$51.00, Teen (13 - 17 yrs. old) \$28.00, child (3 - 12 yrs. old) \$16.00



Fall Clean-Up Day: Thanks to those who assisted with our Fall Clean-Up Day yesterday. There are always things that need to be done to improve the appearance and safety of our church. Can you help out with gardening or painting or minor repairs? Why not consider “adopting” a job?

See Keith Haines to sign up and work when it is convenient for you.

We are still collecting **grocery store receipts** from Thriftway and Acme. Those companies donate 1% of the bill for the Collingswood food pantry. St. Paul's Food Pantry is in need of cereal and canned green vegetables. They also have a new drop-off located at the Collingswood Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings.



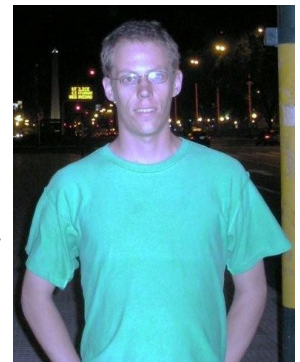
Come Learn More about Peru and Mexico!



We are hosting two international peacemakers on Friday and Saturday, Sept 26th & 27th. Sign up for dinner on Friday night (Bring a side dish or salad.) or walk with us as we show them Philadelphia on Saturday.

Dionisia Ramos-Huaman works with Partners for Just Trade and the Joining Hands Against Hunger Network in Peru.

Jimmy Wells volunteered with Joining Hands Against Hunger Network in Peru in 2006 and 2007. He now lives in Tucson, AZ and works to confront economic and environmental injustice along the US/Mexico border.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Birthdays: Karen Mazak and Kelly Amador

Anniversaries: Jill & Rodney LaPan's 30th

Grieving: The family of Brian Satterfield

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

Our country, the upcoming presidential election, and our leaders
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world
CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley , Stephanie Nalls
Government worker in Kabul -- Carole Jackson
Jessica Lowden-- in Monrovia, Liberia

Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier
Patricia Moler
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson
George Nicholson
Pat Schuehler

Dorothy Lawnicki
Barbara Perry
Alma Lattimore

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Kevin Ameno

Chuck Christy

Alex Fell

Cheryl Jean Gordan

Ralph Gunther

Philip Lagakos

Richard Marks

Susan Moler

Bill Sharp

Rick Stubbins

Catherine Tumminia

Tony Tumminia

Marion Wertz

Fred Westermeier

Our Partners in Mission

Christ Presbyterian Church of Marlton

Our PCUSA mission in Kuwait

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.



* We are working on a new prayer list. If there are people who need to stay on this list and you have NOT filled in a new form, please fill out a new pink form with an update.