

*The  
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

*"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"*



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*November 16, 2008*

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

**November 16, 2008**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Silent Prayer

*Here God we are yours. Silent now, but filled with new awareness of all our possibilities. Prayerfully we come to hear your Word and celebrate the Gospel which makes us the new beings you created us to be. Be known to us, O Lord in this time of worship and the days ahead. 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.*

Centering Music

Call to Worship

**Leader:** In autumn beauty blue sky and gold land is clothed.  
Apple gathering children and nut gathering squirrels  
alike prepare for winter.

**People:** Harvest time is when we rejoice in God's natural  
beauty and in gathering of our lives.

**Leader:** We praise God for all we have received. Seasons turn  
but God's love is changeless.

**People:** We praise God for all we have received. Maple leaves  
in brilliant reds by the high school, crisp breezes  
blowing, the good news stories of Jesus' sojourn in  
Galilee, and the restless winds of the Spirit rushing  
through our lives. All of these are assurances of God's  
faithful presence.

**Leader:** Let us worship God!

HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* #473 PH

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of anger, when we have acted out of selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded, when our thoughts have been unruly, when our thoughts have been bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling, when our words have been thoughtless, when our words have been admirable but empty, we have sinned. When we have wasted your gifts and possibilities, when we have not lived out of love, we have sinned. But you are the source of love and life, and we ask your forgiveness and your reforming of our very selves, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.**

HYMN *"Kyrie"* #2275 STF (Sing Once)

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

Christe, Christe eleison

Christe, Christe eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison

Words of Assurance

**Leader:** There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are made alive. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## \*Sharing of 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: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir - Marjorie Miller, violin

### Psalm 78:1-8 (responsive)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**People: I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.

**People: We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.**

Leader: He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children;

**People: that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,**

Leader: so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;

**People: and that they should not be like their ancestors,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

\*Hymn *"The Summons"* #2130 STF

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: *"Gifted and Talented Program"*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith : Based on I Corinthians 12

Leader: There are different gifts

**People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

**People: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through men and women in different ways,

**People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through  
them all.**

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**People: To use for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

**People: and individually members of him.**

## The Offering

*“Let us not forget that the bounty we enjoy is only loaned to us for a little while, to be managed to the glory of God. Every generous act of giving is prompted by God’s own generosity toward us.”*

Lavon Baylor

Offertory “*Holy Manna*” William Moore, Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Memorial Handbell Choir

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Beloved Lord, you offer us a precious gift. Your invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ frees us from so many unnecessary fears. As children of your light, we present these gifts so that others may share in the timeless message of your love. Encourage us to reflect your love to others, today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## 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: “*As You Receive*” by Lavon Baylor Sung to the tune of #275 PH

**As you receive life’s bounty day by day,**

**Give thanks to God.**

**As you discover meaning on your way,**

**Give thanks go God.**

**Offer first fruits of all that you possess,**

**Remembering God’s gracious faithfulness.**

Trace through your life the leading of God's hand.  
Give thanks to God.  
With joy and gladness, celebrate the land.  
Give thanks to God.  
We have survived through losses and distress  
Because our God was always there to bless.

Worship with gladness; make a joyful noise.  
Give thanks to God.  
Join in the hearty singing God enjoys.  
Give thanks to God.  
For God is good, and we are here to praise  
The one whose steadfast love surrounds our day.  
Amen.

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude



*\*Those who are able, please stand.*



*Go Forward and Serve*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, November 16, 2008**

*Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!*

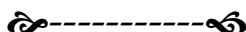
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

*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: Megan Standring

Opening and Closing Building: Arthur Moffett

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Flowers: The flowers today are from Melissa Corso in honor of her family and friends.

## **Adults- Learn and Grow in Faith**

- ♦ Sunday Morning 9:30 am Bible Study- The study will be **"God's Faithfulness."** Facilitator Jennifer Giordano. Youth Room
- ♦ Monday morning Bible Study continues with **"God's Faithfulness"**. Join Jennifer at 9:30 am in the lounge. All are welcome.
- ♦ Thursdays 2nd and 4th- in the lounge **"God's Faithfulness"** After choir at 8:30pm. (or put the kids to bed and come over!)
- ♦ **Think About It!** Interested in thinking more about our faith and it's impact on the world? Pick up handouts from Presbyterians Today magazine and The Thinking Christian in the narthex.

## **This Week at CPC**

- Sun., Nov. 16**      9:30 am -- Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am -- Worship and Sunday School
- Mon., Nov. 17**      9:30 am -- Bible Study - "God's Faithfulness"  
7:00 pm -- Session Meets
- Tues., Nov. 18**      9:30 am -- Toddler's Playgroup  
9:30 am -- Circle 1
- Wed., Nov. 19**      9:30 am -- Toddler's Playgroup  
5:15 pm -- Intermediate Bell Choir  
6:30 pm -- Advanced Youth Bell Choir  
7:00 pm -- Confirmation  
7:30 pm -- Memorial Bell Choir
- Thurs., Nov. 20**      5:00 pm -- Girl Scouts/Brownies  
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir

***Join us for the Third Annual Women's Retreat***

***At Johnsonburg Retreat Center***

***April 17-19, 2009***

***The theme this year is prayer. Be a part of this special weekend***

***Cost is \$90.00 with a \$45.00 deposit due before December 30.***

***Meals are included.***

***This retreat fills up fast. Don't miss out!***

***See Jennifer Giordano or pick up a pink brochure for complete details.***

## Library News!



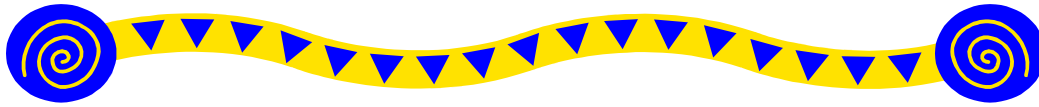
Check out Frank Comstock's *Charlie's Gift* in which he writes, "There is a movement in our country [called 'simple living'], though, in which people are saying their lives are too harried, there is too much emphasis on wealth, and not enough emphasis on community and service to others...We need to slow down so that we can realize the bounty we have." (p. 187)

**Remember: You can sign out books and tapes ANY TIME THE CHURCH IS OPEN. Just fill in the cards with name, phone number, and date.** You can use the print lists of our holdings or access our CPC Library catalog through the CPC website at <http://collingswoodpres.com/>. Click on the Library tab for the collection and Online Resources and Links of Interest. 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. **See Lorrie Heuser, Peggy Haines, or Karen Mazak for assistance.**

**St. Paul's Food Pantry** needs your help. The holidays are approaching and the need is greater than ever. Please donate whatever you can. Currently their greatest need is for canned fruit, veggies, and soup. .



***OUR THANKGIVING WORSHIP  
WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE  
MORNING SERVICE ON  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008***



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- **Confirmation Class** - Our next meeting will be this Wednesday November 19 from 7-8pm. Meet in the Meeting room upstairs with Pastor Kate. Pick up your Worship Reflection Sheets in the narthex and drop off finished ones outside Pastors office.
- **Youth Group Pizza Night** - November 23 at 7 pm. Bring a friend! (Please note the date in the flyer is incorrect.)



- **Cuba Trip:** Did you know that Jennifer Giordano and Pastor Kate are going to Cuba? Yes, they are going to a Women's conference in early December and Jennifer will teach our partners in Cuba about our Rotation Workshop Christian Education program. Pastor Kate is the keynote speaker for the conference. They also need your help to collect small travel soaps and lotions for gifts for the women and youth of the Cardenas church.



- **Christmas Caroling:** All youth (5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) will meet on **December 21<sup>st</sup> to go Christmas caroling.** We will meet 7:00 here at church. We will carol for about 1 hour and then end with hot chocolate and cookies. Please plan to attend with your friends (Your home baked cookies are appreciated!)  
**NOTE - ALL of the congregation and family and friends are welcome to join us as we carol around town! Please mark your calendars for this fun church outing!!!!**

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!

Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin December 7!

Please plan to attend!!! We need your talent!!!

All the groups will be rehearsing for the **Christmas Pageant** during the month of December. We will rehearse during Sunday school and on Wednesday December 17 at 6:45pm. (We will decorate the church for Christmas this night!) All should try to attend. Please make plans to have family and friends attend our pageant on **December 21st** during worship. This is a wonderful way for our children and youth to express their joy for the Christmas season. As always a DVD will be available so you do not need to panic about a video camera. The cost of the DVD is only \$5.00. Please plan to attend!



## “We Gather Together. . .”

You are cordially invited to a  
Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thursday, November 27

Appetizers served from 12 to 1 pm - Dinner at 1:00

Hosted by:

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

409 White Horse Pike

Oaklyn, NJ

Please RSVP by November 20 if you would like to go.

Call Bonnie at 854-0806 or the church at 854-7959.

There is no charge.

# Why Pledge?

- √ Because God asks me to make a faith commitment.
- √ It keeps my budget on track. This way I give what's right, not what's left.
- √ It gives me a challenge to work toward.
- √ What I give is between me and God, but the church needs to set a budget.
- √ I make commitments all the time by what I spend and how I live. Why not do it for the church?
- √ Because I love this church and I love God. It's like saying "Here I am, Lord."

Those are just a few of the reasons why we ask you to pledge and give to the church. As you know we are spending our church savings and endowment for our regular budget. That money is needed for major capital projects for this large and old building and not for everyday church expenses. So we need to step up in our giving to support a budget that is fully funded by member giving. The simple fact is that we don't have many more years to continue this funding. Then we start looking at drastic cuts. Not to be dramatic, but we want you to know the facts.

The future is bright for CPC. We are a growing church with a talented and committed leadership. We want to continue with the exciting and faithful ministry that God has revived here at CPC. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

My income	2%	3% Foundation	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	Tithe
\$400	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36	\$40
500	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
600	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
700	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
800	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
900	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
1000	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
2000	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200
2500	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250
3000	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300
3500	70	105	140	175	210	245	280	315	350
4000	80	120	160	200	240	280	320	360	400
5000	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500
6000	120	180	240	300	360	420	480	540	600
8000	160	240	320	400	480	560	640	720	800
10000	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Celebrating a Birthday this Week:** Doug Varnum, Janee Franklin, and Muriel Haines.

**Celebrating an Anniversary:** Melissa and Gus Corso (4th).

**Prayers:** For healing for Celeste Banko, who is recovering from surgery this week.

**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  
Jessica Lowden-- in Monrovia, Liberia

### Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier  
Dorothy Lawnicki  
Barbara Perry  
Alma Lattimore

Alex Fell  
Patricia Moler  
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson  
George Nicholson  
Pat Schuehler

### Pray for Health and Wellness\*

Celeste Banko  
Bree Donovan  
Ralph Gunther  
Richard Marks  
Bill Sharp  
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Brandon Brauns  
Sarah Ginter  
Max Gureki  
Susan Moler  
Catherine Tumminia  
Joanne Westermeier

Chuck Christy  
Cheryl Jean Gordan  
Philip Lagakos  
Barbara Perry  
Tony Tumminia

### Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church at Pitman  
Our PCUSA mission in Malawi  
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.**