

*The
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"



First Sunday in Advent

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November 30 2008

COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 30, 2008
1st Sunday of Advent

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Silent Prayer

To wait for your coming, O Lord, is a reminder that your time is not my time schedule. Teach me patience that keeps eyes open. 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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: The wreath is round with no beginning or end, testifying to the eternity of God's creation.

People: The wreath is evergreen, recalling that our faith, our hope, is alive.

Leader: This Sunday we light the candle of hope, a reminder that the prophets had their expectations of a Messiah who would bring peace and love into the world.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

Response: Hymn #2090 SF Advent Carol

(the choir will sing verse 1, then the congregation will repeat)

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said "I am the light of the world, the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life..

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Leader: Those who have dwelt in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined!.

**Hymn #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

**Prayer of Confession (unison)*

We confess, O God, that we do not take seriously your coming into our lives. We do not believe that salvation is near, we do not act uprightly, loving you, our neighbors, or ourselves. We do not bend our sword into plowshares. Forgive us, we pray, that we might once again walk in your light, choosing for the world of Christ. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: This is the good news in Jesus Christ

People: That we stand before God not through our own goodness.

Leader: But through God's great kindness to us.

People: Rejoice and be glad for God comes to us!

**Congregational Response: #576*

Gloria, Gloria

In Excelsis Deo

Gloria, Gloria

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Sharing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn #13 *"Prepare the Way"*

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: *"Falling Asleep at the Wheel"*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

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, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

*Jesus said, "If you...know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your father in heaven
give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

During this season of waiting and anticipation, we are reminded to stay awake for the coming of your Son. Jesus' love often comes into our lives in quiet, unexpected ways. Today, we generously respond to this compassion and commit ourselves to living in a manner worthy of your love. In anticipation of the coming of Jesus, the Savior, we pray. Amen

Musical Meditation

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #2269 *"Come, Share the Lord"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude



**Those who are able, please stand.*



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 30, 2008

Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

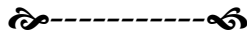
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

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/Reader: Sheralyn Tinsley

Opening and Closing Building: Arthur Moffett

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

Flowers: The flowers today are from Marie and Bill Goulburn in memory of their parents and loved ones.

Intermediate Youth Handbell Choir will meet from 11:45 to 12:30 today to rehearse for half an hour.

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.

UrbanPromise: Have dinner at Tortilla Press on Haddon Ave. in Collingswood tonight at 5:00 pm and Tortilla Press will make a donation to the UrbanPromise scholarship fund.

Christmas Gift Ideas: Check the bulletin board outside the lounge for catalogs with great Christmas gift ideas.

This Week at CPC

- Sun., Nov. 30** 9:30 am -- Adult Bible Study
10:30 am -- Worship and Sunday School
11:45 am -- Intermediate Handbell Choir
- Tues., Dec. 2** Pastor Kate and Jennifer G. Leave for Cuba!
9:30 am -- Toddler's Playgroup
6:00 pm -- Brownies
- Wed., Dec. 3** 9:30 am -- Toddler's Playgroup
- Thurs., Dec. 4** 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts/Daisies
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Sat, Dec. 6** 1:00 pm - Flores Dance Practice



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- **Cuba Trip:** Jennifer Giordano and Pastor Kate are leaving for the Women's conference in Cuba on Tuesday, December 2 and will return on the 9th. Jennifer will teach our partners in Cuba about our Rotation Workshop Christian Education program. Pastor Kate is the keynote speaker for the conference. Thank you for your donations of personal care items which will be used as gifts for the women and youth of the Cardenas church.
- **Urban Promise:** On December 16 the youth (7th grade and up) will be going to UrbanPromise to help with homework and a craft. Adults are welcome too. Meet at the church by 2:55 pm. Please let Jennifer know if you plan to come.
- **Confirmation Class** - We will be meeting on Wednesday December 10 and 17 from 7-8 pm in the Meeting room upstairs. Pick up your Worship Reflection Sheets in the narthex and drop off finished ones outside Pastors office. On January 25 at 2:00 pm all confirmation youth are asked to come to the church to help prepare a dinner for Ronald McDonald House. Senior High youth are welcome as well. We will cook here and take it over to the Ronald McDonald House to serve.
- **Christmas Caroling:** All youth (5th - 12th) will meet on December 21st to go Christmas caroling. We will meet 7:00 pm 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 next week
during Sunday School !

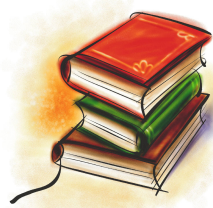
Please plan to attend!!! We need your talent!!!

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!



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 will not meet in December. Join us when we start up again in January. 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.



Library News!

Last Sunday, Pastor Kate spoke about cancer patient david m. bailey and included quotes from his songs in the bulletin. The CPC Library has his biography on DVD entitled *david m. bailey: Living, A Documentary*, and has a CD, *Love the Time*, of some of david's thought-provoking and inspirational songs, including "In Our Hands", "It Took So Long," "I'm Thankful," "Pray for Peace," and "Most to Give." 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. **Questions? See Lorrie Heuser, Peggy Haines, or Karen Mazak.**



ANOTHER CHANCE FOR A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

You can still support Dionisia Ramos-Huaman's Women's Artisan Cooperative by purchasing textile items handmade by Emady. There are some samples and pictures of these items with prices and purple order forms in the Narthex.

Their crafts (including handbags, totes, coin purses, eyeglass holders, napkins and placemats, and children's items like bibs and backpacks) are hand painted and unique. You can also look at the items on the Partners for Just Trade website at <http://www.partnersforjusttrade.org/ht/d/Store/producttype/EMADY/pid/178>.

Peggy Haines will place another order to Partners for Just Trade this week so products should arrive in time for Christmas giving. If you can't make up your mind today, call Peggy at 856-779-7357 by Wed., Dec. 3rd with your order. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: WED., DEC. 3RD**

27th Annual Community Sing

The Messiah

Sunday, December 7, 2008

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Choruses and solos to be sung by all those present

Light refreshments and child care provided

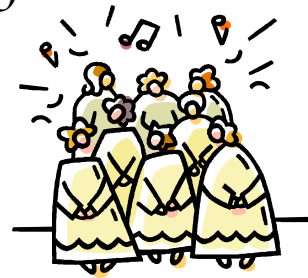
Free-will offering

First United Methodist Church

Camden Ave. at Pleasant Valley Ave

Moorestown, NJ

235-0450



Tickets are available for the
Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra Christmas Show

"Joy, Joy, Joy - A Christmas Celebration"

Sat., December 20 and Sun., December 21
at 2:30 pm

The performances will be held at

Paul IV High School

901 Hopkins Road

Haddon Township.

Call 858-0693 or email JDCO@comcast.net
for tickets or more information



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Celebrating a Birthday this Week: Pat Gardiner and Jamie Stoy.

Transferred to the Church Triumphant: Please keep the Nicholson Family in your prayers. George Nicholson passed away on Sunday, November 22.. A memorial service was held here on Wednesday.

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
Alma Lattimore
Barbara Perry

Alex Fell
Dorothy Lawnicki
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson
Patricia Moler
Pat Schuehler

Pray for Health and Wellness*

Celeste Banko
Bree Donovan
Ralph Gunther
Richard Marks
Barbara Perry
Tony Tumminia

Brandon Brauns
Sarah Ginter
Max Gureki
Susan Moler
Bill Sharp
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Chuck Christy
Cheryl Jean Gordan
Philip Lagakos
Eddie Ostrander
Catherine Tumminia
Joanne Westermeier

Our Partners in Mission

Calvery Presbyterian Church of Riverton
Our PCUSA mission in Malta
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.



Pot Luck Luncheon

Following Worship and Our Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21, 2008



Mark your calendars for a very special Luncheon to celebrate Christmas together. The Christmas Pageant will be presented during worship on December 21st, then we'll fellowship together over lunch.

Please make your reservations early! Fill out and submit the form below by December 14th so we can plan our meal. Questions? Contact Donna Willis at 858-6392 or tj12697@hotmail.com

(Fill out and place this form in the offering plate by 12/14/08)

Family name _____

Total number attending _____

We will bring (circle one, please):

Meat

Meat Casserole

Meatless Casserole

Dessert

Vegetable

(Salad, bread and beverages will be provided.)

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary from December 21st through December 24th. If you would like to order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill in the slip below and put it – along with your check – in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office *by December 12th*. Make your check payable to “Collingswood Presbyterian Church – Flowers.”

If possible, you may pick up your plant after our Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Deacons will distribute any plants remaining to shut-ins.

The cost is \$15 each (7 inch pot – 6+ blooms). Poinsettias are available in your choice of solid colors—red, pink, or white blooms.



Poinsettia order due December 10, 2006:

I would like to order the following poinsettias at \$15 each:

_____ Red

_____ Pink

_____ White



Total # of plants _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

The bulletin insert should read:

Given by _____

“In memory of” or “In honor of” (circle one) _____

