

*The  
Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

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



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

**November 9, 2008**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Silent Prayer

*Our hearts overflow with longings too great for words, gracious God. You have been so good to us, yet we are dissatisfied. We have many things to enjoy, but seldom have we found our home with you. May this time of worship help us to become a wise and understanding people, eager to live as the body of Christ, making a difference in the world as Jesus did. 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:** Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us  
God has given us birth by the word of truth.

**People:** **We are drawn to God as to a lover.**  
**We leap for joy when we know God's care.**

**Leader:** Every perfect gift comes to us from God.  
God's image is a part of each one of us.

**People:** **God's grace has been poured into our lives.**  
**Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.**

HYMN "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" #353 PH Verses 1, 3, 5

## Prayer of Confession

**Leader:** How easily we notice the sins of others, finding ways to criticize what they do or do not do. How much harder it is to believe that we are sinners needing to repent of habits that separate us from God and set us against neighbors who are different from us. Let us seek forgiveness.

**All:** **O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit and violation of our promises to you and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as you want us to be, through Jesus Christ. 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

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God frees us from our human bondage to live by commandments that build up rather than destroy.

**People: Our Creator draws us close that our hearts may find their true home.**

Leader: Praise God, for the grace that saves us from our self-deceit and lifts us up to bear good fruit.

**All: Alleluia! 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: *"He Leadeth Me"*                      Advanced Youth Handbell Duet  
Mark Eife and Steven Wilson

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 45:18-23

\*Hymn *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* #422 PH

New Testament: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon: *"Bowling Before the Love of Christ"*                      The Rev. Keith Reed

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith:

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

Musical Meditation

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance, 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

\*Parting Hymn: "*Fairest Lord Jesus*" #306 PH

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude



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



*Go Forward and Serve*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 9, 2008

*Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!*

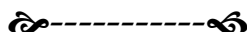
❧ *If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book in the narthex so we know you are here!* ❧

*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: Barbara Bockmann

Opening and Closing Building: Arthur Moffett

Greeters/Ushers: Deacons

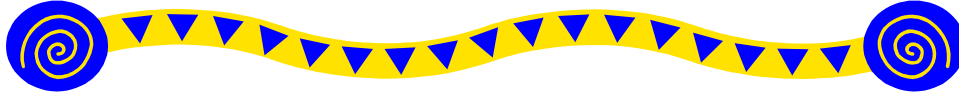
Flowers: The flowers today are given by Peggy and Keith Haines in memory of Peggy's mother, Peggy Beck.

We welcome the Reverend Keith Reed to the pulpit today. Rev. Reed has worked with non-profit organizations and has accepted a call as Pastor of the Wenona Presbyterian Church beginning in December.

## Adults- Learn and Grow in Faith

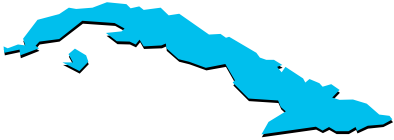
- Sunday Morning 9:30 am Bible Study- The study will be "**God's Faithfulness.**" Facilitator Jennifer Giordano. Youth Room
- Monday morning Bible Study continues with "**God's Faithfulness**". Join Jennifer at 9:30 am in the lounge. All are welcome.
- Thursdays 2nd and 4th- in the lounge "**God's Faithfulness**" 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.





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

- Youth Group Game Night - Join us tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for Hide and Seek in the Dark!
- Confirmation Class - Our next meeting will be 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. More info. to follow.
- 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..



November 16, 23 and 30 are still available for flower dedications. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.

## Library News!



Check out Bruce Main's *Spotting the Sacred: Noticing God in the Most Unlikely Places* in which he writes, "Isn't this the way God wants us to live our lives—praying and living with our eyes wide open, noticing what God is doing through our neighbors, friends, co-workers and life circumstances?" (p. 242)

**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.**

**NOTE: NEW PHONE NUMBER** Please change the phone number for May Nicholson to 856 816 7359 (cell) . We just discovered that the phone number in the directory is the number of her daughter and no one answers that phone. May and George would love a visit in the afternoons Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact Pastor Kate if you are interested in driving up to Delanco some fall afternoon.

# 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

**“ We Gather Together. . .**

**You are cordially invited to a  
Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner  
On Thursday, November 27**

**Appetizers will be 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.**

***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 by November 30.***

***Meals are included.***

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

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Celebrating a Birthday this Week:** Joshua Wolfe, Mary Troyano, Art Dickol, Emma Standring, and Meredith LaPan.

**Sympathies:** Our prayers go with the Stubbins and Walton families who lost their father and husband, Rick Stubbins. Funeral Services were held at CPC yesterday.

**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\*

Brandon Brauns  
Cheryl Jean Gordan  
Philip Lagakos  
Barbara Perry  
Tony Tumminia

Chuck Christy  
Ralph Gunther  
Richard Marks  
Bill Sharp  
Rev. Fred Westermeier

Sarah Ginter  
Max Gureki  
Susan Moler  
Catherine Tumminia  
Joanne Westermeier

### Our Partners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
Our PCUSA mission in Madagascar  
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.

