

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



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

January 4, 2015

2nd Sunday after Christmas - Epiphany

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer

*We gather here as pilgrims,
traveling across the deserts of our lives
to find the Christ Child.
Shed your light upon our lives, O Lord,
in this new year. 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.

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

Centering Music "Good King Wenceslas" arr. by Lula Royer Ramsdell
Beginning Handbell Choir

(Please stand for items marked with an asterisk. GTG is the purple "Glory to God" hymnal. STF is the "Sing the Faith" smaller blue hymnal)

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

People: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

Leader: We gather asking, 'Where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

Leader: We gather wanting to know, 'Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

People: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

***Hymn** *"As with Gladness Men of Old"* GTG #150

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray,

All: We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.

Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts,
love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

**People: This is the light which has come to all, the light we
will carry and give to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Congregational Response - "*Seek ye First*" GTG #175

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and
all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

(Children remain in the service today, Sunday School will resume next week.)

Musical Meditation: "*Mary Did You Know*"

Kirstin Powell

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 676)

***Hymn** "*We Three Kings of Orient Are*" GTG #151

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 877)

Reading: "*The Other Wise Man*"

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. and earth, We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

"The wealth of many nations has come to us, and we have considered it our due. The needs of the world beckon us to share, and we have turned instead to accumulating more things than we can use. The unsearchable riches of Christ are at our disposal, but we let them go untapped. May our offerings today reflect a new attitude of joy in giving."

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* GTG #347

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for blessing in his hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy. . .

And join their unending hymn singing, (Hymn STF #2256)

People: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!*

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord Most high...

(Prayers of intercession, petition and the Lord's Prayer)

The Words of Institution

The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread, take a cup and put empty in basket. Please move to their seats by the side aisles. For those who have difficulty walking, please tell an usher that you wish to have communion in your pew.

Prayer after communion (unison)

O Lord, keep us focused on the star which guides us to wholeness, peace and health this year. Let this communion be the food that sustains us and keeps us strong for the journey ahead. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn "What Star is This, With Beams So Bright?" GTG #152

*Benediction

*Postlude

Please stay and help de-decorate the sanctuary.



Please join us in the Lounge for coffee and fellowship time and talk to Phd Candidate Brett Salmon. Learn about stars, galaxies, and telescopes

Go Forward and Serve!
Be a part of God's work through CPC!

Sunday, January 4. 2015

*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.

**PLEASE BRING THE HEARING AIDES BACK TO THE
DEACON OF THE DAY.**

If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship book in the narthex so we know you are here! Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lounge.

Thank You **for your service!**

Worship Leader: Dennis Kolecki

Deacon of the Day: Louanna Sills

Greeters: Peter, Keemia, Pocket, Bastion, Phelan, & Raphael Pizzutillo

Ushers: Peter, Keemia, Pocket, Bastion, Phelan, & Raphael Pizzutillo

Communion Servers: Karen Mazak

Flowers: The flowers are given today by Pastor Kate & Will Salmon
In honor of Brett Salmon & his recent research publication
in Astrophysics



Please check the flower book in the Narthex and sign up to dedicate the flowers in the church to honor, or in memory of, a loved one.

Flowers are needed for January 11, 18 & 25



Good Coffee - Doing Good

Buy your coffee and tea at CPC's Equal Exchange table, and make a difference in the lives of the farmers who grow it.

Started in 2001, the Presbyterian Coffee Project is a collaboration between Equal Exchange and the Presbyterian Church USA's Enough for Everyone Program to involve more Presbyterian communities and individuals in supporting small farmers around the world.

You'll find the Coffee Project table in the lounge...
before and after worship service.

At Collingswood Presbyterian Church we have in stock both whole bean and ground coffees; decaf and caffeine. Tea drinkers: we have chamomile, peppermint, green tea, and breakfast teas.

Please look at our catalog, tell me if you'd like to buy a project not on our table...we plan to reorder soon. If you would like to be part of our Coffee Mission Team, please talk with Lorrie Heuser, heuser551@verizon.net

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Collingswood Presbyterian Church is called for the purpose of electing officers and nominating committee, approving the auditors report and any other business pertaining thereto and is scheduled for Sunday January 25, 2015 after the worship

ANNUAL REPORTS

We are working on the Annual Report. If you have not submitted your annual report to the church office please do so by Monday,
January 5, 2015

Sunday School: Children should follow Mrs. Kolecki out after the Children's Sermon. You may pick your children up in Calvin Hall after the service.

Nursery is down the hallway past the lounge and is for children aged birth to 3 years old. Our nursery workers are Madeline Almand, Brie Lynch, and Natalie Sperlunto. Parents are invited to sign-up in the nursery to come in and do an activity such as a song, read a book, or other activity with the older nursery children.

Please send greetings to:

Alex Constantine

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Yardville, NJ 08620

Sunday School:

Last week we didn't have Sunday School. Hopefully you had a blessed Christmas. Today in Sunday School we will be discussing the Epiphany. We will make a star craft and read about the coming of the 3 Kings. Also, if you have a child in Sunday School, please join our Facebook page: *Collingswood Presbyterian Church Sunday School*.

Youth:

There is NO Youth Group tonight. The Youth Group will resume on January 11, 2015 at 6:30pm. Thank you to everyone who supported the youth group by purchasing Cookie Trays!!!

Also, go on to the *Collingswood Presbyterian Youth Group* Facebook page to see the pictures of our individual reasons why we are here. This week we will decide why we are here as a youth group and what our mission is. Please sign up to bring snack and as a parent helper through the link for SignUp Genius that was emailed to all parents.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CPC THIS WEEK?

- Sun., 1/4
10:30 am - Worship
11:30 am - Fellowship Time- Lounge
- Tues., 1/6
7:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting
- Wed., 1/7
5:30 pm - Intermediate Bell Choir Practice
6:15 pm - Advanced Youth Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir Practice
- Thurs., 1/8
11:00 am - Staff Meeting
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Sun., 1/11
10:30 am - Worship
11:30 am - Fellowship Time - Lounge
6:30 pm - Youth Group

WEEKLY COMMUNITY USE

Spring of Life Church:

- Sunday - 1:00 - 2:30 pm - Sanctuary (& nursery)
2:30- 5:00 pm Dining room
Wed. & Fri. - 8:00 - 9:30 pm - Jr. Rm.

Toddler Play Group

- Tue. & Wed. - 9:30 -11:30 am. - Nursery

Girl Scouts #30113 - Wed. - 6:00 - 7:45 pm - Jr. Dept.

∞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ∞

Birthdays: Celeste Banko

Seminarians: Chris McNabb, Richard Aylor, and Noha Khoury

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

Our country, our president, and our leaders

Our troops in Afghanistan and around the world

Military personnel - Jennifer Riippa

Jessica Lowden - working in Ghana

Those at home or in a care facilities

Elizabeth Baggett

Harry Binder

Robert Johnson

Dorothy Varnum

Eleanor Kelley

Jean Waitz

Pray for Health and Wellness

Ray Burns

Frank Griffin

Sam Jang Do-Soon

Bob Lowden

Carol Rowand

Jay Sills

Darla Hartman

Rich Smith

Kristin Schell

Bob Whenna

Rachel Minnick

Steven Salmon

Marion Mills

Doris Bockman

Sal Ferraro

Jean Fink

Jane Heinle

Please pick up a prayer card in the narthex and mail it to these loved ones for whom we pray.

Rev. Debby Brincivalli & Staff of West Jersey Presbytery
Community Presbyterian Church, Brigantine, New Jersey

Our PCUSA mission in Rwanda

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 one of the deacons or elders.

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.**