

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*January 5, 2014*

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

*January 5, 2014  
2nd Sunday after Christmas*

**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



## 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 - STF # 2200

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer  
When I call answer me  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me.*

\*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 Pre-K through 2nd Grade may leave for Sunday School.)*

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (p. 720)

\***Hymn** - "*He Came Down*" GTG #137

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18 (p. 966)

Sermon: "*Still Seeking*"

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

*As stewards, by God's grace, we offer ourselves as we bring our offerings. God has promised to bless and multiply our efforts to serve the world in Christ's name. May we be as generous as God has been toward us.*

## Prayer of Dedication

Hymn - *"What Star is This, with Beams so Bright"* GTG #152

## 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, (GTG #552)

**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 Distribution of the Elements

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)*

**The Bread** - please join in singing *"Bless the Lord My Soul"* GTG #544

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

**The Cup** - please join in singing "Lamb of God" GTG #555  
**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your  
peace.**

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

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**



***Go Forward and Serve!***

**Be a part of God's work through CPC!**

*After church service join in the de-decorating!*

*Please stay and help put the  
Christmas decorations away...*



*then join us in the Lounge  
for coffee and fellowship time.*



Sunday, January 5, 2014

*Welcome!*

*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.*

*Thank You* for your service!

**Reader:** Bob Marks

**Greeters:** Flo Stringer and Cass Burns

**Ushers:** Dennis Kolecki and Erica Werner

**Communion Servers:** Tom Wolfe, Barbara Bockmann, Karen Mazak and Carol Longmire.

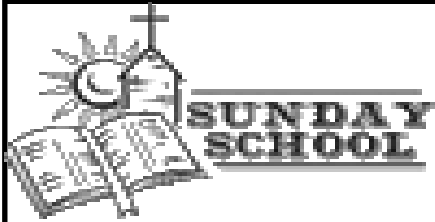
**Deacon of the Day:** Lorrie Heuser

**Fellowship Team:** Louanna Sills

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

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

**Nursery** 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.



All the Children who participated in the Christmas pageant did a wonderful job!!!

This week we will resume Sunday School with the children in second grade and below as it is a Communion Sunday. In Sunday School we will be learning how God breathes life into us.

Please see Gretchen Kolecki, Director of Christian Education, to sign up to teach/help with the Sunday School Program. There is also a sign-up sheet outside the Director of Christian Ed.'s door. We have the following dates to fill: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16 still need teachers.



There is Youth Group tonight 6:30pm-8pm. Please return your signed covenant. If you need one please see Mrs. Kolecki.

**The 30 Hour Famine** is going to take place February 21-22, 2014. We will need parent drivers on 2/22 to assist getting the kids to and from their mission activities. We will be joining 7 other churches from our Presbytery. More info to come soon....

**Breakfast Club:** Breakfast Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month, this month it will be January 19<sup>th</sup>. It is bible study for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. They will come out with the Sunday School students after the Children's Sermon and will meet in the Bells room.

**PAC Meeting:** the PAC is the Parent Advisory Council. We will be scheduling a meeting in early February to discuss upcoming events.

*We are still in need of parents to sign up to bring in snacks.* Please sign up outside of the office of Gretchen Kolecki, Director of CE

## NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES

Wednesday, January 8 & 22

7:00 - 8:00 pm

## Dates to Remember this week...

- Mon. 1/6     6:00 pm - Nominating Committee - lounge  
                  7:00 pm - Personnel & Finance Committee - lounge
- Tues. 1/7     7:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting
- Wed., 1/8     5:30 - 8:30 pm - Bell Choirs  
                  7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Thurs., 1/9    7:00 pm - Choir Practice



## Session & Deacons Reminder

Annual reports are due January 6, 2014

Please email to [collspres@verizon.net](mailto:collspres@verizon.net).

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26, 2014

The next Deacon's Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2014

The next Session Meeting will be held Monday, January 20, 2014\*

\*note date change



Nadine Vogel, Hazel Stecklair, Muriel Haines, Jean Waitz, Elizabeth Baggett and the residents of Collingswood Manor wish to thank all the carolers who came out to serenade them on Sunday, Dec. 15. They loved the singing and really appreciated the visit.

**Flower Dedications** - We are in need of flower dedications for the following dates: January 12, 19, 26 and February 9, 16, 23



Please sign up using the book in the narthex or contact Joan in the church office.

☞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ☞

**Birthdays:** Jack Forgach (Perro), Susan Lagakos, Celeste Banko, Elsie Hak

**Seminarians:** Chris McNabb, Buzzy LeCluyse and Richard Aylor

**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 - Mark McCaulley, Jennifer Riippa, & Ben Sheldon

Kyle Stoy-- who is teaching ESL in Seoul, South Korea

**Those in Care Facilities or at home**

Elizabeth Baggett

Elsie Hak

Robert Johnson

Evelyn Plunkett

Dorothy Varnum

Jean Waitz

Raymond Perry

Harry Binder

**Pray for Health and Wellness**

Ray Burns

Michael Burns

Sal Ferraro

Sam Jang Do-Soon

Joan Klacik

Bob Lowden

Ray Perry

Carol Rowand

Frank Griffin

Frederick Bates

Jay Sills

Linda Hanson

Judy Grantham

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

Christ Presbyterian Church of Gibbstown

Our PCUSA mission in Iran

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.**