

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



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COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 6, 2013
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



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 #63 PH "As With Gladness Men of Old"*

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir

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

***Hymn** #67 PH *"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*

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

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

*“What can I give Him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him;
Give my heart.” Christina Rossetti*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #2 PH *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

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 #581)

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 #66 PH *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Please join us in the lounge
for coffee and a time of fellowship.



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!

Sunday, January 6, 2013

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.

Thank You ❧ *for your service!*

Reader: Keith Haines

Deacon of the Day: Erica Werner

Welcoming Team Leader: Lorrie Heuser

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Jane Trent

Communion Servers: Karen Mazak, Linda Young

Beginning Handbell choir- Ava Ostrem, Tyler Kolecki, Andrew Kolecki, Mason Wolfe

Announcements

Sunday School Today is a Communion Sunday, children in 3rd grade and above will stay in service for communion. Children in Prek-2nd grade will be leaving for Sunday School and can be picked up in Calvin Hall following service. The children will be studying Mark 1:16-45 which teaches how Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, and how people began to follow Jesus.

Youth: There is NO Youth Group tonight. Youth group will resume on the January 13th.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS FOR THIS WINTER!!

PLEASE SEE GRETCHEN KOLECKI TO SIGN UP.



We need people to sign up to place flowers on the chancel. There is a notebook in the narthex for open dates. Cost is \$20.00 and simply place your check in the offering plate noting FLOWERS on the memo line.

THIS WEEK AT CPC

<i>Today 1/6</i>	10:30 a.m. - Worship 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time
<i>Tues. 1/8</i>	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup 7:00 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting
<i>Wed. 1/9</i>	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Playgroup 5:30 p.m. - Beginning Handbells 6:15 p.m. - Advanced Youth Handbells 7:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells 8:00-9:30 Spring of Life church
<i>Thurs. 1/10</i>	7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<i>Fri. 1/11</i>	8:00pm Spring of Life church

The Mailboxes are Full! - Please be sure to check your mailbox in the hallway. There are lots of Christmas cards and other goodies that need to be picked up!!!

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 27, 2013 after the worship service.

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,

DEACONS' UPDATE

NEW VISIONS - In addition to providing meals, New Visions Homeless Day Shelter also has shower facilities. They are in need of new or gently used bath towels. Please leave towels under the food collection table in the back of the Church.



MITTEN TREE- We are still taking donations of new hats, mittens, socks and coats for all ages. We will deliver on Martin Luther King Day on Monday January 21, 2013. Join us for a visit to New Visions.



FOOD PANTRY - Last year at this time St. Paul's was providing food for 156 families. This year they have over 350 on the list. Please donate whatever you can - Cold cereal is still requested.

Help Support our Youth Group Mission trips!

This year we are pleased that our youth will be going on TWO mission trips. Senior Highs Andy Wilson, Angela Sperlunto, Lindsey Ball, and Natalie Sperlunto will be going to Purdue Indiana in July for the Presbyterian Church Youth Triennium. It is an amazing youth conference of over 4,000 Presbyterian youth and youth adults worshipping, learning and having fun together!

In July the Middle school kids will be going on their Mission trip to Massanetta Springs Virginia for a week of service, learning and fun!

So they will need your support! If you are interested in contributing, just put Youth Mission trips on your memo line of your check. We are also having a hoagie sale for the Annual meeting, Appleby's breakfast in March and a car wash in June. They each need to raise \$250.00 each so please help them out!!

"Windows to Christ"

We have copies of the beautifully illustrated "Windows to Christ" book available for \$10 in the narthex. These make a wonderful gift and proceeds go to the Deacons' Fund which is used for the needy.



☞ KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... ☞

Birthdays: Susan Lagakos, Celeste Banko, Elsie Hak

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

Our country, our president, and our leaders
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world
CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley and Jennifer Riippa

Those in Care Facilities or at home

Elizabeth Baggett	Mabel Cordier	Elsie Hak
Robert Johnson	Evelyn Plunkett	Dorothy Varnum
Jean Waitz	Robert Johnson	

Pray for Health and Wellness

Michael Arizzi	Michelle Burnham	Bud Damon
Paul Dorety	Charlie Dunlevy	Peter Fagan
Jack Fagan	Gail Gilroy	Sarah Ginter
Frank Griffin	Max Gureki	Brooke Hankins
Linda Kalupovich	Karen Korobellis	Sara Ann Kronrot
Tony Lazorko	Bob Lowden	Joann Marion
Barbara Miner	Charlie Musumeci	Toni Piles
Jay Sills	Sam Jang Do-Soon	Edward Werner
Melissa & T.J. Fazzio	Claire Johnston	Pat Lepore
Richard Pozniak	Bree Donovan	Sage Carfagno
Beth's Father	Sheilla Dashcow	

Our Partners in Mission

The Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship in Moorestown
Our PCUSA mission in Albania
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.**