

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*December 24, 2014*

*Christmas Eve*

*5:00 pm*

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**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

*Gracious Lord, our Advent journey has culminated in this night.  
As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder,  
open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory.  
For to us a Child has been born, to us a Savior has been given.  
We pray this in the name of Christ, our newborn King. Amen.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Centering Music** - "O Little Town of Bethlehem" GTG #121 vs. 1,2

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" GTG #119 vs 1, 2

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Perrin Family

Leader: The people who walked in darkness

**People: have seen a great light!**

Leader: Those who once lived in shadows

**People: Now rejoice at what the Lord has done!**

Leader: For to us a child is born! A Savior is given!

**People: He will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!' He will bring  
justice for the poor, and defend the rights of the helpless.**

Leader: He will nourish righteousness and embody love. He will  
bring peace: for lions and lambs, hawks and doves, people  
and peoples.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**Christmas Carol**    *"Light One Candle"*    STF #2090

**Light the Christmas candles now  
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;  
Birthday candles for the King  
Let the Alleluias ring**

**Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's greatest gift.

**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

**Leader:** To night we hear again the good news that was given for all people.

**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

**Leader:** Tonight we join in steadfast wonder at God's amazing love.

**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

**Leader:** Tonight we welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed our lives.

**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

**\*Hymn:**    *"O Come All Ye Faithful"*    GTG #133

**\*Prayer of Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**All:**        **Gather us around the manger, Lord Jesus;  
let us sing in awe of the miracle of your birth.  
You were born in the shadow of a cross,  
and you came to be our Savior.  
Give us the eyes of a child to see all things new and  
the wisdom of a sage to remember the promises of old.**

**Forgive us when we have forgotten you and trusted  
In our own strength. We have become weary from  
carrying these burdens of sin and sorrow.  
Abide with us, O Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

Leader: Know that God's promises are for you! God does not want us to make ourselves worthy of forgiveness.

**People: We only need to open our hearts and come clean to God.**

Leader: Friends, believe and live out the good news

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

**\*Response: "Go Tell It on The Mountain" GTG #136**

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o're silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Bells: "Evening Prayer" by Englebert Humperdink,  
arr. Victor L. Gumma**

Andrew Wilson & Sami Fulton, Hand Bells

**Children's Sermon**

**Solo: "Wexford Carol" Arr. Traditional**

Peggy Haines

**Lesson: Luke 1:39-56 (p.932)**

**\*Hymn: "Who Would Think That What Was Needed?" GTG #138**

**Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 (p.933)**

**Meditation: "A Christmas Disaster"**

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### **Our Offering**

*“Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service. To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.”*  
~ Oren Arnold~

**Musical Offering - “What Child is This”** Sung by Peggy Haines  
Fred Heuser & Will Powell, guitar

**\*Song of Dedication-** Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise him, all creature here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Lesson:** Luke 2:8-20 (p.931)

**\*Hymn:** *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* GTG #123 Verses 1, 2, 4

### **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.

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**Lesson:** John 1:1-5 (p.966)

**\*Hymn:** "Silent Night, Holy Night!" GTG #122

*(The Congregation is invited to move to the walls to form a circle  
and light their candles - tipping the unlit candle.*

*Battery powered candles are available for children)*

**Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**\*Leader:** The Light of Christ goes into all the world!

**\*Benediction**

**Hymn:** *"Joy to the World"* GTG #134

**Joy to the World the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her king!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**\*Postlude**



***Go Forward and Serve!***

**Be a part of God's work through CPC!  
Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am**

Special thanks to our guest musicians tonight Andy Wilson,  
Sami Fulton on bells, cantor Peggy Haines,  
and guitarist Fred Heuser and William Powell.

*Thank You* **for your service!**

**Worship Leader: Megan Standring**

**Deacon of the Day: Louanna Sills**

**Greeters: David, Jennifer, Erin and Avery Sullenberger**

*(Please place candles in the boxes at the rear of the sanctuary as you leave.)*

*(Please pick up your poinsettias after the 7 pm worship service.)*



## Christmas Poinsettias Given with love by:



**Ray & Catherine Burns** in memory of Bill & Margaret Hearn and loved ones

**Art Dickol** in memory of my wife, Betty

**Keith & Peggy Haines** in memory of our loved ones

**Pastor Kate Killebrew & Gary Salmon** in memory of our mothers Carol Salmon & Patsy Brown

**June Lattimore** in memory of my parents and in honor of my Aunt, Hazel Steckclair

**Candace & Bob Lowden** in memory of loved ones

**Marjorie & Laura Miller** in memory of Nolan, Marie & Bruce, Nevin & Grace, Dolly & Francis

**Art & Carolyn Moffett** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Moffett, & Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Waters and in honor of Lt. J.G. George Moffett

**Lois & Syd Noyes** in memory of loved ones

**Mazak, Ortizm Berkelbach Families** in memory of Violet Tumminia

**Muriel Haines** in memory of loved ones

**The Fulton Family** in memory of loved ones

**Jean Fulton** in memory of Robert Samuel Fulton, Lt. J.G. Franklin Goulburn

**Rob, Alison, Lillian & Jake Smentek** in memory of Nolan Miller (Grampa) & Jeffrey Smentek (Poppy)

**Lazorko Family** in memory of Esther Bohn and Marge Biddle



*Have a beautiful  
and blessed Christmas.*

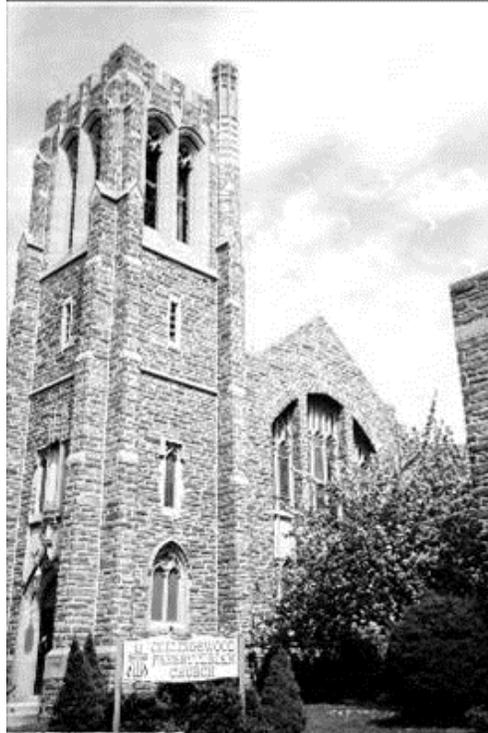
## **WE WELCOME YOU**

*to this evening's service of worship!*

*If you are seeking a church home, we'd be pleased to have you join us  
at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service.*



*Contact the church office or visit our website for more information.*



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