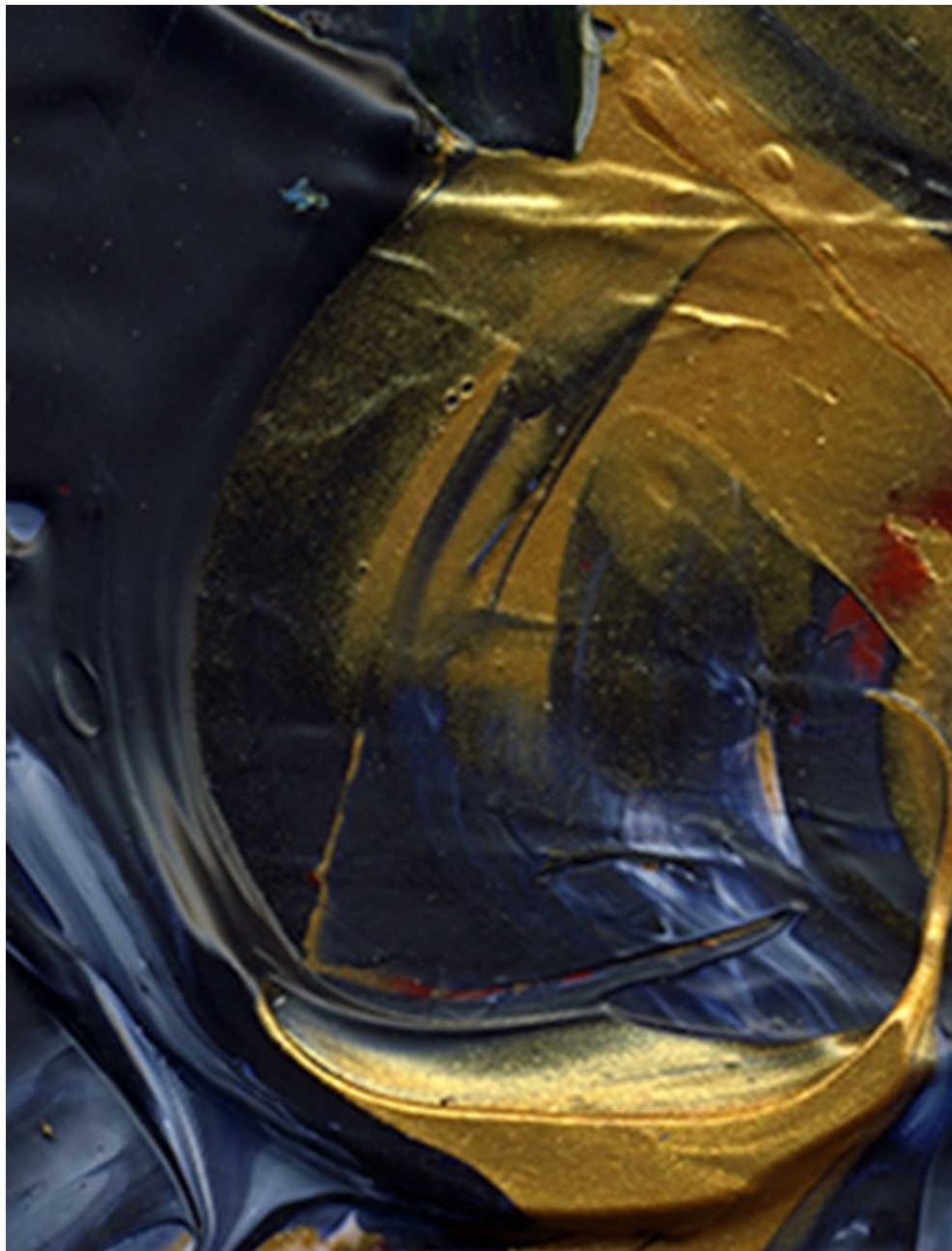


*Collingswood Presbyterian Church*



*December 24, 2014*

*Christmas Eve*

*7:00 pm*

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“Shines in the Darkness”



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

**December 24, 2014**

*Christmas Eve - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*



**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**

**Introit:**                   *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Schueler 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.*

**Solo -**     *"Joy To The World"*

Steven Wilson, handbells

G.F. Handel Arr. Sue Garten

## 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 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**

**Solo:** Recitative 14 & 16 from “Messiah” by G.F. Handel

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p.624)

**Anthem:** Recitative 16, “Glory To God, Rejoice Greatly”

Recitative 18, from “Messiah” by G.F Handel Chancel Choir

Jahnel Mikolajczak, soloist

**Gospel Reading** - Luke 2: 1-14

**Sermon:** “Not Ready for Christmas?”

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~*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Musical Meditation**

# The Lord's Supper

## Invitation

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Leader: Let us pray,

## Prayers of Petition ending with the Lord's Prayer

## Words of Institution

### Distribution of the Elements:

*(Please hold the elements until all are served.)*

**The Bread:** *"What Child is This"* GTG #145 (verses. 1, 2)

**The Cup:** *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* GTG #121 (verses 1-2)

## Prayer after communion (unison)

**All: May this eternal truth be always on our hearts:**

**That the God who breathes this world into being placed stars into the heavens is the God who entrusted his life to the care of ordinary people became vulnerable that we might now how strong is the power of Love. A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp. A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*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)*

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!

**\*Benediction**

(As the light returns to the congregation, please join in singing)

**\*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.

It takes a lot of people to make this worship service happen!

## **THANK YOU!!!**

..To our guest musicians Steven Wilson, Greg Kuhn & Nate MacAdams on trumpets, Andrew Garonzik on Flugelhorn, singers Jahnel Mikolajczak, Ashley Reuter, Steve Merdian and Teresa Anstatt  
...to our Chancel and Bell Choirs, music Director William Powell and handbell director Marjorie Miller.

...to Louanna Sills and members of the church who lovingly decorated the sanctuary.

...to the chancel guild-Karen Mazak and Cass Burns for setting up communion and candles.

.. to our ushers Barry Longmire, Kurt and Kelly Schuehler and greeter Karen Mazak tonight . Thanks to our worship reader Gary Salmon.

.. to our Pastor Rev. Kate Killebrew who leads us in the right direction.

...to our new church secretary, Janis Janielewicz who created these great bulletins and our custodian Chris Keeley who keeps it all clean!

And special thanks to all the members and friends of CPC who have given sacrificially this past year with time and financial gifts to serve God in this place. Bless you!!!

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

***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*







**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, Ortiz, & 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

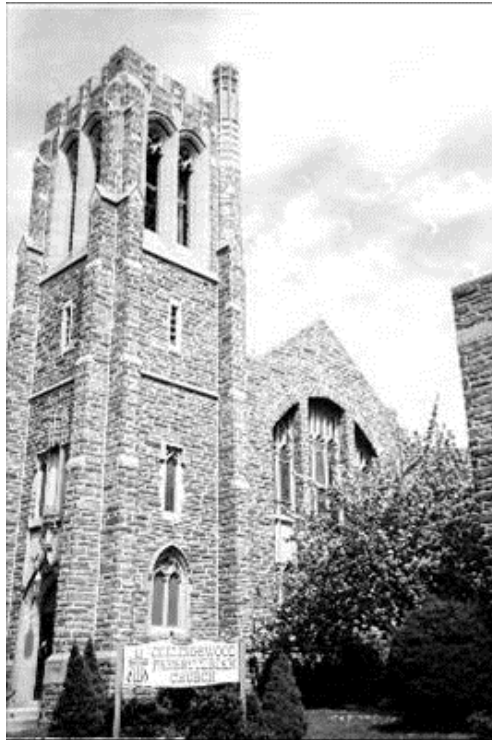
## **WE WELCOME YOU**

*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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*Have a beautiful  
and blessed Christmas.*