

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Congregational and corporation meeting**, this morning at 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Upward basketball & cheerleading**, Friday night, Saturday all day
- ♦ **Pioneer Girls**, Mother-Daughter Tea Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Special youth ministries Middle Hour**, Sunday, January 31, 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Month of Missions**
February guests include:
 - ♦ **Rev. Mike McCabe** (OPC missionary)
 - ♦ **Mr. Ben Duffy** (Director, KingdomConnect and formerly with Operation Mobilization)
 - ♦ **Rev. Bill Nelson** (Campus Pastor with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship International Student Ministry at The Johns Hopkins University and a pastor at Grace Life Church in Baltimore)
 - ♦ **Rev. Tito Padilla** (a church planter with Missions to the World/Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries)

You will find details of these events along with many other announcements and our calendar on our website: www.columbiapres.org

Thank you for serving today!

	Serving	January 24
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	P&J Iwaskiw, P Childress, Need volunteers E Belliveau
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	M LaBelle, G Bayless
	Nursery Captain	S Hirtle
	Infant Nursery	A Parlette, J Scheerer
	1's & 2's Nursery	M Ofori, E Allen
	3's Nursery	S&B Holloway
	Prayer Team	S Green, R Craig
	Children's Worship	S&P Maggio
10:00	Infant Nursery	A&J Johnson, MB Williams
	1's & 2's Nursery	S Sheldon, A Scheerer
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	M Niezelski, K Etzweiler, D Jacob, J Amason, P Stevens, S Niezelski
	Projectionist	J Bucca
	Greeters	S&S Holloway, T Morris
	Infant Nursery	LA Dransfield, K Rasmussen
	1's & 2's Nursery	T McKenna, J&D Rowell
	3's Nursery	D Green
	Prayer Team	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	Children's Worship	Family service
	Financial Sec.	MC Jeske, K Williams

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will continue his series on Matthew preaching on "The Hardest Lesson" from Matthew 20:17-34.

Columbia Presbyterian Church

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Staff: Robbie Pennington, Dan Halley, Eric Johnston



♦ **January 24, 2010** ♦

*We want to know Christ,
to know His hope,
and to know His power.*

Ephesians 1:17-23

Good morning! Welcome!

We are here to worship God who created us, redeemed us after we rejected Him, and holds on to us forever. Our only reasonable response is to worship Him.

This morning

You are warmly invited to keep your children with you in worship or you can entrust them to our dedicated, caring volunteers. We have nurseries downstairs for children up to 3 years old.

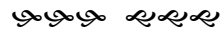
There is an opportunity during the **first** worship service for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a Children's Worship service.

<i>10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes</i>	
3s & 4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2	MC-D
Grades 3 & 4	AC-3
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-Garage
High School	PH-04
<i>10:00 a.m. Adult Middle Hour</i>	
Adults will meet together in the main hall for a congregational and corporation meeting.	

MC ~ Ministry Center - the brick building facing Route 108
PH ~ Potter's House - the white rancher behind the MC
AC ~ Auxiliary Classrooms - the portable units behind the PH

Portable maps of the CPC campus are now available in the lobby to help you locate classes.

Worship Services ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



So the last will be first, and the first will be last.
Matthew 20:16



Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Amazing Love
Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down
Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving

Message

The Glory of the Cross
Arise, My Soul Arise

Benediction



¹During the first service, children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following Worship in Giving to Children's Worship downstairs in MC-A.

Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Flora
Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

Ask God to use the process of **expanding our facility** to build His kingdom and to honor His name. Pray that we will **give** to the Phase 2 building fund as God leads. Pray as well that God will provide a **great contractor** and the **right place for us to meet** during the period of time in which we have to vacate the gym.

Pray for wisdom for the **pastor search committee** as they begin seeking a team leader for our pastoral staff.

Pray for **Wayne Koch** who is on a mission trip teaching surgical residents at Terwek Hospital in **Kenya**. Pray for his work, his safety, and for Debbie and Andrew at home.

Our **Missions Month** begins next Sunday during the Middle Hour. We'll have guest speakers from various **youth ministries** sharing with us. Pray that God will prepare our hearts for this upcoming month to hear what God is doing here in the U.S. and around the world. Pray that we will listen closely and that we will hear what He is saying to us about our personal involvement in His global work.

Pray for good **health** for those among us and our loved ones who have been ill or injured. Praise God for His healing to many.

This week **Pat Divinnie's father, Howard**, went to be with the Lord. Pray for Pat as she grieves her loss, and thank God for the time she had with her dad.

If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, email us at office@columbiapres.org.

The Gospel of Matthew #104

ONE HOUR WORKERS

Matthew 19:16 – 20:16

20:1-16 is a fascinating parable that exposes our hearts and faulty thinking
It is enclosed in a frame (19:30 and 20:16) that says that the Day of Judgment is going to be full of **surprises!**

I. The **Prompt** (19:16-29)

- A. The rich young ruler: expected a reward for his honorable life
Disappointed in Jesus
- B. Peter: we *have* left all. So what do we get? Expects reward for his sacrifice

Jesus' response:

- 1. Promise: you will NOT be disappointed!
God's **generosity**
- 2. You are misunderstanding God's heart
God's **grace**

II. The **Parable** (19:30 – 20:16)

Laborers hired at 6am, 9am, 12noon, 3pm, 5pm.
Then he pays them at 6pm—all the same!
Those who worked all day are indignant that those who worked only one hour got the same pay as them!

The master rebukes them on 3 counts:

- 1. I paid you exactly what you agreed to. That is fair.
- 2. I have a right to do what I want with my money when I am more than fair.
- 3. You are envious because I am more generous with others.
That is *your* problem.

III. The **Point** (20:9-16)

- A. You _____
Grace should always be amazing
- B. You identify with the wrong people
We are all the _____ workers!
The master did not hire the one hour workers for what he could get out of them, but because they needed what he could give them. For *their* sake.
So Jesus died for you for *your* sake.
All disciples receive infinitely more than we deserve
- C. What cause do you have to grumble at God's ways?
Has He not given you infinitely better than you deserve?

Beware of ways you think He "owes you"

- Why am I suffering when I tried to be faithful?
- Why has He blessed this other person more than me?
Luke 4:25-27: Elisha and Gentile woman, Naaman the Syrian leper
- He does not owe *anyone* salvation The Q about the Lost is not: how can God be loving and _____ anyone, but rather: how can God be just and _____ anyone??

The cross is pure grace.

There will be lots of surprises on the Day of Judgment (19:30; 20:16)
There will also be an overwhelming sense of His superabundantly generous grace! 19:29 promises 10,000% return on the investment of your life for Him!