

**What's happening at CPC**

- ◆ **Middle Hour classes begin**, Sunday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Lasagna Dinner**, Sunday, March 7, 5:00 p.m., \$3/person to a max of \$15/family
- ◆ **Lord's Supper**, Sunday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **High school Wii bowling**, Friday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Upward Cheerleading closing program**, March 12, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Upward Basketball closing programs**, Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., & 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time begins!** March 14
- ◆ **CSB Shape N Race**, Saturday, March 20, 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Vision Event #3**, Sunday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. ~ Scripture, prayer, dialog
- ◆ **Gospel & the Heart**, March 26, 7:00 p.m. & March 27, 9:00 a.m.

You will find details of these events along with many other announcements and our calendar on our website: [www.columbiapres.org](http://www.columbiapres.org)

**Thank you for serving today!**

Serving ....	March 7	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Set Up</b>	D&K Grothe, E Underhill, G Page, K Warner, E Johnston
	<b>Projectionist</b>	M Yee
	<b>Greeters</b>	M Bayless, K&D Plantz
	<b>Nursery Captain</b>	A Dawson
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	K Grothe, M Bayless
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	B&J Amason
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	E Rodgers
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	England family, J Jacob
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	K&E Underhill
10:00	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	W&I Cole, A Malkin
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	L Parke, D Lamolinara
	<b>Ushers/Take Down</b>	A Jackson, J&J Loiacono, G Mitzel, D,T,&A Green
	<b>Projectionist</b>	A Koch
11:00 a.m.	<b>Greeters</b>	T Morris, B Megary
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	B/K Morton, I Calvert
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	T Allen, P Childress
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	S/J Loiacono, S Cole
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	E Johnson, W Cole
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
	<b>Financial Sec.</b>	L Johnson, B Stamps
<b>6:30 p.m. Lord's Supper</b>		
Projectionist: D Merrill; Nursery: K Harris, S England		

Next week Rev. Allen Harris will preach on "Judas: Two Sides of the Coin" from Matthew 26:20-25.

**Columbia Presbyterian Church**

10001 Route 108  
Columbia, MD 21044  
410-730-6004

Pastors: Allen Harris, Steve Green, Tim Flora  
Staff: Robbie Pennington, Dan Halley, Eric Johnston



◆ **March 7, 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.

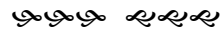
<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes</b>	
3s & 4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2	MC-D
Grades 3 & 4	AC-3
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-11
High School	PH-04

<b>Adult Middle Hour Classes</b>	
<i>A Praying Life</i>	Main hall
Acts	PH-13 library
Colossians	AC-5
Lies We Believe... Truths We Don't	AC-6
Discovering CPC	AC-4

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.



*Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.*

Matthew 24:35 (ESV)



Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* ~ TH 498

*All That I Need*

*Jesus, Everlasting King*

Baptism<sup>2</sup>

Pastoral Prayer  
Worship in Giving

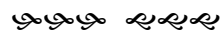
Scripture Reading<sup>1</sup>

Message

*All That I Need*

*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less* ~ TH 521

Benediction



<sup>1</sup>Children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following Worship in Giving in the first service to Children's Worship downstairs in MC-A.

<sup>2</sup>second service

Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Flora

Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

## Prayer Guide

Our new **Middle Hour classes** begin today. Pray that we will all grow spiritually through this ministry.

Today we baptize **Benjamin Elliott Spranza**. Ask God to bring him to faith in Christ at a young age and to grow him to spiritual maturity.

Pray for workers to serve the homeless through Covenant Presbyterian's **Winterhaven** ministry next week. Pray that God will draw those who do not yet know Him to saving faith in Jesus.

**Steve Green** will be traveling in Oregon over the next couple of weeks teaching seminars and meeting with pastors. Ask God to use this trip to build a foundation for his new ministry, Impact Biblical Counseling. Pray that he will establish relationships with church leaders who will want to sponsor Impact Counseling and who see the need for this ministry to their members.

**The Gospel and the Heart seminar** will be offered March 26 and 27. Ask God to bring many to attend this seminar and to use it powerfully in the lives of those who do attend.

Thank God for the owner's representative we've hired to oversee our expansion! **Tim Munshell** has already been of tremendous help to us.

Pray for the **Vision Event** planned for March 21 to advance our understanding of the vision God is giving us for CPC and how He is leading us through upcoming transitions in staff and facility.

*If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, email us at [office@columbiapres.org](mailto:office@columbiapres.org).*

Allen Harris

March 7, 2010

## The Gospel of Matthew #106

### THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Matthew 24

Matthew 21-23: last week in Jerusalem. Climax in ch 23 of Jesus' confrontation with the scribes & Pharisees: His 7 woes & warnings. Ends with a heart-broken lament in 23:37-39

Remember that Matthew is divided into alternate blocks of narrative & teaching. 5 teaching sections:

1. Changed heart of a disciple: ch 5-7
2. Commissioning the disciples: ch 10
3. What the Kingdom is like (7 parables): ch 13
4. Life in the new covenant community: ch 18
5. Preparation for the near & far Judgments: be ready!  
Ch 24-25

Matthew 24 contains much that is very difficult to understand. Much controversy. But take heart! The main lessons are crystal clear:

- I. The world ahead will be full of trouble and danger. You are like sheep in a field of coyotes and cougars. The only safe place is with Jesus as your Savior & Shepherd, especially when a) Judaism & b) the world will be judged.
- II. Jesus is answering the disciples' 2 Qs by showing the connection between the destruction of Jerusalem and the End of the Age. There are 12 signs of these 2 great Judgments. They are all
  - a) fulfilled by 70 AD
  - b) filled UP by the Second Coming of Jesus

III. These 12 signs are all expanded in the Book of Revelation:

- | <u>MATTHEW 24</u>                                 | <u>REVELATION</u>               |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. False Messiahs & prophets<br>v5, 11, 23-28     | ch 13; 16:13-14<br>19:20; 20:10 |
| 2. Wars & rumors of wars,<br>Evil disasters v6-7a | 6:4, 8; 9:15-19, etc.           |

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| 3. Famines & earthquakes<br>Natural disasters: v7b-8   | 6:8, 12; 8:5; 11:19,<br>etc.        |
| 4. Persecution of Christians<br>v9 (cf. Acts)  | 6:9-11; 7:14; 18:24;<br>20:14, etc. |
| 5. Apostasy & lovelessness<br>v10-13   | ch 2-3 (eg 3:15-16);<br>6:4; 18:13  |
| 6. Gospel preached to all peoples<br>v14   | 5:9; 7:9; 14:6                      |
| 7. Abomination of desolation<br>v15 (Luke 21:20: Jerusalem<br>surrounded by armies)<br>Cf. Daniel 9:27 | 17:4,5 → ch 18                      |
| 8. Great tribulation<br>v16-22   | 1:9; ch 6; 7:14;<br>ch 18           |
| 9. Dire heavenly signs!<br>v29<br>Cf. Isaiah 13:10-17; Joel 2:28-32                                    | 6:12-17; 8:10-12                    |
| 10. Son of Man coming on the<br>Clouds v27, 30a<br>Cf Daniel 7:13-14                                   | 1:7; 14:14-16                       |
| 11. All the tribes on earth will<br>Mourn v30b   | 1:7                                 |
| 12. Gathering of the elect<br>v31  | 11:15-18                            |

That generation saw the signs fulfilled by 70 AD (v34)! So the future (v35)!

- IV. No one knows when Jesus will come back: 24:36  
But after 70 AD, it is possible **anytime**: 24:37  
Therefore **Be ready!** 24:38-44 (also 24:45-51 faithful servant; 25:1-13  
wise & foolish virgins)

Jesus was exactly correct about the unlikely destruction of Jerusalem 40 yrs later. The signs continue to be filled up in our day. Does this not convince you He will return as He said? In judgment & salvation?

Are you ready? Do you live with this hope & expectation?