

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **RSVP for Green dinner ASAP**
- ♦ **April Anxiety** high school guys vs elders & youth leaders basketball game, Friday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Elder Home Meetings:**
Cruz/Lytikainen, Sunday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., MC-D, please bring a small snack or dessert to share – drinks will be provided;
Sciannella/Wilmot, Sunday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., Sciannella home, please bring a dessert to share – no childcare;
Walgrove/Koch, Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., Walgrove home, dessert will be provided.
- ♦ **Lawn mower tune-up by CSB**, Saturday, April 10
- ♦ **thrive “True North” women’s retreat**, Friday, April 30–Sunday, May 2
- ♦ **Spring Fling**, Saturday, May 15
- ♦ **Green goodbye dinner**, Saturday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

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	April 4	
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	D&K Grothe, E Underhill, G Page, K Warner, E Johnston
	Projectionist	M Yee
	Greeters	B Stamps, M LaBelle
	Nursery Captain	J Parlette
	Infant Nursery	K Grothe, M Bayless
	1's & 2's Nursery	B&J Amason
	3's Nursery	E Rodgers
	Prayer Team	England Family, J Jacob
	Children's Worship	Family Service
10:00	Infant Nursery	W&I Cole, A Malkin
	1's & 2's Nursery	L Parke, D Lamolinara
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	A Jackson, J&J Loiacono, G Mitzel, D,T,&A Green
	Projectionist	J Bucca
	Greeters	S&S Holloway, T Morris
	Infant Nursery	B/K Morton, I Calvert
	1's & 2's Nursery	T Allen, P Childress
	3's Nursery	S/J Loiacono, S Cole
	Prayer Team	E Johnson, W Cole
	Children's Worship	Family Service
	Financial Sec.	L Johnson, B Stamps

Next week Rev. Allen Harris will preach on “The Ultimate Motive for Missions” from Matthew 28:18.

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EASTER SUNDAY

♦ April 4, 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.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes	
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

Adult Middle Hour Classes	
<i>A Praying Life</i>	Main hall
Acts	MC-1
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.



*Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because
you have seen me? Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet have believed."
John 20:28-29*



Children's Choir²

Call to Worship
Worship Christ, the Risen King! ~ TH 286
Prayer of Adoration

*I Come by the Blood
Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Scripture Reading

*The Gospel Song
My Savior, My God*
Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving

Message

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today ~ TH 277

Children's Choir¹

Benediction



¹first service ²second service
Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Flora
Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

Today is **Easter!** Praise God for the gospel, for the redemptive work of the trinity that restores us to relationship with Him. Ask Him to draw us to deep, God-honoring worship as the gathered congregation, as small groups and families, and as individuals. To God be the glory!

Ask God to provide the resources we need to complete the **facility expansion** in a timely way. Pray for the **Building Executive Committee** as they work with the architects to get construction drawings for our expansion. Pray that God will provide a great contractor to build the expansion **and** the right place for us to meet during the period of time in which we have to vacate the gym.

Pray for the **search committee** as they continue their work to help us find who God has prepared as our team leader.

Pray for **healing** for those in our family who are ill or recovering. Ask God to: heal Rev. **Ted Georgian**, Debbie Koch's father, following a stroke; keep **Emily Lee**, battling SMA, free of viruses; heal **Carol Pennington**, Robbie's mother, following a car accident and the discovery of a mass on her kidney; bring Lita Parke's dad, **Indar Scabra**, to a personal, saving knowledge of Jesus as he faces a bleak prognosis at Johns Hopkins; give these families strength as they take care of their loved ones.

Ask God to **comfort** those who are grieving lost loved ones.

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

DOUBTING THOMAS

John 20:24-31

- I. Look at his character
 - A. Pessimist

John 11:16: "Let us also go that we may die with Him."
14:5: "Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?"
20:24-25: not with others when Jesus appeared; refused to believe unless touch Him!
 - B. Eager

John 20:26: with the disciples the following Sunday
There are two kinds of doubters: *want* to believe
Not want to believe
- II. Look at how Jesus blesses him
 - A. Hears him (John 20:27)
 - B. Meets him (John 20:26-27)

Invites him to fully satisfy his doubts
His Resurrection is physical and historical; not simply spiritual, or a myth
- III. Look at his faith

From the lowest to the highest:
"will not believe" (v25) to "My Lord and my God!" (v28)
First to confess His deity!

IV. Look at how Jesus blesses **us!** (20:29-31)

- A. Note of prophecy

Luke 24:47; Matthew 28:18-20
- B. Note of blessing
 1. **Same** blessings as Thomas from our **faith**

E. g. of blessings from faith in John:

 - 1:12: become children of God
 - 3:16: Eternal Life; 5:24: delivered from Judgment
 - 4:13-14; 6:35; 7:37-39: never hunger or thirst
 - 11:40: see the Glory of God!
 - 14:12: see His power in your life thru prayer
 2. Also a couple of ways we are **more** blessed:
 - Much clearer understanding of the Gospel
 - Blessings of Christian influence on our culture

Thomas acted on his faith; took gospel possibly as far as India and was martyred

John wrote these things so *you* would believe in Him and have eternal Life. Do you?
Four week Gospel challenge

1. We all have doubts.
But do you **want** to believe? Or **not** want to believe?
2. How are you **acting** on your faith in the resurrected Christ?