

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **CPC congregational & corporation meeting**, Sunday, May 23, 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday School staff appreciation luncheon & meeting**, Sunday, May 23, 12:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 31, church office is closed
- ♦ **Green dinner party**, Saturday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Lord's Supper**, Sunday, June 6, 6:00 p.m. - TIME CHANGE!
- ♦ **CPC congregational & corporation meeting**, Sunday, June 6, 7:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Brazil mission trip**, June 11-18
- ♦ **Upward Camp**, June 28-July 1
- ♦ **Missionary Dan Iverson preaching**, Sunday, June 20
- ♦ **First worship service at River Hill High School**, Sunday, July 4

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	May 23	
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	A Edwards, D Chandler, H Bradley, M Tucker, D&D Nace
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	M LaBelle, G Bayless
	Nursery Captain	D DeSena
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, 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	C,E,H&D Degenford
10:00	Infant Nursery	A&J Johnson, MB Williams
	1's & 2's Nursery	S Sheldon, A Scheerer, K Rasmussen
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	J Schaefer, B Singer, R Kraus, M Plantz, D Floyd, S Miller
	Projectionist	J Myers
	Greeters	B Megary, T Laury
	Infant Nursery	H Tack, LA Dransfield
	1's & 2's Nursery	T McKenna, J&? Rowell
	3's Nursery	D Green
	Prayer Team	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	Children's Worship	D Swearman, M Adam, S Niezelski
	Financial Sec.	L Johnson, MC Jeske

Next week Pastor Allen Harris will preach on "Where is Love?" from I John 4:10.

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



♦ **May 23, 2010** ♦

*We want to know Christ,
to know our 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 worship services for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a children's worship service.

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

Adults ~ Congregational and corporation meeting this morning

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.



...for all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God...
Romans 3:23



Children's Choir²

Call to Worship
Lift Up Your Heads
High Above All Things

Greeting and Announcements
Baptism²

Sing A Song
Once Again

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ~ TH 247

Pastoral Prayer
Worship in Giving*

Scripture Reading

Message

I Will Sing of My Redeemer
Children's Choir¹
Benediction



¹first service

²second service

*Children are dismissed to Children's Worship.

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

Prayer Guide

Pray for our **congregational and corporation meeting** this morning and on June 6 after the Lord's Supper. Pray for Session and the Building Executive Committee to present information clearly and for unity as we move forward.

This morning we will baptize **Baylor Haine Pennington**. Ask God to bring him to faith in Christ at a young age and to grow him to spiritual maturity. Pray for Robbie and Dena as they raise him, and ask God to use them powerfully in his life. Pray that we will fulfill our vows to support them as they raise their family.

In June we are sending a team on a short term **mission to Brazil** to work with a church-planting team. Pray that God will use this mission trip to build His church in Brazil.

In July we will send a construction team to the **Tex/Mex border** to work on a BEAMM (Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries) project, completing a home for the Rodriguez family in El Paso. Pray that their efforts will bring attention to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the author and enabler of this mission outreach.

Ask God to bring the **team leader pastor** He wills to CPC, to give wisdom and discernment to the **Search Committee** to recognize the most qualified candidates to forward to Session, and to grow us as a congregation together in our vision for CPC as a team-led church.

Pray for **healing** for those in our family who are ill or recovering. Ask God to **comfort** those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

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

JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE

Romans 3:23-24

Last week: the Pharisee looked to himself for a righteousness that was satisfactory to God. So he exalted himself and had contempt for others. He went away burdened. In for a surprise!
The tax collector looked away to Another for his righteousness. He depended only on mercy, so humbled himself. He went away with a clear conscience and joy. And he will be exalted as a son of God!

Besides Pride and Humility, there is another lesson here: “went home **justified** before God.”

Justification and its basis. This was a central issue in the Reformation.

It is almost totally neglected today.
It is seen as an abstruse debate for idle theologians.
Yet nothing could be more practical.
To introduce this, answer this:

- On what ground/basis does God justify you?
 - a) faith in Christ
 - b) a life of perfect obedience

The issue:

Consider the heart of the Gospel in Paul, seen in one simple phrase: **“justified freely by his grace” (Rom 3:24)**

I. JUSTIFIED

- A. Its meaning:
Deut 25:1 Prov 17:15 Lk 7:29

- B. The problem:
Rom 3:23

- C. God’s radical solution:
Rom 3:24-26 an innocent eligible Substitute takes my record and pays the debt I owe!

II. FREELY

- A. Without C _____
Gen 29:15 Exod 21:2 II Sam 24:24

- B. Without C _____
I Sam 19:5 Psm 69:4 qtd Jn 15:25 Hos 14:4

III. By His GRACE

Not only undeserved, but we provoked Him to the extreme

So again (cf. last week) if I ever look to what I do to give me a sense of peace with or obligation from God, I am looking to the **wrong person**

Look away to Christ: HIS righteousness attributed to you because you place your trust in Him.

What God has done _____ you, not what God has done _____ you.

What He is doing **in** you is so far short of Christ’s character. What God has done **for** you is **perfect**. Delight in that.

Because of Jesus, God holds **none** of your sins against you

Have you yet looked away from yourself as good enough, to see Jesus’ record as the only one good enough for God to justify you and receive you?

Do you begin each day consciously **resting** in your justification that is outside of you and therefore unaffected by your performance?