

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Lord's Supper service at Rolling Hills Baptist Church**, Sunday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Congregational meeting**, Sunday, July 11, 7:45 p.m. related to Steve Green's call
- ♦ **Elder Home Meetings**, Sunday, July 18

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

Thank you for serving today!

Serving	July 4
Ushers/Set-up	B Shinholt, K Kahwajy, J Stamps, B Megary, G DeGrafft
Projectionist	J Myers
Greeters	M LaBelle, G Bayless, T Laury, G Greenslit
Nursery Captain	J Armstrong
Infant Nursery	K Grothe, L Hidey, K Pavlovsky
1's, 2's, & 3s Nursery	T&E Allen, K Sciannella, MB Williams/L Parke
Prayer Team	England family, J Jacob, E Johnson, W Cole
Children's Worship	Children with families
Ushers/Take-down	M Dransfield, D Rowell, G Ault, J Wilmot, M Tucker
Financial Secretaries	L Johnson, K Williams

Next week Pastor Tim Flora will bring us God's word.

Columbia Presbyterian Church

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

*Sunday worship 10:00 a.m. at River Hill High School
12101 Clarksville Pike (Route 108)
Clarksville, MD 21029-1230*

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



♦ *July 4, 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, & 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 available for children up to 3 years old.

Please remember to respect the county school system's "**No food or drinks outside the cafeteria**" requirement.

Worship Service ~ 10:00 a.m.



*Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.*

Psalm 63:3



Call to worship
*Come Ye Sinners
Mighty to Save
Step by Step*

Prayer of adoration

Welcome & announcements

*The Church's One Foundation
Here I am to Worship*

Responsive Scripture reading

Pastoral prayer

Worship in giving

Message

*Lead on, O King Eternal
Days of Elijah*

Benediction



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

Pray for...

♦ God to draw the hearts of the leaders & citizens of our **country** to Him, the King of Kings & Lord of Lords.

♦ kids to be drawn to Jesus after participating in last week's **Upward basketball camp** & as girls participate in this week's **Cheer Clinic**.

♦ our **military**: Michael Belliveau, Jim Bjerkaas, Lee Brian (Esther nephew), Ashley Chisholm, Corrin & Tony Corbett, Loren Erickson, Chris Grussendorf, Vinnie & Franco Lamolinara, Tim Lease, Nathan Perrault.

♦ wisdom for **Allen Harris** as he attends **General Assembly** this week & serves on a committee to change licensure & ordination procedures.

♦ safety for the construction crews who will soon begin work on our **facility expansion**.

♦ **Steve & Ann Green** as they prepare to move to OR to begin a biblical counseling ministry.

♦ **Pastoral Search Committee** as it receives & evaluates applications from prospective candidates for the Team Leader Pastor Position from a nationwide search & Reformed theological seminaries.

♦ lasting **fruit** from the ministry of our short-term missionaries in Brazil, Texas-Mexico, Japan, Haiti, & Asia.

♦ God to meet the needs of many who are **unemployed or underemployed** in these difficult economic times.

♦ **healing** for those in our family who are ill or recovering & **comfort** for those who have lost loved ones.

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

HOW TO GET AWAY WITH GOD

Psalm 63

Everyone needs a periodic prolonged time of prayer with God. Summer is a good time to plan a half day or a day alone with God. Jesus **did** it: Mark 1:35-37; Matthew 14:23-25; Luke 5:15-16; 6:12-13; 9:28-9; 22:39

Jesus **taught** it: Matthew 6:16-18. Fasting is always for the purpose of prolonged prayer for some priority

So I challenge you to take some time this summer (vacation?) to get away with God and refresh your soul.

How do you spend such a time?

Suggestions from **Psalm 63**

3 introductory comments:

1. Personalize a psalm such as Psalm 63. Make it yours.
2. Journal: write out your thoughts and possibly your most focused prayers.
3. Get outside alone if at all possible. Alone is a must; outside is *highly* recommended to enhance praise.

6 Ps in Psalm 63:

1. Come to God as a **Person** (v1a): **my** God
2. Come with **Passion** (v1b): get in touch with your thirst and longings
3. See His **Power** and Love in the Gospel (v2-3)
Begin by reading Scripture, not with your needs. Eyes off of yourself and onto Him.
Perhaps pray Ephesians 3:14-21 about knowing His love and power, and then read about it in the first 3 chapters of Ephesians. See Christ in His perfect work for you, His infinite kindness and wisdom, and His delightful glory.

4. Turn your thoughts to out loud **Praise** (v3-5)
Go ahead—sing to Him! Lift up your hands! Shout!
Use a hymnal.
Notice His creation.
Meditate on the satisfaction He gives you.
Psalm 46:10a: be *still* (takes time to settle your mind and heart) and **know that I am God**.
5. Only now bring your **Problems** (v6-10) to Him.
They may be problems coming against you as with David. Or they may be problems within you: struggles, sin, doubts that you need time to lay out before God.
What Scriptures: promises, commands, examples are relevant to your situation? Search them, repent, and **CLING** (v8) to Him, aware of His holding you up.
(Note: Hebrew word, “cling” is a word that means to stick like **glue** (eg. used of marriage: Gen 2:24; or crocodile scales: Job 41:17!))
6. Now back to end with **Praise** again (v11).
This time the praise of faith that says “God has heard me. It is ok. I *will* rejoice by faith in Him.
Review the lessons of the day and write them down.

There are other patterns for how to spend a day, or a few hours, in prayer with God. There is no rigid right pattern. But this is a good place to start.

I hope you feel now like you can't wait.
Parents trade off childcare while the other goes out. Solve the problems and pray about them.
So, when are you going to do it?
Schedule your day today, and keep it. I guarantee you will be glad you did.