



columbia presbyterian church

◆ March 1, 2009 ◆

Welcome to CPC!

We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We come together this morning as the people of God delighting in the presence of God for the purpose of declaring the glory of God.

If we can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to talk with one of us today.

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*We are an Orthodox Presbyterian
reformed & evangelical congregation.*

*To know Him.
To know our hope.
To know His power.
Ephesians 1:17-23*



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



10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
for all ages



Nursery care for
infants through age
three is available
downstairs during
worship services.

Welcome to Columbia Presbyterian Church!

Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast." Matthew 9:15



Greeting

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! ~ TH 498

We Come, O Christ, to You ~ TH 181

Call to Worship

Prayer

Scripture Reading

As Long as You Are Glorified

We Sing Your Mercies

Holy and Anointed One

Prayer

Worship in Giving

Testimony/Ministry in Focus

Scripture Reading

*My Delight**

Sermon

Shout to the Lord

Benediction



*Children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following this song to Children's Worship downstairs in MC-A.

Worship Leader: Elder Tom Brod

Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

You will find this week's announcements at www.columbiapres.org, and in the Ministry Center on the monitors in the lobby and the main hall, and on the stairwell bulletin board.

The Gospel of Matthew #82

Overview of Matthew 8-9: authority & compassion in action

8:1-17

3 healings 8:18-22 cost of following Jesus

8:18- 9:8

3 miracles 9:9-17 Matt called; a New Day

9:18-34

3 healings 9:35-38 summary of authority & compassion

BURSTING YOUR CATEGORIES**Matthew 9:14-17**

Now another Q that reflects that what Jesus is doing does not seem right.
To understand this difficult passage we will ask 6 Qs:

Q1: What is their Q and where does it come from?

Mt: John's disciples asked him; Mk: John's disciples *and* the Pharisees...
After John's imprisonment (4:12), likely John's disciples were hanging out
with the Pharisees again. They all fasted regularly, and were this day
(Mk 2:18).

Hence the Q: why don't you, a religious leader, teach your disciples to fast
like we do?

Q2: How does Jesus' reference to the Bridegroom answer their Q?

1. You don't fast at your friend's wedding!
2. OT often referred to the LORD as Israel's Husband
Egs: Hosea 2:16, 19-20; Isa 54:5-6; 62:4-5
3. I am that Bridegroom! Cf. John 3:27-30

Note: Matthew threw a feast for Jesus because He made him want to
celebrate. Do you celebrate because Jesus is in your life?

Q3: When does v15b refer to? His death? Now?

Isa 53:8 "taken away" refers to His death.

But Mt 25:1-5 refers to His absence as now, between first and second
coming. Our yearning for Him (II Cor 5:8; Phil 1:21-23)

So: BOTH. We fast now because of our griefs and longings. But with the
Joy of His finished work, and the Hope of His Return.

Q4: What should be the place of fasting in the life of the Christian today?

Note: He does not command it. Rather He predicts it.
The NT Church did occasionally fast (eg Acts 13:3); not prominent
No superstitious merit to fasting to twist God's arm.
Rather we fast a) in grief, b) to arrest our attention, c) to fix our concentration

Q5: What is the meaning of the incompatibility of the new & old cloths and wineskins?

The rigid old religious forms cannot accommodate the radical New Thing Jesus brings. He changes my heart, which transforms my habits. What habits ("helpful disciplines") do you have that can actually hinder your heart's rejoicing in your Bridegroom?
Do you ever give Him a spontaneous offering of delight that bursts beyond your habits?

Q6: How is this the climax to the 3 objections to what Jesus was doing?

#1: _____ sins: because He _____

#2: Eats with _____ : because He the _____

#3: _____ , not fast: because He the _____

Who is my Delight

- So come to Him for **forgiveness**
- Reflect His **compassion** for sinners
- Burst out of your rigid habits because Joy requires spontaneous expressions of adoration and **delight**

Yes, we still fast, because our hearts yearn.

But always with the Hope of the Bridegroom's Return, which brings us to the Everlasting Feast!

Thank you for volunteering!

Serving		March 1	March 8
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/ Set Up	A Edwards, H Bradley, D Chandler, M Tucker, D&D Nace, P Wilson	D&K Grothe, G Page, E Underhill, K Warner, E Johnston
	Projectionist	D Merrill	M Yee
	Greeters	K&D Plantz, P Divinnie	P Divinnie, T Laury
	Nursery Capt.	A Dawson	L Hidey
	Infant Nursery	K Grothe, M Bayless	Becky Perrault
	1's & 2's Nursery	B&J Amason, E Allen	P Chao, K Bradley
	3's Nursery	D Perrault, E Rodgers	D DeSena, N Erickson
	Prayer Team	England Family	D Rowell
	Children's Worship	P&S Maggio	P&S Maggio
10:00	Infant Nursery	W Cole/I Malkin, A Malkin	E Hartin, J Jacob, C Rushing
	1's & 2's Nursery	M Farmer, P DeRosa	D&M McKinney
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/ Take Down	J Schaefer, B Singer, D&B Amason, R Kraus, M Plantz	A Jackson, G Mitzel, J&J Loiacono, D&T&A Green
	Projectionist	E Rodgers	A Koch
	Greeters	P&S Haggerty, G Greenslit	G Greenslit, L Lytikainen
	Infant Nursery	L Grussendorf, K Rasmussen	P Floyd, S Harrison
	1's & 2's Nursery	T Allen, E Schellin	P Childress, L Harrison, H Floyd
	3's Nursery	MC Jeske, S Cole	A Elliot, M Dransfield, R Reichard
	Prayer Team	E Johnson, P Mazerski	<i>Need volunteers</i>
	Children's Worship	D Cole, A Malkin, S Niezelski	D&S Cole, R Purackal
	Financial Sec.	K Singer, B Warner	L Johnson, B Stamps

Sundays ~ 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL		
3s	MC-C	L Page
4s	MC-B	R Craig
Kindergarten	MC-A	M Sheldon
Grades 1	MC-2	E Underhill
Grade 2&3	MC-D	K Edwards, N Walgrove
Grade 4	AC-3	J Loiacono, R Hidey
Grade 5	AC-2	L Davidson, K Singer
Middle School Girls	AC-1	J Kraus, E Belliveau
Middle School Boys	PH-11	M Dransfield, P Iwaskiw



ADULT MIDDLE HOUR CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 1, 2009		
<i>Revolution: High Schoolers</i>	PH-04	T Flora, W Koch
Merge - Young Adults & Professionals	PH-01	J Loiacono
Young Marrieds	MC-1	D Chandler, T Brod
Reformed Theology	MC-Prayer Room	B Sciannella
Bible Survey	PH-13	S Green
Colossians	AC-5	B England, L Clairmont, R Kraus, R Quinn
Discovering God's Way of Handling Money	AC-6	D Scheerer
Sermon Q&A	MC-Gym	Today's preacher
Discovering CPC	AC-4	R Belliveau, P Floyd, staff pastors

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

Maps are posted indicating the locations of these rooms within the buildings.