

What to expect this morning

You are warmly invited to keep your children with you in worship, or you can entrust your children to our dedicated, caring volunteers. We have nurseries downstairs for children up to 3 years old. We have Children's Worship downstairs during our worship services for children from 4 years old through 2nd grade.

In our Middle Hour (between services) we have Sunday School for children and adults. A list of our classes and their locations are posted near our Ministry Center doors.

We hope God uses our worship services, Sunday school, and adult classes to nurture you spiritually and will equip you for the things He has prepared for you this week.

Children's Sunday School Classes	
3s	MC-C
4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2 & 3	MC-2
Grade 4	MC-D
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-11

Adult Middle Hour Classes	
<i>Revolution</i> : High School	PH-04
Merge: Young Adults & Professionals	PH-01
Young Marrieds	MC-1
Bible Survey	PH-13
Colossians	AC-5
Reformed Theology	MC-Prayer Rm
Discovering God's Way of Handling Money	AC-6
Sermon Q&A	MC-Gym
Discovering CPC	AC-4

You will find details of the following events along with many other announcements on our website www.columbiapres.org.

- ◆ Sunday, March 8, 6:30, Lord's Supper
- ◆ Sunday, March 8, 7:45, Congregational meeting to vote on new elders and deacon
- ◆ Friday, March 13, 6:45, Wilmot open Home Fellowship Group
- ◆ Saturday, March 14, 8:00-4:00, Gospel & the Heart workshop
- ◆ Sunday, March 15, many Elder Home Meetings
- ◆ Saturday, March 28, Marriage Conference

Thank you for volunteering!

	Serving	March 8
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/ Set Up	D&K Grothe, G Page, E Underhill, K Warner, E Johnston
	Projectionist	M Yee
	Greeters	P Divinnie, T Laury
	Nursery Capt.	L Hidey
	Infant Nursery	Becky Perrault
	1's & 2's Nursery	P Chao, K Bradley
	3's Nursery	D DeSena, N Erickson
	Prayer Team	D Rowell
	Children's Worship	P&S Maggio
10:00	Infant Nursery	E Hartin, J Jacob, C Rushing
	1's & 2's Nursery	D&M McKinney
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/ Take Down	A Jackson, G Mitzel, J&J Loiacono, D&T&A Green
	Projectionist	A Koch
	Greeters	G Greenslit, L Lytikainen
	Infant Nursery	P Floyd, S Harrison
	1's & 2's Nursery	P Childress, L Harrison, H Floyd
	3's Nursery	A Elliot, M Dransfield, R Reichard
	Prayer Team	Need volunteers
	Children's Worship	D&S Cole, R Purackal
Financial Sec.	L Johnson, B Stamps	
6:30 tonight ~ Lord's Supper:		
Projectionist: Darrell Merrill		Nursery: A Scheerer



March 8, 2009

**Passion for Jesus Christ
demonstrated in
...our worship
...our love for one another
...our compassion for His world**

Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages: 10:00 a.m.
Nursery care for infants through age 3 is available downstairs during services.

Welcome to Columbia Presbyterian Church!

Good morning! We are glad you are with us today.

We are here to worship God and to grow His people. We are passionate about God. He created us, redeemed us after we rejected Him, and holds on to His people forever. The only sensible response, once we know Him, is to be passionate about Him.

Passion for God is an all-the-time experience. We are a worshipping and serving community. Our first focus is to worship God in everything. Sunday mornings are a time when our whole community worships together. We also worship individually, as families, and in smaller community groups. We also serve. God calls us to love Him fully, and out of that love for Him to love our neighbors. That means the people sitting next to you this morning, those who live near you, those with whom you work, or those with whom you go to school. Everyone.

Our purpose as a congregation comes from Ephesians 1:17-23. We want to know Jesus Christ; we want to know our hope in Christ; and we want to know His power.

We hope you will find a church home with us. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. Please fill out the slip enclosed with this bulletin to let us know who you are and how we can serve you.

Allen, Steve, Tim, Robbie, and Jon

**We welcome you to worship
with us this morning.**



When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36



All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 121

Prayer of Adoration

Scripture Reading

Your Love

Your Love Oh Lord

Worship in Giving*

Scripture Reading

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

How Deep

Amazing Grace

Message

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

His Love Can Never Fail

Benediction



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

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

Allen Harris

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The Gospel of Matthew #83

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 authority & compassion

THE CLIMAX OF CRITICISM AND COMPASSION Matthew 9:18-38

- I. Three _____ a picture of Gospel Compassion
These healings physical pictures of Gospel transformation:
Hopeless, Unclean, Dead, Blind, Mute
This was you without Christ. Some of you still?
Your family? Friends?
- II. Four or five _____ a picture of unbelief vs. faith
 - "Blaspheme!" (9:3)
 - Associates with sinners! (9:11)
 - Doesn't fast! (9:14)
 - Laughed at Him (9:24)
 - Is in league with the devil! (9:34)They *refuse* to believe He Messiah (note emphasis on faith in vs 22 & 28-29)
Do you?
See the extremes unbelief will go to in denying evidence
Nothing will overcome it except regeneration (new birth from death)
Your family? Friends?
- III. The _____ of criticism & compassion
 - A. Jesus answers His critics by simply _____ to do good
Lesson for you & me
His critics will hound Him to death, which will become His ultimate act of compassionate healing on the cross
 - B. He has _____ on the people who are like sheep without a shepherd
The Pharisees are not true shepherds
The people are harassed and helpless
 - C. He _____ His disciples to pray to the Lord of the Harvest for workers
New idea: others will join Him in gathering sheep into His Kingdom
Chapter 10: commission His disciples to preach & heal
You & I follow in this train
That is what February was about
The call to see & pray!