

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. We have Children's Worship downstairs during our worship services for children from 4 years old through 2nd grade.

In our Middle Hour (10:00 a.m.) 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 to equip you for the things He has prepared for you this week.

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

Thank you for serving today!

	Serving	March 22
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	P&J Iwaskiw, P Childress, L&J Clairmont, E Belliveau
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	B Stamps, M LaBelle
	Nursery Captain	L Page
	Infant Nursery	J Scheerer, L Davidson
	1's & 2's Nursery	A Parlette, J Armstrong
	3's Nursery	S&B Holloway
10:00	Prayer Team	S Green, R Craig
	Children's Worship	B Morton, M Stum
	Infant Nursery	V Vandenheuvel, MB Williams, D Propst
11:00 a.m.	1's & 2's Nursery	S England, T Morris, S Sheldon
	Ushers/Take Down	M&S Niezelski, D Jacob, K Etzweiler, A Koch, P Stevens, D Floyd
	Projectionist	M Farmer
	Greeters	S&S Holloway, K&S Harrison
	Infant Nursery	S/J Loiacono, C Elliott
	1's & 2's Nursery	T McKenna, H Swearman, K Sciannella
	3's Nursery	B Morton, D Green
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team	R& L Hidey, H Wilson
	Children's Worship	M&S Niezelski, M Adam
	Financial Sec.	MC Jeske, K Williams

This week

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

- ♦ **Marriage Conference**, Saturday, March 28
- ♦ **JUMP 2009 basketball tournament**, Saturday, March 28

Next week Allen Harris will preach on "Jesus Before Caiaphas" from Matthew 26:57-68.



March 22, 2009

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

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Pastors: Allen Harris, Steve Green, Tim Flora
Staff: Robbie Pennington, Jon Barnes,
Eric Johnston

**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

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



I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness...
Isaiah 61:10a



Call to Worship
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus ~ TH 679
Prayer of Adoration

Baptism of Ruth Larsen²

Scripture Reading

What Wondrous Love is This?
Amazing Love (You're My King)
Pastoral Prayer

John Eckert's Testimony of God's Grace

Worship in Giving*

Message

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Benediction



¹first service

²second service

*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

Rev. Allen Harris

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Jesus before three Jewish Judges in His trial:

**I. JESUS BEFORE ANNAS
John 18:12-14, 19-24**

Putting yourself in the scene

3 main characters: Annas – his official – Jesus

- I. Annas sees Jesus as an intrusion
 - A. To his corrupt power
 - B. To his ill-gotten wealthHe must get rid of Jesus, so he asks about His
 - a) disciples & b) doctrine implying that He is building a seditious cult
- II. Jesus' simple response
 - A. Not defensive
 - B. Points out the obvious truth, whatever the consequences(Note contrast: surrounded by Peter's **denial** of truth inconvenient to his well being)
- III. The official sees Jesus as an embarrassment
Jesus has made them look foolish. Truth does that to liars
So he strikes Jesus --in frustration and anger
--to intimidate Him
- IV. Jesus' simple response
 - A. He does not "lose it"
 - B. He asks a gentle probing question: why?

So what

1. Today's angry attacks on Jesus:
Christianity is a self-deluded hoax
Generally do *not* attack Jesus
2. How should we respond:
 - a) Not defensive – He's a pattern to follow in conflict
 - b) Simply lay out historical facts and truth
 - c) Ask probing questions addressed to the heart
3. What is your position on Jesus??
 - a) Is He inconvenient to your lifestyle?
 - b) Is He a frustration in the things He brings to you?
 - c) Do you recognize your need of Him to:
 - forgive your sins
 - change your heart so you follow Him eagerly