

What's Happening at CPC

- ◆ **Welcome back, college students!** You are invited to join other young adults at 10:00 this morning in PH-01 for the **Merge** Middle Hour class.
- ◆ If you missed the **May 17 congregational meeting**, it is posted online. Click on *Media & Resources* and then *library of sermons*.
- ◆ **Memorial Day**, Monday, **May 25**, the church office will be closed.
- ◆ **Youth & Families End of Year Banquet**, Friday, **May 29**
- ◆ **College and Young Singles lunch**, Sunday, **May 31**, 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Sweeter than Chocolate Women's Bible Study**, Thursday, **June 11**, 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Special Middle Hour**, **June 21**, following up from May 17 congregational meeting
- ◆ **Summer Worship Schedule** **June 28**-**September 6**, **9:00 first service; 11:00 second service; no Sunday School or Middle Hour** classes
- ◆ **50's Sock Hop** to benefit the Rt. 1 Homeless Day Center, Saturday, **June 27**
- ◆ **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Camp**, **June 29-July 2**

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 24
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	A Edwards, D Chandler, H Bradley, M Tucker, D&D Nace, P Wilson
	Projectionist	M Newkirk
	Greeters	K&D Plantz, P Divinnie
	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
	Prayer Team	S Green, R Craig
	Children's Worship	G&N Ault
10:00	Infant Nursery	V Vandenheuvel, MB Williams, D Propst
	1's & 2's Nursery	S England, T Morris, S Sheldon
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	J Schaefer, D&B Amason, B Singer, R Kraus, M Plantz
	Projectionist	E Rodgers
	Greeters	T Morris, B Megary
	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
	Prayer Team	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	Children's Worship	E&L Lytikainen, M Adam
Financial Sec.	K Singer, B Warner	

Next Sunday Pastor Tim Flora will bring us God's Word.

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◆ **May 24, 2009** ◆

*We want to know Christ,
to know His hope,
and to know His power.*

Ephesians 1:17-23

Good morning! Welcome!

We are here to worship God. He created us, redeemed us after we rejected Him, and holds on to us forever. Once we know Him, the only reasonable response is to worship Him.

We worship God corporately as a church on Sunday mornings, as families and as community groups through the week, and individually.

We love God and so love our neighbors ~ those sitting next to you this morning, those who live near you, those with whom you work or go to school.

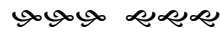
This morning

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.

At 10:00 a.m. we have classes for all ages:

Children's Sunday School Classes	
3s	MC-C
4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2 & 3	MC-D
Grade 4	AC-3
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
God's Way of Handling Money	AC-6
Sermon Q&A	MC-Gym
Discovering CPC	AC-4

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



*I am sending you out like sheep among wolves.
Therefore be as shrewd as snakes
and as innocent as doves.
Matthew 10:16*



Call to Worship
*God Over All
Let it Rise*
Prayer of Adoration

*We Shall Assemble
Glorious and Mighty*

Responsive Reading of Shorter Catechism

Pastoral Prayer
Worship in Giving

Scripture Reading

*The Church's One Foundation ~ TH 347
Once Again**

Message

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken ~ TH 345
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

Prayer Guide

This **Memorial Day** pray for comfort for the families of those who have given their lives to secure our freedom. Pray for our church family members who are serving in the military: **Michael Belliveau, Jim Bjerkaas, Ashley Chisholm, Tony Corbett, Loren Erickson, Vinnie Lamolinara, and Nathan Perrault.**

Next week is the **OPC General Assembly**. Pray for Allen Harris, Steve Green, and Allan Bjerkaas as they travel and participate in the proceedings. Pray that God will direct Allen's input to the Committee on the Directory of Public Worship and that they will be able to establish biblical guidelines with appropriate freedom. Allen, Steve, and the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery are involved in a complicated discipline matter; pray for resolution to promote proper repentance and peace.

Friday night, May 29, is our **Youth and Families Banquet**. This banquet celebrates what God has done through this ministry this year. Thank God for our youth, their families, and the dedicated leaders who served them this year.

Pray for **Bryan and Tiffany Megary, Wayne and Andrew Koch, David Chandler, and Shannon Costello** as they prepare to go to **Burkina Faso** and **Bolivia** on medical mission trips in June. Ask God to prepare hearts in those countries to be open to His Spirit.

Ask God to provide **jobs** for those who are currently unemployed and to provide for their needs.

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

The Gospel of Matthew #87

PERSECUTION, PROGRESS, AND PAROUSIA

Matthew 10:16-25

I. Persecution

Begin v16, end v25

A. Religious: v17.

Cf. Acts 5:40; ch 7 (Stephen);

Paul 5x (II Cor 11:24)

JESUS: ch 12

B. State: v18

Paul prisoner of Rome:

Felix, Festus (Acts 24-25)

C. Family: v21

Cf. v34-36

Jesus experienced: 12:46-47 (cf. Mark 3:21)

General disrespect and slander: v24-5

II. Progress

A. The Spirit will speak thru martyrs on trial:

v19-20

NT egs: Acts 4:7-14; 5:27-32; 24:10-21;

26:1-29

Egs: Stephen, Martin Luther, Hugh Latimer

B. The one who stands firm to the end will be

saved: v22

C. The Gospel will spread thru fleeing

persecution: v23a

Cf. Acts 8:1; Pilgrims and Puritans

III. Parousia (Coming/Presence)

10:23b: before you finish..., the Son of Man will
come...

To what does this promise refer?!

Possibilities:

3 main possibilities:

Resurrection – 70 AD – Parousia/Return

Cf. Daniel 7:13 in context of persecution (cf. 7:7, 21-22, 25, but 26-27!) Jesus Who instructs and sends will gain His Kingdom thru violent persecution against Him (12:14). This leads to His sacrificial death that overthrows Satan's dominion forever!

So most likely meaning (cf Matt 24):

A. _____ : 70 AD

You will not finish evangelizing Judea before
Coming in Judgment upon Jerusalem

B. _____ : Return at End of History

You will still be engaged in witness when I
come again to rescue and to Judge

So expect _____ and _____
til end. Read the last chapter!

As you are faithful, remember His fellowship (v24-5),
the partnership of the Holy Spirit (v19-20), and
salvation ahead (v22), when Jesus comes in
triumph (v23)!

How is He encouraging you to greater faithfulness?