

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.
- ◆ **College and Young Singles lunch**, Sunday, **May 31**, 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Lord's Supper**, Sunday, **June 7**, 6:30 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
- ◆ **50's Sock Hop** to benefit the Rt. 1 Homeless Day Center, Saturday, **June 27**
- ◆ **Summer Worship Schedule: June 28-September 6**, **9:00 first service**; 11:00 second service; no Sunday School or Middle Hour classes
- ◆ **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Camp**, **June 29-July 2**
- ◆ If you missed our important **May 17 congregational meeting**, it is posted online. Click on *Media & Resources* and then *library of sermons*.

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 31
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	D&K Grothe, E Underhill, G Page, K Warner, E Johnston
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	P Divinnie, T Laury
	Nursery Captain	B Kessler
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, L Robinson
	1's & 2's Nursery	N Walgrove, A Lall, E Allen
	3's Nursery	L Barnes, S Green
	Prayer Team	G Greenslit, S Merrill
	Children's Worship	K&E Underhill
10:00	Infant Nursery	L Sharp, M Heiser, L Parke
	1's & 2's Nursery	D Pesce, M Coulbourne, J Yahiro
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	A Jackson, G Mitzel, J Loiacono, D&T&A Green
	Projectionist	A Koch
	Greeters	B Megary, P&S Haggerty
	Infant Nursery	E Brian, B Childress
	1's & 2's Nursery	MC Jeske, C Milligan
	3's Nursery	R Kessler, T Green
	Prayer Team	K Harris
Children's Worship	S&M Niezelski, R Eckert	
	Financial Sec.	L Johnson, B Stamps

Next Sunday Pastor Tim Flora will bring us Part 2 of "Hope in the Midst of Heartache" from Psalms 42 and 43.

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◆ **May 31, 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.



Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalm 42:6,11; Psalm 43:5



Welcome
Call to Worship
Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy! ~ TH 100

Come, Thou Almighty King ~ TH 101

Responsive Reading ~ Psalms 42 and 43

Recognition of Graduates²

*Receive the Glory
As Long As You Are Glorified*

Breathe
Prayer

First Fruits
Choir

*As the Deer/Holy, Holy**

Sermon

O Great God
Benediction



²second service only

*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. Tim Flora

Prayer Guide

Pray for our 2008-2009 high school and college **graduates** as they continue to seek God's will for their lives and careers.

The **OPC General Assembly** continues this week. 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.

Pray for **Robbie Pennington** who will have hip surgery tomorrow. Pray for great skill for the medical team and for a full, speedy recovery.

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.

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.**

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.

Tim Flora

May 31, 2009

Hope in the Midst of Heartache

*Where do you find hope when your expectations of life and
God's eternal decree don't match up?*

Psalm 42-43

The dark night of the soul –

A brief word about the title of the message:
WCOF chapter 3 – *Of God's Eternal Decree*

A Psalm of *lament*
42 and 43 together

- ~ recurring refrain 42:5, 11; 43:5
- ~ joined together in Hebrew texts
- ~ no introductory title to 43
- ~ both deal with spiritual depression

The author and setting of the Psalm

- ~ the sons of Korah (Psalm 42-49; 84-88 not 86)
See Numbers 16; 26:11
- ~ cut off from the temple worship v. 6
Mt. Hermon far from Jerusalem maybe in exile
- ~ from lament (42:1-4, 6-7, 9-10; 43:1-4)
To hope (42:5, 11; 43:5)

Questions from within and without

- ~ Is God present?
- ~ Is He Real?
- ~ Does He love me?
- ~ Is he faithful?

Answers found in the ways and works of God

What's in a Name? - everything

Talking to yourself has its benefits
42:5, 11; 43:5

- ~ Why downcast soul?
- ~ hope in God
- ~ I will yet praise Him
- ~ *my* Savior and God

See the progress