

**What's happening at CPC**

- ♦ **Camp Hemlock**, June 28-August 8
- ♦ **Japan Upward Mission Project** trip, **Kobe, Japan**, July 28-August 4
- ♦ **Ministry Fair**, August 30 and September 6

You will find details of these events along with many other announcements and our calendar on our website: [www.columbiapres.org](http://www.columbiapres.org)

**Thank you for serving today!**

	Serving ....	July 26
9:00 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Set Up</b>	D&K Grothe, E Underhill, G Page, K Warner, E Johnston
	<b>Projectionist</b>	M Yee
	<b>Greeters</b>	B Stamps, M La Belle
	<b>Nursery Captain</b>	S Hirtle
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	L Davidson, J Scheerer
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	S&B Holloway
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	S Green, R Craig
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	K & E Underhill
11:00 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Take Down</b>	A Jackson, M Dransfield, J&J Loiacono, D&T&A Green
	<b>Projectionist</b>	E Johnston
	<b>Greeters</b>	G Greenslit
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	MB Williams, L Rovansek
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	L Parke
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	S&D Floyd
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	D Swearman, R Eckert, M Adam
	<b>Financial Sec.</b>	L Johnson, B Stamps

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will continue his series on Matthew preaching on *Come to Me, Part 1* from Matthew 11.

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♦ **July 26, 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.

There is an opportunity during each worship service for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a Children's Worship service.

## **Worship Services ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**



*While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

Matthew 17:5



Call to Worship

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor ~ TH 235*

Prayer of Adoration

*Here I am to Worship*

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~TH 164*

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

*Doxology ~ TH 731*

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving\*

*His Love Can Never Fail*

Message

*In Christ Alone*

Ministry in Focus

Benediction



## **Prayer Guide**

Pray for our members sharing the gospel this summer at home and abroad: **Paul Thomas Childress** in Hampton Beach, NH; **Stephen Floyd** in Saranac, NY; **Martin Yahiro** and **Kathleen Gandy** in Japan. Ask God to prepare hearts in these places to be open to His Spirit.

Pray that the women in the congregation who are **pregnant** will have safe pregnancies and that the babies they are carrying will have safe deliveries.

Pray for those in our family who are **ill** and who are recovering from surgery.

Many of our family have **lost loved ones** recently. Continue to pray for God to comfort them.

Pray for **jobs** for those who are unemployed.

Pray for our church family members who are serving in the military: **Michael Belliveau, Jim Bjerkaas, Lee Brian** (Esther Brian's nephew), **Ashley Chisholm, Tony Corbett, Loren Erickson, Chris Grussendorf, Vinnie Lamolinara**, and **Nathan Perrault**.

*If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, email us at [office@cpc-opc.org](mailto:office@cpc-opc.org).*

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

Worship Leader: Elder Rick Belliveau  
Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

**The Gospel of Matthew #92****WHO IS LIKE JESUS UNDER PRESSURE?****Matthew 11-12 Overview****Context: Major Sections so far:**

Works: Narrative 1: ch 1-4: Birth &amp; beginning of ministry

Words: Teaching 1: ch 5-7: Serm on Mt: Lifestyle &amp; blessings of disciple

Works: Narrative 2: ch 8-9: Compassionate authority in action; beg crits

Words: Teaching 2: ch 10: Commission to Kingdom ministry: Warnings &amp; encouragement

Works: Narrative 3: ch 11-12: Apparent failure: doubts, unbelief, attacks

Note His RESPONSES that reveal His heart:

I. His \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone says He is a \_\_\_\_\_ :

- His cousin, John
- Crowds who have seen His miracles & heard His words
- Religious authorities who “knew their Bibles”

Responses:

- 11:25-6: praises His Father for this!
- 11:27: sustained by His unique relationship with His Father
- 12:50: affirms those who follow Him as His family

No indication of doubt, discouragement, or second guessing  
He persists in what the Father has called Him to do

YOU: where do *you* need the grace of persistence in your  
calling where you could doubt from lack of results?

II. His \_\_\_\_\_

They would put Him on the \_\_\_\_\_

He responds with the strongest possible warnings of *their* peril

- 11:16-19: to critics: you like petulant children
- 11:20-24: to unrepentant: your judgment will be worse than Sodom's
- 12:22-37: to the religious leaders who say He is in league with the devil:
  - Your charge is illogical
  - You are blaspheming the Holy Spirit: that will not be forgiven!
  - Your evil words reveal your evil hearts
- 12:38-42: to sign seekers: it will be worse for you than for Nineveh (God's enemies!) in Judgment!
- 12:43-45: your self-righteousness opens you up to greater evils than the “unrighteous”

YOU: do you hear Him warning you of arrogance, refusal to repent and admit your need of Him? Proud when you compare yourself to others?

III. His \_\_\_\_\_

Contrast His gentle response to the humble and weary

- 11:4-6: to John in his doubts: “Blessed...”; extols him
- 11:28-30: invitation to the weary to come to Him for rest  
I am **gentle**...
- 12:1-7: mercy: eat the grain; heals a shriveled hand on Sab
- 12:20: not break a bruised reed or quench a smoking flax
- 12:48-50: calls His followers His own family (sisters. Mothers)

YOU need His gentleness. He gently offers to carry \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ this morning:

- Sin burdens because He persisted to the cross
- All burdens because He cares for you each day

Jesus is amazing! What would you do without Him?