

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Jon Barnes Farewell**, August 9
- ♦ **Elder Home Meetings: Belliveau/Floyd, Cruz/Lytikainen, Dransfield/Pennington**, August 16
- ♦ **Len Stewart mission presentation**, August 23
- ♦ **Elder Home Meetings: Bjerkaas/Scheerer & Walgrove/Koch**, August 23
- ♦ **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

Thank you for serving today!

	Serving	August 9
9:00 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	P&J Iwaskiw, P Childress, L&J Clairmont, E Belliveau
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	G Bayless, K&D Plantz
	Nursery Captain	J Parlette
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, C Rushing
	1's & 2's Nursery	P Chao
	3's Nursery	K Bradley
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Team	D Rowell
	Children's Worship	R Craig, M Stum
	Ushers/Take Down	S Niezelski, D Jacob, K Etzweiler, A Koch, P Stevens, G Ault
	Projectionist	A Koch
	Greeters	L Lytikainen, S&S Holloway
	Infant Nursery	P Floyd, E Hartin
	1's & 2's Nursery	K Sciannella, H Floyd
	3's Nursery	M Dransfield
Prayer Team	Need volunteers	
Children's Worship	D&H Swearman, C Tucker	
Financial Sec.	MC Jeske, K Williams	

Next Sunday Pastor Tim Flora will preach from Matthew 12:1-21.

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Staff: Robbie Pennington, Jon Barnes, Eric Johnston*



♦ **August 9, 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.



*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

Matthew 11:29



Call to Worship
Jesus, Thank You
Come, Christians, Join to Sing ~ TH 302
Prayer of Adoration

Baptism¹

Scripture Reading
All I Have is Christ
Mighty to Save
Haven't You Been Good
Receive the Glory

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving

*Jesus, Thank You**

Message

Jesus, Thank You
Benediction



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

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

Prayer Guide

This morning we baptize **Justin David Kahwajy**. Ask God to bring him to faith in Christ at a young age and to grow him to spiritual maturity. Pray that we will fulfill our vows to support Shannon and Kevin as they raise Justin in the Lord.

Thank God for using **Jon Barnes** in the lives of our children and families. Pray for him as he wraps up his ministry here and launches his own graphic arts business.

Praise God that **Dan Halley** will be joining our team as Youth and Families Ministries Director. Thank God that it appears Jon and Dan will have some overlap time as we make this transition.

Pray for our time together in our August **Elder Home Meetings**.

Pray for sufficient staff for our Sunday School ministry to children. Pray for our **Sunday School** and **Adult Middle Hour teachers** as they prepare for their classes and ministry to their students.

Ask God to move Howard County to send us the written **Decision and Order** concerning our facility expansion.

Ask God to use the **Home Fellowship Group Ministry Fair** on **August 30** and **September 6** to draw us into meaningful communities where we can grow spiritually.

Many of us have suffered **illness** or the **death** of a loved one this year. Pray for healing and comfort.

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

The Gospel of Matthew #94

COME TO ME: II

Matthew 11

Ch 11 is a series of warnings, climaxing in a stunning invitation
See His grace displayed in the face of rejection

- I. Cousin John's **doubts** (v1-15)
- II. Petulant playmates' **criticisms** (v16-19)
- III. Stubborn **refusal** to repent (v20-24)

IV. The **wonder** of **GRACE** (v25-30)

A. Jesus' amazing prayer to His Father (v25-6)

Note: He does not complain at His rejection
He is not discouraged at His rejection
Rather He praises and thanks His Father!

1. You hide the gospel from the self-sufficient and reveal it to babies
2. You are sovereign Lord and do what pleases You
Mystery of election: dual answer to why Israel rejected Him

So YOU are responsible to humble yourself: repent and believe, or it will never make sense to you

B. Jesus' astounding assertion of His uniqueness (v27)

He places Himself on the same footing as God, His Father!

1. He shares the Father's knowledge of the Kingdom (v27a)
2. They share unique mutual knowledge of each other! (v27b)
3. He shares the divine prerogative to reveal the Father (v27c, cf. 25-6)

No mere human could make such claims with a straight face!

C. Jesus' stunning INVITATION to sinners (v28-30)

Both inclusive ("all") and exclusive ("to Me")
And so simple: "Come"

And He offers 2 kinds of **REST** / _____ :

1. A rest/relief that is _____ (v28)

For those who recognize their helpless weariness
Driven by performance to merciless taskmasters:

- a) other people (eg: v17-19)
- b) the Pharisees (eg: ch 5-7; Acts 15:10)
- c) the Law itself (eg: ch 5-7): God!

Jesus **gives** REST/RELIEF as a free gift

2. A rest/relief that is _____ (v29-30)

A **yoke** is a symbol of submission & obligation
(Jesus is not in the yoke with us)

The summary of the Law is **Love**

Jesus: watch Me love

- Other people
- You!

Cf. 20:28: 28a: found
28b: given

The burden is light because it is loving out of a Relationship,
not simply Rules. That is what you **find** (I John 5:1-3)

Have you been **given** this rest?

Have you **found** the light heart that comes from the loving relationship with Jesus?