

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Discovering CPC fall middle hour class**
This class runs twice a year, fall and spring, and introduces CPC to those who are interested in church membership. It covers our history, our distinctives, and our vision for the future. Sign up in advance by noting it on your Welcome slip or by calling the church office.

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 16
9:00 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	A Edwards, D Chandler H Bradley, M Tucker D&D Nace, P Wilson
	Projectionist	A Belliveau
	Greeters	K&D Plantz, P Divinnie
	Nursery Captain	J Armstrong
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, K Harris
	1's & 2's Nursery	K Smalley
	3's Nursery	D&E Scheerer
	Prayer Team	E Brian, P Divinnie
	Children's Worship	Worship with Family
10:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	J Schaefer, B Singer R Kraus, M Plantz D Floyd
	Projectionist	J Myers
	Greeters	S&S Holloway, T Morris
	Infant Nursery	M Kim, LA Dransfield
	1's & 2's Nursery	R Bidlack, MC Jeske
	3's Nursery	
	Prayer Team	M Bayless
	Children's Worship	Worship with Family
	Financial Sec.	K Singer, B Warner

Next Sunday Rev. Len Stewart will bring us God's word.

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Staff: Robbie Pennington, Jon Barnes, Eric Johnston



♦ **August 16, 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.

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



For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.
Matthew 12:8 ESV



Call to Worship

*Lead On, O King Eternal
Days of Elijah
Blessed is the One*

Pastoral Prayer
Worship in Giving

*Famous One
Here I Am To Worship
Amazing Grace (Chains Are Gone)*

Scripture Reading

Message

Jesus, Thank You
Benediction



*Children age 4 through grade 2 will worship with their families this morning.

Worship Leader: Elder Erik Lytikainen
Preacher: Pastor Tim Flora

Prayer Guide

Pray God's blessings on Jon, Vicki, Whitney, Sydney, and Carly **Vandenheuvel** as they leave for Ghana this week to begin a pilot project rotation irrigation system for area farmers. Pray for their safety, unity as a family, and that they will not feel isolated or lonely. Pray also for **Andrew Chandler** who will leave later this month to live and work with them this year. Ask God to sustain them in all ways as they realize daily their dependence on Him.

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.

Pray for the **Youth and Families Council** as it is being established.

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.

JESUS: A WONDER TO BEHOLD

Matthew 12:1-21

Recall the stunning invitation for *rest* and *relief* to come to Him – his yoke (our submission to Him)

Q: Why did God make you and all things?

A: For His own glory.

Jesus establishing Himself as Messiah
His people rejecting Him as Messiah

The path of rejection:
skepticism → criticism → hostility → violent opposition

1. The Lord of the Sabbath – v.1-8

Sabbath laws (think U.S. tax code?)

David and his companions – 1 Samuel 21:4

Something (or someone) greater than the temple is here now! (ref. 9:2-6; 11:3-5, 25-27; 12:8)

“I desire mercy and not sacrifice”

2. Lawful to do good on the Sabbath – v.9-14

An object lesson – mercy on the Sabbath!

Man vs. sheep...which is more valuable? (see Mark 3 and Luke 6)

Note to self: Jesus not only approved of doing good on the Sabbath, he did good on the Sabbath...

Religious reaction

3. Behold the Suffering Servant – v.15-21

This was to fulfill the Prophet's words

Behold My Servant

For the harassed and helpless – 9:36

For the weary and heavy laden – 11:28

For the bruised and the smoldering – 12:20

Foreshadowing – the Great Commission
(the Nations/Gentiles)

Declaring Justice/Displaying Mercy