

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Ministry Fair**, TODAY between services
- ♦ **Fall schedule begins**, September 13
 - 8:30 a.m. first worship service
 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for children
 - 10:00 a.m. High School class
 - 10:00 a.m. combined adult Middle Hour
 - 11:00 a.m. second worship service
- ♦ **Prayer Meeting**, September 13,
 - 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Middle Hour for Adults**, September 20
 - Sermon Q&A ~ main hall
 - Exodus ~ Potter's House basement
 - Marriage Class ~ MC-1
 - Discovering CPC* ~ AC-4
 - Colossians ~ AC-5
 - Foundations of Christian Life ~ AC-6
 - Women's Class ~ Potter's House library
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Congregation-wide meeting**, **September 20**,
 - 6:30 p.m. in the main hall

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	September 6
9:00 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	P Iwaskiw, P Childress L&J Clairmont E Belliveau
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	M LaBelle, G Bayless
	Nursery Captain	A Dawson
	Infant Nursery	K Grothe, M Bayless
	1's & 2's Nursery	B&J Amason
	3's Nursery	E Rodgers, E Allen
	Prayer Team	England family, J Jacob
	Children's Worship	Worship with family
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	M&S Niezelski, D Jacob K Etzweiler, A Koch P Stevens
	Projectionist	J Bucca
	Greeters	T Laury, G Greenslit
	Infant Nursery	B/K Morton
	1's & 2's Nursery	T Allen, P Childress
	3's Nursery	S Cole
	Prayer Team	E Johnson, P Mazerski
	Children's Worship	Worship with family
	Financial Sec.	MC Jeske, B Stamps

Next Sunday Allen Harris will preach on "What About the Christian Who 'Falls Away'?" from Matthew 13:1-23.

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♦ **September 6, 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 whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:50



Call to Worship

We Sing Your Mercies
Doxology ~ TH 731

Prayer of Adoration

Scripture Reading

The Wonderful Cross
How Deep

Pastoral Prayer
Worship in Giving*

Message

The Lord's Supper

Diaconal Offering
Ministry in Focus

Jesus, Thank You
Benediction



*Children will worship with their families this morning.

Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Flora
Preacher: Rev. Steve Green

Prayer Guide

Pray 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 use the Home Fellowship Group **Ministry Fair** meeting this morning to draw us into meaningful communities where we can grow spiritually.

Praise God for answered prayer. We received the written Decision in Order from the county concerning our **facility expansion**. Pray for the Building Executive Committee as they make plans and decisions before construction can begin. Pray for the necessary funding to accomplish God's work and that He would be glorified.

Nathan Johnston, son of Eric and Bev Johnston, is getting married next Saturday. Thank God for his new wife, **Lauren**, and pray that God will be the center of their home. Pray that they will have a strong marriage that reflects Christ's love for His bride, the church.

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

Pray for our church family members who are **servicing 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@columbiapres.org.

Two Tests to Reveal My Kingdom Citizenship
Matthew 12:33-50

- I. The presence of the kingdom requires a response.

NO NEUTRALITY

Blasphemy: rejecting Jesus as God and redeemer is unforgivable **12:32**

- II. Jesus provides two tests to reveal where we belong—Kingdom of Heaven, or Kingdom of Satan

How we live, is always consistent with who we are. *The tree and its fruit* **12:33-35**

We aren't "better than that"

We can't blame others, or our circumstances for how we behave

THE TEST OF WHAT WE SAY

The people who saw the miracle **12:23**

The Pharisees **12:24, 34**

What fruit do you bear?

THE TEST OF WHAT WE DO

Am I repenting when I hear the gospel—*Jonah* **12:39-41**

Am I seeking Jesus and His message—*Queen of Sheba* **12:42**

Have I welcomed Christ into my life and allowed Him to rule over me?

demon-possessed man **12:43-45**

Am I doing the work of the Father?

Family of Jesus **12:48-50**

- III. What do I do when I see that my fruit is evil?

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is here

See Christ for who He really is and gather to Him

See your sin for what it really is and repent of it

Pray for and pursue change at the heart level instead of merely the behavior level