

**What's happening at CPC**

- ◆ The church **offices will be closed** on November 26 and 27.
- ◆ Jen and Mike **Costanzo baby shower**, November 29, contact Christina Rushing.
- ◆ **Upward** practices begin the week of November 30.
- ◆ **Women's Christmas breakfast**, December 5, RSVP to Bunny Amason or Susan Niezelski
- ◆ **Iraqi newcomers' Christmas reception**, December 5, contact Jon Erikson.
- ◆ **Christmas program**, December 20, contact Pastor Tim Flora for ways you can participate.

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 ....		November 22
8:30 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Set Up</b>	B Shinholt, K Kahwajy, J Stamps, B Megary, N Walgrove
	<b>Projectionist</b>	M Newkirk
	<b>Greeters</b>	G Bayless, K&D Plantz
	<b>Nursery Captain</b>	S Hirtle
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	L Davidson, J Scheerer
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	M Ofori, E Allen
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	S&B Holloway
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	S Green, R Craig
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	C Degenford, M Cassel
10:00	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	A&J Johnson, MB Williams
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	S Sheldon, A Scheerer
11:00 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Take Down</b>	M Dransfield, D Rowell, G Ault, J Wilmot, D Green, J Rowell
	<b>Projectionist</b>	A Koch
	<b>Greeters</b>	B Megary, T Laury
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	LA Dransfield, K Rasmussen
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	T McKenna, Rowells
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	J Kunz, D Green
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>Financial Sec.</b>	E Davis, J Bauer	

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will continue his Messianic Prophecy series with a message from Micah 5:15, "The Ruler from Tiny Bethlehem."

**Columbia Presbyterian Church**

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Staff: Robbie Pennington, Dan Halley, Eric Johnston



◆ **November 22, 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 who created us, redeemed us after we rejected Him, and holds on to us forever. Our only reasonable response is to worship Him.

We worship God together on Sunday mornings, as families, as community groups through the week, and individually.

### 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.

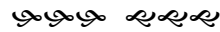
There is an opportunity during the first worship service for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a Children's Worship service.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes	
3s & 4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2	MC-D
Grades 3 & 4	AC-3
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-Garage
High School	PH-04
10:00 a.m. Middle Hour for Adults	
Sermon Q&A	MC-Gym
Exodus	PH-01
Marriage Class	MC-1
Discovering CPC	AC-4
Colossians	AC-5
Foundations of Christian Life	AC-6
Women's Class: Contagious Christian	PH-Library

MC ~ Ministry Center - the brick building facing Route 108  
 PH ~ Potter's House - the white rancher behind the MC  
 AC ~ Auxiliary Classrooms - the portable units behind the PH

Portable maps of the CPC campus are now available in the lobby to help you locate classes.

## Worship Services ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



*Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
 and honor and power and might be to our God  
 forever and ever! Amen.*

Revelation 7:12



Children's Choir<sup>2</sup>  
 Call to Worship  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*We Gather Together* TH 363  
 Prayer of Adoration

Scripture Reading  
*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  
*All I Have is Christ*  
*The Gospel Song*  
*There is a Redeemer*

Pastoral Prayer  
 Worship in Giving\*

Sermon

*Let All Things Now Living* TH 125  
 Children's Choir<sup>1</sup>  
 Benediction



\*During the first service, children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following Giving to Children's Worship downstairs in MC-A.

<sup>1</sup>first service      <sup>2</sup>second service

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

## Prayer Guide

This week we celebrate **Thanksgiving**. Ask God to give us thankful hearts ~ for life, new life, and the secure and certain inheritance He has prepared for those who belong to Him.

Next Sunday we begin **Advent**. Thank God for sending Jesus to accomplish our redemption so that we can belong to Him.

Pray for more **refs and 6 more coaches** for Upward & Elevate before the season begins next week. Thank God for the new families participating this year, and ask God to draw them closer to Himself through this ministry.

Ask God to lead our **elders** clearly as they seek His direction in our **staff transitions**. Pray now as they select a pastoral search committee.

Ask God to continue leading **Steve and Ann Green** as they lean on Him for guidance in establishing a biblical counseling ministry in the Pacific Northwest.

Ask God to use the process of **expanding our facility** to build His kingdom and to honor His name. Pray that God will bring in the **\$355K** needed by July 31, 2010.

Pray for **good health** for those among us and our loved ones who have been ill or injured. Pray for full development of our unborn babies, safe deliveries, and healthy moms.

Pray for **comfort** for those who have lost loved ones recently. Pray particularly for **Patricia Chao** who lost her mother on Tuesday and as she prepares for the service on Monday.

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

Allen Harris

November 22, 2009

## LESSON FROM THE PILGRIMS

### Philippians 4:12-13

Philippians supported Paul and he was grateful (v10)  
He is not saying this to get more money from them (v11). He is totally content with whatever his Father provides.  
He has experienced hardship and abundance. He has learned that true contentment is totally independent of circumstances (v12).  
He can be content in all circumstances because of Christ (v13).

See this through whole chapter:

1. Rejoice **in the Lord** (v4)
2. Do not be anxious, but present your needs **to God** with **thanksgiving** and **His peace** will guard your heart and mind (v6-7)
3. Be content **in Christ** (v11-14).

A profound example of this is in the history of the pilgrims who settled in Plymouth Bay in America in 1620.  
Our culture has deconstructed Thanksgiving because it is profoundly Christian.

Consider the broader history to see it as an illustration of Phil 4:12-13.

10 examples of trials that would shout, Why should we give thanks?!

1. Their persecution for their faith in England
2. Their difficulty in escaping from England
3. Their difficulties in Holland
4. Their difficulties in leaving England for New World
5. Their difficulties on the trip across the Atlantic
6. Their difficulties in finding a place to settle

7. The difficulties of the first winter (1621)  
Squanto a mixed blessing  
THANKSGIVING after a good harvest in fall of 1621!

8. More mouths to feed! And no more provisions

9. The trials of Thomas Watson and his ruffians

10. The 1623 drought—and dramatic answer to prayer  
Thanksgiving Day of 1623  
Last of extreme hunger

Their children became more prosperous: had “plenty”  
Religion begat prosperity, and the daughter devoured the mother.

They thrived more spiritually when in “want”.  
So often the case with us

Phil 4:19: my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
Spiritual needs are paramount: salvation  
Physical needs are the out flowing of His mercies.

What disturbs *your* thanks today?

What is robbing you of contentment? What do you complain about regarding this coming week?

Consider the pilgrims. Consider Paul.

Consider Christ.

Rejoice **in the Lord**. Present your needs **to God with thanksgiving**. Be content **in Christ** because He is ALL you need (Christ past, Christ present, Christ future).

Give thanks this week whatever your circumstances because you also have learned that your contentment is in Christ.