

**What's happening at CPC**

- ◆ **Lord's Supper**, this evening, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Christmas program**, December 20, contact Pastor Tim Flora to celebrate Christ through music, song, poetry, drama, etc.!
- ◆ **Christmas Eve candlelight services**, 7:00 & 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **CPC Family Ice Skating**, December 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Columbia Ice Rink

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 ....	December 6
8:30 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Set Up</b>	A Edwards, D Chandler, H Bradley, M Tucker, D&D Nace
	<b>Projectionist</b>	D Merrill
	<b>Greeters</b>	P Divinnie, B Stamps
	<b>Nursery Captain</b>	A Dawson
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	K Grothe, M Bayless
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	B&J Amason
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	E Rodgers
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	England family, J Jacob
10:00	<b>Children's Worship</b>	K& E Underhill
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	W Cole, I&A Malkin
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	P DeRosa, L Parke, D Lamolinara
11:00 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Take Down</b>	J Schaefer, B Singer, R Kraus, M Plantz, D Floyd
	<b>Projectionist</b>	J Johnson
	<b>Greeters</b>	G Greenslit
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	B/K Morton, I Calvert
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	T Allen, P Childress
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	S/J Loiacono, S Cole
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	E Johnson, W Cole
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	<b>Family service</b>
<b>Financial Sec.</b>	K Singer, B Warner	
<b>6:30 p.m. Lord's Supper</b>		
<b>Projectionist: M Yee</b>		<b>Nursery: T&amp;C McKenna</b>



◆ **December 6, 2009**

*We want to know Christ,  
to know His hope,  
and to know His power.*

Ephesians 1:17-23

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will preach on "The Magnificat I: Mary's Song" from Luke 1:46-55.

**Columbia Presbyterian Church**

10001 Route 108  
Columbia, MD 21044  
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Pastors: Allen Harris, Steve Green, Tim Flora  
Staff: Robbie Pennington, Dan Halley, Eric Johnston

**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.

***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.

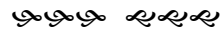
There is an opportunity during the first worship service for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a Children’s Worship service.

<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes</b>	
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
<b>10:00 a.m. Middle Hour for Adults</b>	
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.**



*And the Word became flesh  
 and dwelt among us...*  
 John 1:14:a



Prelude  
 Call to Worship  
*Angels We Have Heard on High* ~ TH 214  
 Prayer of Adoration  
 Baptism<sup>2</sup>

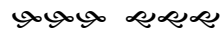
*Lift Up Your Heads  
 Blessed Be Your Name  
 How Can I Keep from Singing  
 It Was Love*

Scripture and Responsive Reading  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Worship in Giving<sup>1</sup>

Message

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* ~ TH 203

Benediction



<sup>1</sup>During the first service, children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following Giving to Children’s Worship downstairs in MC-A.  
<sup>2</sup>second service

Worship Leader: Elder Erik Lytikainen  
 Preacher: Rev. Tim Flora

**Prayer Guide**

Today we will baptize **Daniel Charles Wilson**. 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 Eric and Mary as they raise Daniel, David, Patricia, and Kayleigh in the Lord.

Thank God for our **elders**. Ask God to lead them clearly as they choose a **pastor search committee** and as they seek His direction during our staff transitions.

Ask God to use the process of **expanding our facility** to build His kingdom and to honor His name. Pray that we will **give** to the Phase 2 building fund as God leads. Thank God that as we give, He will throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing (Malachi 3:10).

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 the **Propst family** as they mourn the loss of Mark’s grandfather last week.

Pray for our **missionaries** who are away from family and home during the holidays. Pray that God will give them satisfaction in their calling and will use them powerfully in building His kingdom.

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

## The Ultimate Rescue Mission

Hebrews 2:14-18

We wouldn't have written it this way...

"It could not have been done unless man paid what was owing to God for sin. But the debt was so great that, while man alone owed it, only God could pay it, so that the same person must be both man and God. Thus it was necessary for God to take manhood into the unity of his person, so that he who in his own nature ought to pay and could not should be in a person who could." Anselm of Canterbury, *Why God Became Man?*

*Remaining what He was, He became what He was not...*

Three distinct characteristics of Christ in this passage that reveal our Rescuer:

1. **Destroyer of Death and the Devil** – *delivering those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery*  
(see 1 Corinthians 15:54-57)

Q: Do you fear death? Are you afraid of dying?

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark...

2. **Propitiation for our sins** – *merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God*  
(see 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

"Saved from What?"

A price to be paid...

3. **Embodied Suffering Servant** – *able to help those being tempted*  
(see Hebrews 4:14-16)

Never alone even in the darkest night...

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart....*

*Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
he whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.*