

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Christmas program**, tonight, 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Christmas Eve candlelight services**, 7:00 & 8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Ministry Center closed**, weeks of December 21 & 28
- ♦ **No Sunday School or Middle Hour classes**, December 27
- ♦ **CPC Family Ice Skating**, December 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Columbia Ice Rink
- ♦ **Church offices closed** December 25 & 28, 2009, & January 1, 2010
- ♦ **Congregational meeting**, January 3, 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Lord's Supper**, January 3, 6:30 p.m.

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	December 20	
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	B Shinholt, K Kahwajy, J Stamps, B Megary, G Degrafft, N Walgrove
	Projectionist	S Erickson
	Greeters	M LaBelle, G Bayless
	Nursery Captain	J Armstrong
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, S Proctor
	1's & 2's Nursery	T & E/C Cruz
	3's Nursery	D&E Scheerer
	Prayer Team	E Brian, P Divinnie
10:00	Children's Worship	B Morton, M Stum
	Infant Nursery	M Heiser, Miji Kim, L Rovanseck
	1's & 2's Nursery	J/B Wilmot, E&E Goebel
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	M Dransfield, G Ault, J Wilmot, D Green, D&J Rowell
	Projectionist	J Bucca
	Greeters	S&S Holloway, T Morris
	Infant Nursery	R&A Schaefer, H Swearman
	1's & 2's Nursery	R Bidlack, E&K Flora
	3's Nursery	J&E Schellin
	Prayer Team	M Bayless
	Children's Worship	Family service
Financial Sec.	E Davis, J Bauer	

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will preach on "Focus" from II Corinthians 4:16-18.

Columbia Presbyterian Church

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Staff: Robbie Pennington, Dan Halley, Eric Johnston



♦ **December 20, 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.

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.



*His mercy extends to those who fear him,
 from generation to generation.*

Luke 1:50



Organ Prelude
 Children's Choir²
 Call to Worship

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing TH 203

Prayer of Adoration
 Scripture Reading

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel TH 194

*Hope Has Come
 Come Ye Sinners*

O Come, All Ye Faithful TH 208

Pastoral Prayer
 Worship in Giving ~ *Emmanuel**

Message

Children's Choir¹

Joy To the World! The Lord Is Come TH 195

Benediction



¹first service

²second service

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

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

Prayer Guide

Our **Christmas Program** is tonight and our **Christmas Eve candlelight services** are Thursday night. Pray that God will focus us on Christ's coming and His work so that we celebrate and worship Him. Ask God to make us generous and gracious to those around us so that we, who have received so much from Jesus, give ourselves to others.

Ask God to lead our elders 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.

Pray for our **OPC missionaries** as they serve Christ around the world: for the **Falks** in Uruguay preparing for a short-term team from southern CA, a conference on Reformed Theology, and a Vacation Bible School; for **Brian Wingard** in Uganda who is recovering from surgery on his sciatic nerve; and for **Laurie Lauer** in Japan who is mourning her father's recent death.

Pray for good **health** for those among us and our loved ones who have been ill or injured. Pray for **safe travel** during this holiday season.

Pray for **comfort**, particularly during the holidays, for those who have lost loved ones recently. Ask God to comfort **Guy Ford** and his family as they mourn the loss of his mother, Betty, last week.

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

THE MAGNIFICAT II: Basic Principle of Christmas

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song magnifies (enlarges our vision of) the Lord:
He is Mighty and Holy
He is also Mindful and Merciful

Mercy in v50 and 54-55 is a Frame around the way He acts as Judge of the world and history:

Mercy to those who **fear** Him (v50)
Puts **down** the proud (v51b, 52a)
Lifts **up** the humble (v52b, 53a)
Puts **down** proud (v53b)
Mercy faithful to those in covenant with Him (v54-55)

3x abase; 4x exalts = 7 times (does so perfectly)

I. He _____ the _____ (v51-53)

- Pharaoh
- Canaanite rulers
- Nebuchadnezzar
- Belshazzar
- Herod the Great
- Augustus Caesar
- Pope Leo X
- Napoleon
- Hitler
- Today...

Some tests of a proud heart

II. He _____ the _____ (v50-53)

- Joseph
- Moses
- Joshua
- Gideon
- Hannah
- Ruth
- David
- Daniel
- Mary

III. JESUS (v54-55)

The principle of Phil 2:5-11

- His parents (royal David's line disgraced, in poverty; Mary exalted)
- Born in a manger
- Hounded by Herod
- Raised as a carpenter in Nazareth
- No home or wealth of His own
- Death on a cross

But... **rose again** and seated at Right Hand of God in power and Glory (Lk 1:31-33; Phil 2:9-11; cf Eph 1:19-23)

Lessons for us:

1. Think what this Song means to your brothers & sisters under persecution. Pray for them this Christmas.
2. Support politics of humility, not raw power.
3. Is _____ something you fight or affirm?
4. CPC's future: tempting to simply come up with a plan for growth and improved ministry. Need **humble** ourselves before the Lord. Jan 2 session half day of prayer to seek and hear from God. Pray for us some half hour 8am to 1pm?
5. Put a tiny box under your Christmas tree to remind you that the best gift you will ever receive is the humble Babe Who gave Himself on a cross, to lift you up from death-pride to eternal Life.

Christmas is very good news for the humble

And very bad news for the proud

Only Jesus can give you a humble heart

With the hope of being lifted up to Glory with Him when He returns!

On a morning that infinitely outshines Christmas, with no disappointments