

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **No Sunday School or Middle Hour classes** today
- ♦ **Ministry Center closed** this week
- ♦ **CPC Family Ice Skating**, Thursday, December 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Columbia Ice Rink \$5/person; \$20/family
- ♦ **Church offices closed** Monday, December 28, 2009, and Friday, January 1, 2010
- ♦ **Congregational meeting**, Sunday, January 3, 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Lord's Supper**, Sunday, 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 27
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	P&J Iwaskiw, P Childress, E Belliveau
	Projectionist	D Merrill
	Greeters	G Bayless, K&D Plantz
	Nursery Captain	S Hirtle
	Infant Nursery	A Parlette, J Scheerer
	1's & 2's Nursery	M Ofori, E Allen
	3's Nursery	S&B Holloway
	Prayer Team	S Green, R Craig
	Children's Worship	Family service
1:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	M&S Niezelski, D Jacob, K Etzweiler, A Koch, P Stevens
	Projectionist	A Koch
	Greeters	T Morris, B Megary
	Infant Nursery	LA Dransfield, K Rasmussen
	1's & 2's Nursery	MC Jeske, Rowells
	3's Nursery	J Kunz, D Green
	Prayer Team	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	Children's Worship	Family service
	Financial Sec.	MC Jeske, K Williams

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

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♦ **December 27, 2009** ♦

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

Ephesians 1:17-23

Welcome!

We are here this morning 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 invite you to join us in worshipping the living God.

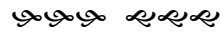
This morning

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.

Next Sunday

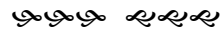
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes	
3s & 4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2	MC-D
Grades 3 & 4	AC-3
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-Garage
High School	PH-04
Adults will meet together in the main hall for a congregational meeting.	

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



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

Luke 1:50



Call to Worship

O Come, All Ye Faithful ~ TH 208

Prayer of Adoration

Famous One

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Light of the Stable

Who Am I?

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving

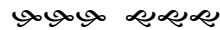
Offertory

Scripture Reading

Message

Light of the Stable

Benediction



Worship Leader: Elder Erik Lytikainen

Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

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

Thank God for the resources He has entrusted to us this year. Pray for wisdom as Session and Trustees address our **financial issues** for the coming year. Pray that this year God will provide all the resources we need to accomplish the ministries He has called us to undertake.

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.

Robert and Lois Carr are preparing to return to Kenya. Pray for great family times this holiday before they leave their grown children here in the States. Thank God for rain in Kenya, for a working hand-dug well and progress on another, and for the container of new and used equipment the Carrs will be able to ship to aid in ministry there.

Pray for protection and encouragement for our church family members who are serving in the **military**.

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.

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