

Communion Preparation

For the Week: Nov 30 – Dec 5, 2009

The Birth of Christ

This week marks the beginning of the month of December and a remembrance of the birth of Christ. As we prepare for communion next Lord's Day, we invite you to prepare by remembering the wonder of His coming for us.

Nov. 30 - Read Matthew 1:18-25. How does this account underscore the prerequisite of faith in God's Word in receiving Christ's coming? How is your faith, do you believe this account is historically reliable and correct? Let us pray and thank God for the gift of faith.

Dec 1 - Look at Romans 8:1-3. What does this passage tell us about the necessity of the coming of Christ? What does it tell us about the circumstances of his birth? When you reflect upon His coming in this manner, what does it mean to you that he took on flesh?

Dec 2 – See John 13:1-11. How do Jesus' actions portray symbolically His coming into the world to be become a servant for us? Has He served you personally? How will you respond?

Dec 3 – Turn to Jeremiah 23:1-6. The prophet contrasts the wicked kings who were like worthless shepherds of the nation with the coming great Shepherd. How can you see applications of this text for today's world?

Dec 4 – Consider I John 4:1-4. How important is the doctrine of the incarnation to true biblical Christianity? What does this say about those who preach a Jesus who did not come in the flesh through the virgin birth?

Dec 5 – Read Hebrews 2:14-18. What do these verses teach us about the capacity of the Lord Jesus to serve as our mediator and savior? What do they teach us about His ability to understand and sympathize with our trials? Let us pray that tomorrow as we take the bread and the cup, we are really prepared to remember and to enjoy Him.

Reflection

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter XXI
Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day, VII - VIII

VII. As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in His Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages, He has particularly appointed one day in seven, for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week: and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture, is called the Lord's Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

VIII. This Sabbath is to be kept holy unto the Lord when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are taken up the whole time in the public and private exercises of His worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.

Preparation for Worship

As you hear the chimes, you may want to pray or read the Reflection in order to quiet your heart and mind to worship our Lord with reverence and praise.

Songs of Praise & Prelude

Praise song words are available in the back of the bulletin

Greetings and Announcements

Please sign the attendance pad found at the center aisle of each row.

Call to Worship

Psalm 115:1-3

*Hymn:

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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Opening Prayer

Advent Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Musical Offering

Glorious Praise

Westminster Choir

Glorious praise, rising triumphant before Your throne. Glorious praise, worshipping You and You alone. Oh, God, You are worthy of the adoration we raise. We will honor You all of our days with glorious praise. Glorious praise!

With hearts overflowing, we gather to offer the praise we bring. We bow down before You forever, exalting our Savior and King! In gratitude and with thanksgiving, we bring You this song of love; it echoes throughout eternity, from earth to heaven above! Glorious praise!

Praise the Lord! For His is glorious; never shall His promise fail. God has made His saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim; Heaven and earth and all creation Laud and magnify His Name!

Glorious praise, rising triumphant before Your throne. Glorious praise, worshipping You and You alone. O God, You are worthy of the adoration we raise. We will honor You all of our days with glorious praise! Glorious, glorious praise!

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*Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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Pastoral Prayer

Congregation Amen!

*Psalm

God the Lord is Known in Judah

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Tune Neadner

From the *Book of Psalms for Singing*

Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offering

Dismissal to Junior church, Age 3-Grade 3 Rooms A & B or Pre-K church time Room 1

Scripture Reading

Revelation 12:1-6

Congregation Amen! Thanks Be to God.

Preaching of the Word

The Woman and the Birth of Her Son

Pastor King A. Counts

*Hymn

What Child is This?

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*Benediction

**those who are able please stand*



Bible & Song Hour 6:00pm

Please come back this evening as we look together at Mark 7:1-13, *The Vanity of Human Innovation in the Worship of God.*

Announcements

By Faith Magazine subscription. By Faith is the PCA periodical which is designed to help equip you to engage culture with a Christian world and life view. If you would like a subscription for \$14 a year, please sign up on the board and make checks payable to Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian Church no later than Dec 13.

Remember our *Baby Food Goal*

Project Share relies on us as one of their only donators of baby food. **They are especially in need of stage 1 food.**



December Celebrations

Sunday, December 6 Gifts for Jesus, 6pm.

What could you share? Members and friends are invited to share a musical selection, a word of testimony, or poem, in gratitude for the coming of Christ.

Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 15, 6pm

Dominion Brass Sunday, December 20, 6pm

Candlelight Service Thursday, December 24 6:30pm

Truck Stop Cookies All you need to do is place 6-10 cookies in a plastic bag, and then into one of the decorated paper bags available at church. You may want to include Bible verses or a personal message. Bring the bags to church on **either today or December 6** (Note: only 2 Sundays!) and place in the box marked Truck Stop Cookies. If you can help distribute, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Christmas Tracts

Available in the tract rack.

Deck the Halls, Tuesday, Dec 1 6:30-8:30pm

Women ages 14+ are invited to bring a (wrapped) ornament to exchange, a canape to share and decorate our church for the Christmas season. Last names A-H bring a savory snack/L-W bring something sweet. Childcare available.

Thank you all for the cards and well wishes throughout Bruce's surgery and recovery!

Bruce & Kathy Apgar



Book of the Month

The Westminster Directory of Public Worship, These documents form the basis of the Presbyterian system of church government and practice. Discussed by Mark Dever & Sinclair Ferguson. "...contains a wealth of insight on topics relevant to the church in any age. Its brevity and clarity make it palatable even to the modern reader beset by busy-ness and multiple distractions." Available in the foyer.

Adult Sunday School December, January, February

Gospel of John

Taught by Bob Woodward. Meeting in Rooms 5,6

John provides vivid lessons and instructions from Jesus Christ on how to live according to God's will and what priorities are important to life.

Parenting: Essentials of Discipline: What's OK, What's Not & What Works

DVD series team taught by Denny Bookwalter, Brian Morris, & Greg Hope. Sanctuary

This class may be helpful to you, whatever stage of parenting you are in, as we search out what God's word has to say about these topics and others. *We also encourage grandparents to come along side their children and assist teaching their children's children.*

Last day to order!



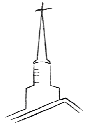
Poinsettias – Please place in offering plate or CD Request Box

Name: _____

I want to purchase _____ Poinsettias @ \$ 8.00 each.

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____



November 29, 2009

King Counts, Pastor
Revelation 12:1-6
The Woman and the Birth of Her Son

Introduction:

Thesis: God's sovereign plan will not be frustrated.

Text Notes:

First, Observe God's purpose in the woman (Verses 1-2)

Second, Observe God's purpose in the Dragon (Verses 3-4)

Third, Observe God's purpose in the birth of the Child (Verse 6)

Conclusion

Praise Songs

How Majestic is Your Name *Psalm 8:1*

Oh Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth (2x)

Oh Lord, we praise your name
Oh Lord, we magnify your name
Prince of Peace, Mighty God
Oh Lord, God Almighty

Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth, you reign on high
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky
But my one request, Lord my only aim
is that you reign in me again

Chorus:

Lord reign in me, reign in your power
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't you reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word
my my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause you mean more to be than any earthly
thing
So won't you reign in me again

Chorus

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *TH #194*

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and earth's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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On the Calendar

This Week

Monday	Nov 30	Mother's Small Group 9:30am
Tuesday	Dec 1	Deck the Halls
Wednesday	Dec 2	20/30 Something Small Group 7pm
Thursday	Dec 3	Women's Bible Study 10am
Saturday	Dec 5	Men's Leadership 6:30am

Scheduled

Sunday	Dec 6	Cookie Drop Off!
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For Your Information

Guests! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have an opportunity to return soon. Please give us an occasion to introduce ourselves today. Also, please assist us by filling out the Attendance Pad when it is passed during worship.

Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) adhering to the authority of the Scriptures and confessing the doctrine contained in the Westminster Standards. We earnestly strive to follow Christ and His apostles.

Prayer Requests We encourage you to share your requests weekly. Place them in the offering plate or the request box in the foyer. If you have updates or requests during the week, please call or email the church office. The prayer list is updated weekly and there are copies of the current list on the information counter in the foyer.

Small Groups are a fellowship of people meeting together regularly in homes in Carlisle and throughout the surrounding area. To find out how you can join a small group, please contact the church office at 249-5675 or a group leader identified on the Small Group section bulletin.

Sermon Requests Sermons can be heard on the church website. CDs and cassette tapes of the sermons can be requested; please use the notebook found on the information counter in the foyer.

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Sunday school
10:50 am Worship
6:00 pm Bible & Song Hour

Adult Sunday School

Today

Worship – Reformed According to the Word of God

Pastor Counts Sanctuary

Nursery

We offer nursery for children ages newborn to 3 years of age for each of our services.

Junior Church

Children 4 years – Grade 3 are dismissed during the offering to Rooms A & B.

Pre Kindergarten *Church Time* meets in Room 1 (next to the Library) during the service.

Designed for children not yet ready for Junior church.

Serving	Today	Serving	Next Week
Lay Leader	Bill Mauchamer	Lay Leader	Bill Kauffman
Piano AM	Patty Jennings	Piano AM	Sharon Schaefer
	PM	PM	Karin Apgar
SS Nursery	Ginny Hertzler	SS Nursery	
AM Nursery	Christy Hope, Ginny Hertzler	AM Nursery	
	Hannah Kauffman		
PM Nursery	Valerie Miller	PM Nursery	
Greeter	Dave & Ellen Morgan	Greeter	Greg & Sue Hope
Ushers	Greg Hope, Greg Mauchamer	Ushers	Greg Hope, Greg Mauchamer
	Dennis Bookwalter, Jim Hertzler		Dennis Bookwalter, Jim Hertzler
Counters	Jim Hertzler, Kyle Davis	Counters	Jim Hertzler, Kyle Davis

Small Groups

Men AM	2 nd & 4 th Thur	<i>Sovereignty of God</i>	Dave Bell
Women AM	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	<i>Before the Throne of God</i>	Katie Irwin
Newville	2 nd & 4 th Wed	<i>Hebrews</i>	Dave Bell/Bill Mauchamer
Carlisle	2 nd & 4 th Wed	<i>Proverbs</i>	Greg Rudder
Mother's	every other Mon	<i>Don't Waste Your Life</i>	Christy Hope
Downtown Carlisle	2 nd & 4 th Thur	<i>1st Corinthians</i>	Al Steever /Norm McDonald
20/30 Something	1 st & 3 rd Wed	<i>Peter</i>	John Hope/Caleb Hood
Post High	every other Sun	<i>Chasing Daylight</i> study of Jonathan	Brett Rudder

Leadership

Elders

Peter Davis
Bill Kauffman
David Lepley
Bill Mauchamer
Norm McDonald

King Counts, *Teaching Elder*

Deacons

Kyle Davis
Greg Hope
Phil Shaw