

Christmas Poinsettias were given for the following:

Bruce & Kathy Apgar

In memory of their parents

In honor of their children & grandchildren

John & Beth Armstrong

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Milton Armstrong

In memory of Jean Borucinski

In memory of Sigrid Warren Anderson

In memory of Katherine & Frederic Rieger

Stephanie Coulson

In memory of Stephanie's father, Gene Miller

In memory of Stephanie's grandmother, Louise Miller

King & Angela Counts

In memory of William & Carolyn Clark

In memory of Fred Counts

Michael & Karen Crutcher

Al & Nancy Egolf

In memory of Kurtz & Marilyn Cockley, Sr.

In honor of Dottie Rine for her service to our Lord in the music ministry

In honor of Katie Irwin for all her work to honor our Lord through missions

Randy & Linda Hackenburg

In memory of our parents

Jim & Ginny Hertzler

In memory of Jim's parents

In memory of Ginny's dad

Bill & Barbara Mauchamer

In memory of Lee & Fatula Mauchamer

In memory of Clarence & Marguerite Harlowe

Lee & Kate Reinalda

In honor of our family

John & Dottie Rine

In memory of Edmond Rine

In memory of David & Lillian Snider

In memory of David A. Snider

Reflection

“Jesus today has many who love his heavenly kingdom, but few who carry his cross; many who yearn for comfort, few who long for distress. Plenty of people he finds to share his banquet, few to share his fast. Everyone desires to take part in his rejoicing, but few are willing to suffer anything for his sake. There are many that follow Jesus as far as the breaking of bread, few as far as drinking the cup of suffering; many that revere his miracles, few that follow him in the indignity of his cross.” Thomas à Kempis

“There are times when the truth will receive a wide hearing and times when it will not. Jesus had a congregation of five thousand one day and four women and two bored soldiers another. His message was the same both days.” Eugene Peterson



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

Daniel 7:13-14

*Hymn:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Opening Prayer

Advent Reading

Matthew 2:1-15

Musical Offering

Sing Joy!

Westminster Choir

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given, unto us a Son is given. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given, and His name shall be called: Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, O come, let us us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy. Sing joy! Sing joy! Repeat the sounding joy!

* Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Pastoral Prayer

Congregation Amen!

*Psalm

The Lord is King Indeed!

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Tune: Leoni: The God of Abram Praise

From the *Book of Psalms for Singing*

Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offering

Offertory Selection

Gesu Bambino

Karin Apgar, Buz Taylor, Sharon Schaefer

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night was born the child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord. O come let us adore Him, adore Him Christ the Lord. O come, O come, O come let us adore Him, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord.

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

Scripture Reading

John 1:9-18

Preaching of the Word

Tidings of Comfort and Joy: Grace Upon Grace

Pastor King Counts

*Hymn

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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*Closing Prayer

Postlude

**those who are able please stand*



Dominion Brass 6:00pm

Please come back for this evening for a special Advent concert by the Dominion Brass.

Announcements

Choir rehearsal at 4:30 this evening.

The Truth Project Survey - please complete this morning and return to the basket in the foyer or the offering plate.

December Celebrations

Dominion Brass, Tonight, 6pm

Candlelight Service Thursday, December 24, 6:30pm



CRPC Today If you have articles, news, photos, or information to share, please send to the office by Tuesday, December 29.

Christmas Tracts

Available in the tract rack.

New Time for Morning Worship

Starting January 3rd (first Sunday in the New Year) the morning worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m., five minutes earlier. We will not be serving coffee after the Sunday school hour, but will have coffee available before Sunday school. So, please help us get the word out and to make the transition smoothly.

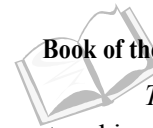
Remember our Baby Food for Project Share

Congregational Meeting There will be a congregational meeting on January 27, 2010 for the purpose of considering the 2010 budget, election of church officers, and officers of the Corporation.

2010 Offering Envelopes are available. If you are a regular attendee and would like a box, please contact the office

A special **PCA Christmas Offering** will be taken during the Christmas Eve Service to assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, and their widows and dependent children across the country and overseas.

Women's Bible Study will be focused on prayer through the month of January. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us to pray. We will follow the *Mom's In Touch* format of praising God for a specific attribute through Scripture reading, confession, thanksgiving and dividing into small groups for specific prayer. Plan to join us for one or all of the Thursdays in January. The 7,14,21, and 28 from 10:00-11:30 in rooms A/B at church.



Book of the Month

The Christ in Christmas, The Christmas story evokes many touching images. Halos, fresh hay, shepherds carrying newborn lambs and young motherhood in blue homespun. It's enough to bring tears to the eyes of Christmastime churchgoers. But the Christmas story is more than sentimental - it is powerful. It deals with real people, it involves pain and it is one the most strikingly unusual stories in all of history. Above all, its main emphasis is not on the infancy of Jesus but on the deity of Jesus - and why that deity took the form of an infant. In this collection of Christmas insights, Dr. James Montgomery Boice emphasizes the incredible implications of one of our favorite true stories: the Creator of the universe choosing to live among the people of Earth. The Christ story has deep meaning today, not merely as a nice bedtime story for children or a narrative in a choral concert, but as a foundation point of your salvation and your new life in Jesus – the omnipotent, omniscient, righteous Christ of Christmas. Available in the foyer.



Adult Sunday School December, January, February

Gospel of John

Taught by Bob Woodward. Meeting in Rooms A & B

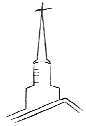
John provides vivid lessons and instructions from Jesus Christ on how to live according to God's will and what priorities are important to life.

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

DVD series team taught by Denny Bookwalter, Brian Morris, & Greg Hope. Rooms 5 & 6

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 encourage grandparents and older members to come along side the church family to assist teaching our families & children's children.*



December 20, 2009

Dr. King A. Counts
John 1:9-18

Tidings of Comfort & Joy: Grace Upon Grace

Introduction: *He became what we are that He might make us what He is.*
--Saint Athanasius, 295-373

Thesis: Know this, Christ is greater than all!

Text Notes:

1. Greatness seen - from Him we receive an abundant supply of grace (Verse 16).
2. Greatness seen - through Him the aim of the Law is realized (Verse 17).
3. Greatness seen - by Him we come to truly know the Father (Verse 18).

Conclusion

Praise Songs

Lion of Judah

Lion of Judah on the Throne
I shout your name let it be known
That you are King of Kings,
You are the Prince of Peace
May your Kingdom's reign never cease
Hail to the King! Hail to the King

Lion of Judah, come to earth
I want to thank you for your birth
For the Living Word
For your death on the tree
for the resurrection victory
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Lion of Judah, come again
Take up your throne, Jerusalem
Bring release to this earth
and the consummation
of your Kingdom's reign, let it come
Maranatha! Maranatha!

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On the Calendar

This Week

Sunday Dec 20 Choir rehearsal 4:30
Dominion Brass, 6pm
Thursday Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
6:30pm

Office closed Thursday & Friday

Here I Am To Worship John 12:45,46

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

Chorus:

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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.

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 Leadership page in the 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

December

Gospel of John
Taught by Bob Woodward. Rm A/B

Parenting: Essentials of Discipline
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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	Dave Lepley	Lay Leader	Pete Davis
Piano AM	Karin Apgar	Piano AM	Nancy Egolf
	PM	PM	Katie Irwin
SS Nursery	Sue Seitz	SS Nursery	Ginny Hertzler
AM Nursery	Sue Hope, Beth Armstrong	AM Nursery	Christy Hope, Kate Semancik
	Emilie Rudder		Kathryn Trainum
PM Nursery	Valerie Miller	PM Nursery	Ginny Hertzler
Greeter	Greg & Sue Hope	Greeter	Greg & Sue Hope
Ushers	Greg Hope, Greg Mauchamer	Ushers	Greg Hope, Greg Mauchamer
	Dennis Bookwalter, Jim Hertzler		Dennis Bookwalter, Jim Hertzler
Counters	Todd Jennings, Phil Shaw	Counters	John Hope, Scott Hertzler

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