

## Communion Preparation

For the Week: Dec 28 – Jan 3, 2010

The Master (Teacher)

Dear Friends, We enter into the beginning of the New Year, so let us prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper by considering our Lord as the "Master."

Monday, Dec 28 – See John 9:49-50 – What does Jesus here teach us about groups outside of our circle who revere his name (See also: Mark 9:39). How can we avoid a proud churchly scowl against groups that yet honor the name of Christ though separate from us? Let us ask God that we not fall into elitism as we seek to maintain purity.

Tuesday, Dec 29 – See Malachi 1:6-9 – When Malachi confronts the priests about dishonoring God's name and not treating him as Master, they reply with "How have we despised your name?" How does this reveal zeal to protect themselves more than a heart of repentance? Let us pray and ask God to help us be genuine about honoring Him.

Wednesday, Dec 30 – Observe Ephesians 6:5-9 – What does this verse teach us about those who are in authority? Do you remember that your Master is in heaven and how much we depend upon His good graces?

Thursday, Dec 31 – Turn to Colossians 4:1 - What effect do you think it has had upon cultures since the time of Paul and the Roman Empire that Christianity has taught that those in authority should be careful how they treat subordinates? Is this something we should give thanks for?

Friday, Jan 1 – Read Luke 8:43-48 - AUGUSTINE long ago said, *multitudes still come similarly close to Christ in the means of grace, but all to no purpose, being only sucked into the crowd.* But, keep in mind this woman touched him with faith. Where is your faith?

Saturday, Jan 2 – Read John 13:12-20 – Jesus was a higher level than the disciples but teaches them by His example to serve with humility. How are we suppose to teach humility and service by our example? We need to ask the Lord to help us grow in this way.

## Reflection

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-19

"Our lives are so chaotic because in our arrogance we dwell on how *our* plans have been skewed. God had plans too." Timothy J. Keller

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 71:1-3

\*Hymn:

*Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!*

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Opening Prayer

\*The Apostle's Creed

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*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.*

*The third day he rose again from the dead.*

*He ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*

*From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Musical Offering

*How Many Kings?*

Sharon Schaefer

Follow the star to a place unexpected  
Would you believe after all we've projected  
A child in a manger Lowly and small,  
the weakest of all Unlikeliest hero,  
wrapped in his mother's shawl,  
Just a child, is this who we've waited for?

*Chorus:* How many kings stepped down from their thrones,  
How many Lords have abandoned their homes,  
How many greats have become the least for me  
And how many Gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that's been torn all apart  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me

Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior  
All that we have whether costly or meek  
Because we believe Gold for his honor  
and frankincense for his pleasure  
And myrrh for the cross he'll suffer  
Do you believe, is this who we've waited for?  
*Chorus*  
Bridge: Only one did that for me, oh, all for me,  
all for you, all for me, all for you  
*Chorus*

Pastoral Prayer

**Congregation Amen!**

\*Psalm

*Jehovah's Perfect Law*

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Tune: Millennium, 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

**Ephesians 4:17-20**

**Congregation Amen! Thanks Be to God.**

Preaching of the Word

*Unafraid of Drawing Contrasts*

Pastor King Counts

\*Hymn

*Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night*

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\*Closing Prayer & Postlude

*\*those who are able please stand*



**Bible & Song Hour 6:00pm**

Please come back for this evening as we hear a message from John 4:16-26 entitled:  
*Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth.*

1 Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century.

2 By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces two truths. Firstly, Jesus received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Secondly, Jesus experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

3 The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographic or language barrier.

## Announcements



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

### **New Time for Morning Worship**

Starting next Sunday 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. *Committee reports due on January 4<sup>th</sup>.*

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

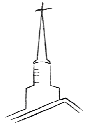
Please remember to take your poinsettias home.

**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.



December 27, 2009

Dr. King A. Counts  
Ephesians 4:17-20  
*Unafraid of Drawing Contrasts*

Introduction:

Thesis:

Text Notes:

Conclusion

## **Praise Songs**

Awesome God *Deuteronomy 10:16-22*

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above,  
with wisdom power and love.  
Our God is an awesome God

I Lift My Eyes Up *Psalm 121:1-2*

I lift my eyes up unto the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from you, Lord  
Maker of heaven, ruler of all the earth

Oh, how I need you, Lord  
You are my only hope  
You are my only prayer  
To come and rescue me  
To come and give me life

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Give us clean hands *Psalm 24*

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
O Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
O Lord we cast down our idols

CHORUS:

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
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Let us not lift our souls to another

O God let us be a generation that seeks  
that seeks your face O God of Jacob  
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## **On the Calendar**

### **This Week**

Friday Jan 1, *Office closed New Year's Day*

Sunday Jan 3, Flock Shepherd 6pm

## 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*  
DVD series team taught by Denny Bookwalter, Brian Morris, & Greg Hope. Rms 5/6

### 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	Pete Davis	Lay Leader	Bill Mauchamer
Piano AM	Nancy Egolf	Piano AM	
	PM	PM	
SS Nursery	Ginny Hertzler	SS Nursery	Barb Mauchamer
AM Nursery	Christy Hope, Kate Semancik	AM Nursery	Stephanie Coulson, Ginny Hertzler
	Kathryn Trainum		Christy Jennings
PM Nursery	Ginny Hertzler	PM Nursery	Kathy Apgar
Greeter	Greg & Sue Hope	Greeter	Randy & Linda Hackenburg
Ushers	Greg Hope, Greg Mauchamer	Ushers	
	Dennis Bookwalter, Jim Hertzler		
Counters	John Hope, Scott Hertzler	Counters	Bob Gay, Phil Shaw

## Small Groups

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