

Preparation for Communion

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ to refrain from partaking until doing so.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Prayer of Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Believing on Jesus

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Struggling Against Sin

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

Reflection

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2

“The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God's [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.” Jan L. Richardson

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 27:1-4

*Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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*Opening Prayer

Advent Reading

Isaiah 7:7-15

Musical Offering

Brass Trio

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

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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

John 1:6-13

Preaching of the Word

The True Light: Reception or Rejection?
Pastor King Counts

*Psalm

Lord, Remember Now for David
Tune: Rathbun, *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*
From the *Book of Psalms for Singing*

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Observance of the Lord's Supper

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10:9,10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Deacon's Offering

*Hymn

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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*Closing Prayer

Postlude

**those who are able please stand*

Gifts for Jesus 6:00pm

We invite you to return this evening as members and friends share a musical selection, a reading, word of testimony, and the singing of carols in gratitude for the coming of Christ.



The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace. *Westminster Shorter Catechism #96*

Announcements

December Celebrations

This evening, December 6 Gifts for Jesus, 6pm.

Members and friends share a musical selection, a word of testimony, or poem, in gratitude for the coming of Christ.

Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 13, 6pm

Dominion Brass Sunday, December 20, 6pm

Candlelight Service Thursday, December 24 6:30pm

Truck Stop Cookies We filled a total of 128 bags of cookies last week! 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 **tonight** (last chance!) 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.

By Faith Magazine subscription. By Faith is the PCA periodical. 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.*

Adult Sunday School December, January, February

Gospel of John

Taught by Bob Woodward. Meeting in Rooms 5,6

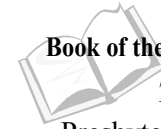
John provides vivid lessons and instructions from Jesus Christ on how to live according to God's will and what priorities are important to life.

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

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



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.

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.

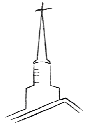
Remember our *Baby Food Goal*

Project Share relies on us as one of their only donators of baby food.

They are especially in need of stage 1 food.



Fibromyalgia Support Meeting - Do you or does someone you know struggle with Fibromyalgia? Would you like to get together with others to encourage each other, ask questions and learn more about coping with it? After a meaningful first meeting, we are meeting again this Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00-8:30 at the church. All are welcome to attend.



December 6, 2009

Dr. King A. Counts

John 1:6-13

The True Light: Reception or Rejection

Introduction: Someone has said, “No one switches on a flashlight in an area flooded by direct sunlight. We put on the light in order to dispel darkness. It is the darkness that makes the light necessary.

Thesis: We ought to receive the true Light of Christ.

Text Notes:

1. He was the “true” Light (Verses 9)
2. His light was rejected by most (Verses 10-11)
3. His light was received by a few (Verses 12-13)

Conclusions

Praise Songs

Glory To His Name *Psalm 29:2*

Down at the cross where my Savior died
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name

Glory to His name, Glory to His name
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name

I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within
There at the cross where He took me in
Glory to His name

There is None Like You *Psalm 86:8*

Chorus: There is none like you
No one else can touch my heart like you do
I could search for all eternity, Lord
And find there is none like you.

Your mercies flow like a river wide
Healing comes from your hands
Suffering children are safe in your arms
There is none like you *Chorus*

To God *Revelation 5:12-14*

To God who sits upon the throne
We sing eternal praise
To the Lamb for our salvation
Our song of joy we raise

All blessing and glory
Wisdom, thanksgiving
Honor and power and might
Belongs to our God
Belongs to our God
It all belongs to our God
Forever and ever

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On the Calendar

This Week

Tuesday	Dec 8	Fibromyalgia Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday	Dec 9	Small Group at the Kauffman's, 7pm
Thursday	Dec 10	Men's 8am Bible Study Women's Bible Study Brunch Downtown Small Group, 7pm
Friday	Dec 11	Office Closed

On Schedule

Sunday	Dec 13	Youth at Coulson's after am service Lessons & Carols, 6pm
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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 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. Rms 5/6

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	Bill Kauffman	Lay Leader	Norm McDonald
Piano AM	Sharon Schaefer	Piano AM	Katie Irwin
	PM	PM	Kris Bell
SS Nursery	Karen Crutcher	SS Nursery	Becky Davis
AM Nursery	Lisa Rudder, Liz Bogaczyk	AM Nursery	Nancy Bookwalter, Karen Hope
	Emily Dorsey		Caroline Rudder
PM Nursery	Kathy Apgar	PM Nursery	Linda Hackenburg
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	Dave Bell, Scott McCarroll	Counters	Norm Fortney, Greg Mauchamer

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
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