

Welcome!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will worship with us again! Please help us get to know you by filling out the friendship pad (located in the pew) during the welcome. Be sure to check out the "New to Us?" card in the pew rack for information about our worship service, children in worship, who we are, and more! Prayer request cards can be found in the pew and are used to share concerns with the prayer chain and/or the pastor.

Prayer Concerns

Illness: Nancy Burroughs, Chuck Ridgeway, Waldo Renich

Serving in the Military: Col. Bryan J. Laske, U.S. Army; Matt Scherr, National Guard; Lt. Michael Thomas, Navy; Ryan Thomas; Sgt. Zachary Thomas; Lt. Jim Six, USAF; Todd Stubbs.

Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every member of the congregation!

Pastor: The Rev. Scott W. Hoffman

Music Director: Joy Exner

Accompanist: Lorri Yawney

Communications Coordinator: Katie Foster

Preschool Director: Heather Gallagher

Facilities and Property Manager: Tito Baca

Nursery Attendants: Laura Holderman, Allison Miller

Bell Choir Director: Sally Berlowitz

Sunday Experience Director: Jane Preston

LOGOS Director: Carrie Jenkins

Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg

Moderator of Deacons: Marilyn Mills

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Asst. Treasurer: Bill Anderson

Calendar:

Sun 25	West Virginia Mission Trip 10:30 Worship 12:00 Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22 2:00 Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 26	9:30 Women's Bible, Committee Room 6:15 Kickboxing Class, Rm. 18 and 21 7:00 Boy Scout Eagle Board, Committee Room 7:30 BSA Leader, FH
Tue 27	11:00 Bible Basics, Committee Room 2:00 TVIH Discussion, Committee Room 7:00 Boy Scouts, FH and Downstairs Classrooms
Wed 28	7:00 Great Light PC, Rm. 21
Thurs 29	10:00 Shawl Ministry, Committee Room 7:00 Cub Scouts, Downstairs Classrooms 7:30 Trinity Choir, Sanctuary
Sat 1	9:00 Men's Breakfast, Mimi's Cafe 12:00 Music Director, Sanctuary



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. H. Sorenson

Welcome and Announcements Todd Stubbs

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

L: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

P: whose hope is in the Lord their God.

L: The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations.

P: Praise the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we confess that your love is oftentimes too heavy a burden. It asks of us more patience, more trust than we think we can bear; and it nudges us into relationships and responsibilities we would prefer to shun. We confess that because your love is this way, a love so clearly revealed in Jesus, we tend to resist it or distort it, in order that we may remain in charge ourselves. O God, forgive our presumption. Enable us by your Spirit to embrace love's demands like the yoke that it is; and in doing so, may we discover your life and energy pulsating within us, and leading us into your new tomorrow; in Jesus Christ. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response – 447

We Are Forgiven

We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en.
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Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Marilyn Mills

Word in Music

There Is None Like You/I Love You, Lord

arr. J. Purifoy

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalms 103:8-18

Luke 15:1-10

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L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

At the End of Our Search

Rev. Bob Culp

**Hymn – 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Offertory

O, How I Love Jesus with I Love You, Lord

arr. C. Tornquist

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship You, Oh, my soul rejoice!

Take joy my King, in what You hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

**Doxology – 710

We Lift Our Voices

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

**Hymn – 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

**Benediction

**Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. V. Labenske

This morning elder Maha Davies will be at the front of the sanctuary after worship to welcome you and answer questions about our congregation.

Thank you to Matthew Ueckermann for operating the sound board today!

Music Notes this Week

One of the scriptural references for the prelude piece, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, is Psalm 67:3: *May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.* What an uplifting way to begin our worship time together than with the words, written by Joachim Neander in the late 1600s: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration."

The Word in Music blends two worship songs, *There Is None Like You* and *I Love You, Lord*. The first song was written by Lenny LeBlanc in 1994, who wrote, "There is none like You, no one else can touch my heart like You do. I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You." He wrote pop music for most of his life. A friend of his called him one evening and told him he had accepted Jesus as his savior. The friend sent LeBlanc a Bible and he started to read it. As he did, he said he started crying out to God for forgiveness and to come into his heart. He began to write praise songs, including this one. Here is what he wrote about the piece: "The second line of 'There Is None Like You' says, 'No one else can touch my heart like You do.' That's where God touches us - in our hearts, in our spirits, and nobody else can do that like He does. There's thousands of ways in which there's none like Him, but that's the one way I wanted to convey: 'No one else can touch my heart like You do. I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.'" "No person, no thing, no amount of money, no fame. I don't care what you put up against it, it doesn't even hold up."

The words for the closing hymn, *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*, were written by Frances Havergal in the 1800s. She called this hymn "A Worker's Prayer." She said that she recognized that what we do to serve Him we do not do with our own strength; rather it is how we respond to God's work within us. He speaks to us so that we may speak to others. He seeks after us so that we may seek after others.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full list of upcoming events, visit www.cmpcusa.org/events



Welcome Back, Reverend Culp!

Stepping into the pulpit in Reverend Hoffman's absence today is Reverend Bob Culp. Rev. Culp is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1975 (in Biblical Studies) and his Master of Theology Degree in 1992 (in Homiletics). He served parishes in Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut before his retirement in October, 2013. He and Kathy, his wife of over 40 years and fellow classmate at Westminster College, now reside in Woodstock, MD ... very close to the new Administrative Offices of Howard County Library (in Ellicott City) where Kathy serves as a Data Services Specialist (Librarian). Rev. Culp and Kathy are parents to three grown daughters and grandparents to three grandchildren.

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

Monday, September 26th at 9:30 a.m. in the Committee Room

Come join the Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group! The group meets from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month during September through May. We will be using Beth Moore's Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy in our study this year. The women of the group enjoy a time together for study, prayer, fellowship, mission outreach activities, as well as field trips. New ladies are warmly welcomed and greatly encouraged to come join a Christ-centered, fun loving group of ladies. Please contact Miriam Miller at 410 531-6528, e-mail: jtmillerj@verizon.net, for more details



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 1st at 9am at Mimi's Cafe

Join the men of CMPC for fellowship and food at the Men's Breakfast! All men over 18 are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

First Fridays

Friday, October 7th from 6-9 p.m.

Attention all parents of young children! Enjoy a night out while the High Schoolers watch your kids! Use this time for a date night, shopping, dinner with friends, or just a relaxing night alone! \$15.00 for the first child, \$8 for each additional child. Call Heather Barham at 443-878-0213 with questions.

New Member Class

Sunday, October 9th at 11:30 a.m.

If you feel that CMPC is a place where you would like to put down roots and become more fully involved in the life of the church, you are welcome to attend our New Members Class. Those who attend the class and choose to join will be received into the membership of the church during worship the following Sunday, October 16th.

During the class you will have the opportunity to learn about our church and our tradition, get to know some of the leadership of the church, and form bonds with others who have decided to move into membership as well. If you would like to join us for the class, please RSVP by Monday, October 3rd by calling the church office at 410-997-8011. A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available upon request. When calling to RSVP for the class, please indicate if you will need childcare.