

# 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; Sarah Theeke, USAF.

## Staff & Leadership

**Ministers:** Every member of the congregation!

**Pastor:** The Rev. Scott W. Hoffman

**Music Director:** Joy Exner

**Accompanist:** Lorri Yawney

**Communications Coordinator:** Kathleen Smith

**Preschool Director:** Heather Gallagher

**Facilities and Property Manager:** Tito Baca

**Nursery Attendants:** Laura Holderman, Allison Miller

**Bell Choir Director:** Sally Berlowitz

**Sunday Experience Director:** Donna Ueckermann

**LOGOS Director:** Carrie Jenkins

**Clerk of Session:** Janene Holzberg

**Moderator of Deacons:** Ashlee Hoffman

**Treasurer:** Tom Mawhinney

## Calendar:

Sun 10	10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting 12:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21,22 2:00 Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 11	9:30 Women's Bible Study, CR 6:15 Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21
Tues 12	11:00 Bible Basics, CR 1:30 Piano Tuning 6:30 Ministry Expansion Committee, CR 7:00 Boy Scouts
Wed 13	5:00 LOGOS 7:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21 8:00 Bells of Joy
Thur 14	10:00 Shawl Ministry, Committee Room 6:00 Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms 7:00 New Officer Training, CR 7:30 Choir Practice
Sat 16	9:00 Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary, FH 11:00 Music Director, Sanctuary



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### Worship Music this Week:

Today's Word in Music is the third in a series of "Jesus" anthems leading up to the cantata (title: *Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah*). The first anthem, on Christ the King Sunday, was *Jesus, Only Jesus*, the second, last Sunday, was *Come, Thou Jesu*.

The accompaniment for the Word in Music this week, *Come, Lord Jesus, Dwell Among Us*, is from Bach's Cantata No. 140, written in 1731. The text for the anthem is from Charles Wesley's *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, written in 1744. Arranger Lloyd Larson has added an original tune and a few of his own words to the piece.

The hymn after the sermon today, *Prepare the Way, O Zion*, is based on a message from Matthew 3: 1-3 by John the Baptist. God sent him to set the stage for the coming of Jesus as the savior of the world (long after God declared: I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness . . .) The reading from His word: In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."

It was John who told of the One to come, the Messiah, the One who would send the Holy Spirit to those he baptized.



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**December 10, 2017, 10:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday of Advent**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

**Prelude** *Every Valley Shall Be Exalted* (from *Messiah*) arr. E. Lund  
*Isaiah 40: 4: Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:  
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain . . .*

### Welcome and Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** The Pettit Family

**Response- 92** *While We Are Waiting, Come*  
Verse 1

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**\*\*Call to Worship** Don Neely

L: A voice cries in the wilderness,

**P: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear.**

L: Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.

**P: For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."**

L: Let us worship God!

**\*\*Hymn – 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### \*\*Silent Prayer of Confession

### \*\*Common Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. 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.  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**Moment with Children**

*Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience*

Allen Exner

**Word in Music**

*Come, Lord Jesus, Dwell Among Us*  
with Kathryn Schatz, violin

arr. L. Larson

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Micah 5: 2-5a  
Luke 1: 39-55

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L: The Word of the Lord.  
P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Unassuming Roots

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn – 100**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

**Offertory**

*He Shall Feed His Flock (from Messiah)* by G.F. Handel; arr. L Leatherman  
*Isaiah 40:11: He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm,  
and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.*

**\*\*Doxology – 710**

*We Lift Our Voices*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)**

**\*\*Hymn – 106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

**\*\*Benediction**

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

Thank you to Jeff Bruce for operating the sound board this week!

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full list of upcoming events, visit [www.cmpcusa.org/events](http://www.cmpcusa.org/events)

**Congregational Meeting  
Today, Following Worship**

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship today for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Christmas Cantata  
Sunday, December 17th during worship**

The Christmas cantata, *Jesus, The Advent of The Messiah* by Mary McDonald will be offered during worship on December 17th. It is a beautiful work that tells how the significant events surrounding Christ’s birth still impact us today. He was a baby sent to change everything. He was Jesus! Come with us as we celebrate this High and Holy One, the Name above all names - this mighty King who reigns over heaven and earth. Let’s celebrate the season of His birth and honor the gift of a Savior - our Savior - Jesus!



**Women for Women**

**Sunday, December 17th from 3-5 p.m**

Join the women of CMPC as we gather at Jan Keister’s home (8391 Sweet Cherry Lane, Laurel) for Christmas fellowship and to wrap presents for a deserving local family. Sue Ashman is coordinating the gift buying for those who wish to participate. We are looking for donations of extra giftwrap and baked goods for this event. Drinks and light snacks will be provided. RSVPs are helpful but not necessary (womenforwomen@cmpcusa.org). Stop by for all or part of the time as your schedule allows. As always, this activity is open to all women of the church.



**Longest Night Service**

**Sunday, December 17th at 5 p.m.**

“The most wonderful time of the year” can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

**Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 17th at 6 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of caroling through the Allview community. Afterwards, we’ll come back to the church for pizza and hot chocolate!



**Care and Wellness Committee**

If you have a friend, family member, or know of someone that needs a little cheer and would like them to receive a card from “their friends at CMPC”, please email [carecards@cmpcusa.org](mailto:carecards@cmpcusa.org) with their name and address. CMPC’s Care and Wellness Committee will see to it that they receive a caring card from “their CMPC friends” or “their CMPC family”. CMPC cares!



**Congregational Birthday Bash  
Sunday, January 28th Following Worship**

It’s almost time for our annual Congregational Birthday Bash! Join us following the worship service as we celebrate the birthdays of everyone in our church with a pizza and cake party. The Fellowship Committee is looking for 12 people to provide a decorated cake, one for each month of the year. Please contact Cindy Pettit at 301-490-7304 or [cindycpettit@gmail.com](mailto:cindycpettit@gmail.com) if you can help.

### **Rebuilding Together Howard County**

The national Rebuild Day will be April 28, 2018. CMPC has participated for the past four years. In order to participate in 2018 a volunteer House Captain is needed to lead our effort. The duties of the House Captain are as follows:

1. Attend the house captain meetings preceding the April 28 workday;
2. Select the house to be repaired;
3. Start assembling a team to do the work, especially one or two co-leaders (two is best);
4. Visit the house with at least one of the co-leaders to determine what work is to be performed and make a list of materials and tools needed;
5. Complete the assembly of the team.

A volunteer House Captain is needed by February 1, 2018, if CMPC wants to participate.

Please contact BJ Walworth, [bjwalworth@hotmail.com](mailto:bjwalworth@hotmail.com) or 410.300.0242 to volunteer.



### **Sign Up Now to Volunteer with CMPC's Cold Weather Shelter!**

CMPC will be hosting the homeless guests from Grassroots the week between Christmas and New Years – which, due to both holidays occurring on Mondays this year, will be from Tuesday evening, December 26th through Tuesday morning, January 2nd.

There are many tasks that need to be done for this mission. We are fortunate that many people have already agreed to serve – but we need your help, too.

Tasks that you can help with include preparing and serving meals for an evening; assisting with assembling items for their bag lunches; volunteering to be here for an evening or an overnight shift; or, help arrange for movies or games to be available after the guests have their meal. Another need is providing transportation for the guests one or more evenings from the Columbia Mall at 5:45 PM, or back to the Mall in the mornings – usually at 7:00 AM.

Online signup is now available at <http://signup.com/go/okGORhm>. Please choose a task you are willing to help with and the date and time. CWS volunteers will also be available on Sundays following worship in the connecting hallway to answer any questions you might have and to assist with the signups as needed.

This service can be a life-changing experience – not only for our guests, but for us, too. Please sign up to help those in need.

If you have any questions, please contact CMPC's CWS Coordinator, Jeff Seymour, at [jjseymour2@address4email.net](mailto:jjseymour2@address4email.net) or on 443-562-4744.