

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 pew pad during the welcome.

Welcome cards may be used to share requests for prayer, or other information, with the pastor and/or the church.

The nursery, for those in kindergarten or younger, is located on the first floor of the sanctuary wing. You may bring your young ones there before or during the service.

CMPC Mission Statement

Grateful to God for his constant loving presence and guided by his Word, we are called to be a people who praise God in worship and in our daily lives, grow Biblically and spiritually in our life together, reach out as witnesses of Jesus Christ, serving those in need, and share Christ's love with one another and everyone we meet.

Prayer Concerns

Illness: Nancy Burroughs, Chuck Ridgeway

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: Missy Sullivan

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: Andrew Exner

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

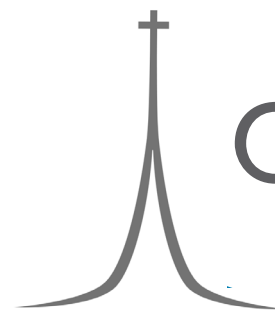
Asst. Treasurer: Bill Anderson

Worship Music this Week:

The prelude, *O Come, Little Children*, is a German carol written by Christoph von Schmid in 1794. The first verse says, "Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all. To Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall. And see with rejoicing this glorious sight, Our Father in heaven has sent us this night."

The offertory music, a bell anthem titled *Advent Meditation*, is an arrangement of three Christmas season carols: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, and *Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night*.

The postlude: *Sing We Now of Christmas*, is a traditional French carol Noel Nouvelet, written in the 15th century. The first verse with refrain says: "Sing we now of Christmas, noel sing we here. Sing our grateful praises to the maid so dear. Sing we Noel! The King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we here, Noel!"



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 13, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday in Advent

(Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.)

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

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Order of Worship

Prelude *O Come, Little Children* arr. D. Bish

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle The Ashman family

Response- (see insert) *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship** Hyiwot Teshome

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 105** *People Look East*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.



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****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 – 93**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

Christmas Pageant- (see insert)

****Hymn – 92**

While We Are Waiting, Come

Offertory

*Advent Meditation (Veni Emmanuel, Picardy, and Aberystwyth)
Bells of Joy*

arr. D. Wagner

****Doxology-**

Doxology

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

****Hymn – 102**

Savior of the Nations, Come

****Benediction**

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. C. Tournquist

Thank you to John McPherson for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements

ONLY 3 WEEKS LEFT. DON’T MISS THIS CHANCE! Cold Weather Shelter is December 28th to January 3rd

Sign ups are underway for the cold weather shelter! Be sure to make your choice of tasks and days on the sign up poster outside of the sanctuary. Join us for a busy and full week which spreads the joy of Christmas to others. In addition this year, we would like a Snow Emergency list of people with 4 wheel drive or who live close to the church and can fill in if guests are not able to leave. We have not had a snow issue in our 11 years, but we need to be prepared. For more information contact Jane Wall 301-490-8554 or ludditejane@gmail.com.

Christmas Food Drive

CMPC and the LOGOS youth will be collecting food through December for the Oakland Mills Village Food Giveaway program. Some needed items to give are peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, bags of rice, bags of beans, cereals, juice boxes, snack items (granola bars, jello, etc), pastas, sauces, baby items and toiletries. A bin for donations, with a full list of needed items, is located in the reception area of the church. Thank you for your Christmas spirit in donating to the community food drive.



Warm and Cozy Winter Drive

Cold weather has come and so has the need for warm clothes. Once again this Christmas season the LOGOS youth are collecting gloves, mittens and hats for children in need in our community. There is also a request for men’s gloves. A collection basket is located at the welcome center. Thank you for your donation.

Medicine Bottles for Malawi

The LOGOS youth are collecting empty label-free containers for their mission project to help the people of Malawi, Africa. Pharmacies and hospitals in Malawi often have nothing except torn pieces of paper in which to wrap medicine for their patients. Donations of containers that we would just be throwing away would help to keep their medicines clean, out of the reach of small children, and safe while they are being used.

Please remove the label and glue from prescription and over-the-counter containers. This can be done by peeling off the labels or by placing the containers in boiling water until you are able to easily remove the labels and glue. Make sure the inside of the container is wiped clean. There is a collection box for the containers in the reception area of the church. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile project.

Do you have an event or announcement to share? Whether it’s for the Sunday Bulletin, the E-News, the Herald, or all of the above, we’ve got you covered. Submit your content at www.cmpcusa.org/announcementrequest

Ministry Expansion BRIDGE™

BRIDGE™ is the follow up program to our *Grounded in Faith. Growing to Serve* capital campaign. Through BRIDGE™, we will share ministry expansion updates and progress through social media, blogging, and more. For more information on what BRIDGE™ stands for and how to stay updated, visit www.cmppcapitalcampaign.org/bridge or use your smartphone to scan the adjacent QR code!

