

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.

Sunday Experience is our Sunday morning program for potty-trained preschoolers and K-2nd graders who we walk downstairs to their rooms following the Moment with the Children each Sunday during worship. Parents pick up their children immediately after worship. Children third grade and older stay in worship with a parent. Worship bags are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

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

Calendar

Sun 20	10:30	Worship
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
	5:00	Longest Night Service, Sanctuary
	6:00	Christmas Caroling, FH and Kitchen
Mon 21	6:15	Kickboxing, Rm. 18, 21
	7:00	Session, FH
Tues 22	11:00	Bible Basics
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and Lower Level
	7:00	New Officer Orientation, Rm. 21
Wed 23	5:00	LOGOS
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21
	8:00	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs 24	5:00	Family Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
	8:30	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Fri 25		Church Office Closed
Sat 26	12:00	Music Director, Sanctuary
Sun 27	10:30	Worship
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH

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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 20, 2015, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent

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

This morning elder Bob Ashman 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 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice/ Masters in This Hall* arr. D. Torrans

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle The Woodland family

Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel



Chords: C /E F Dm G C(add2) /B
Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,
Am A/C# Dm7 G G7 C
his name is called Em - man - u - el.
C/E F Dm G7 C(add2) /B
God with us, re - vealed in us,
Am A/C# Dm G G7 C (F/C)
his name is called Em - man - u - el.

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Scott Hoffman

L: There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations

P: **When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear**

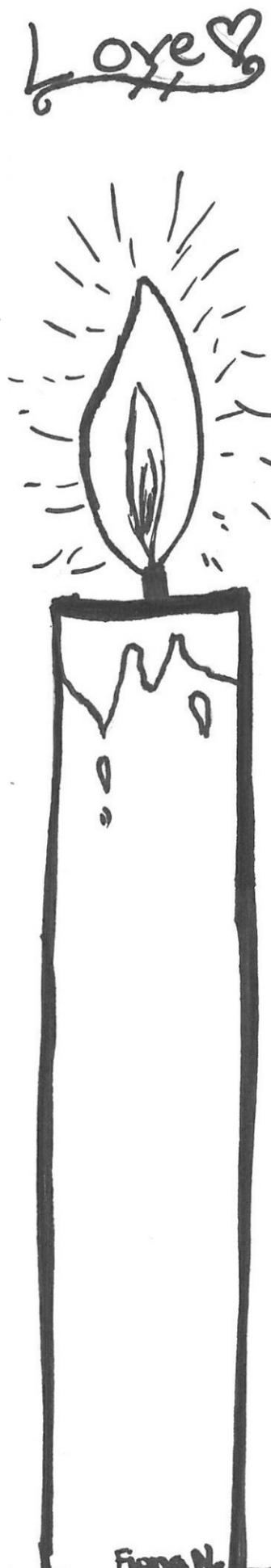
L: But when you see these things, lift up your heads

P: **our redemption is drawing near!**

L: Heaven and earth may pass away,

P: **but the Word of God will stand unshaken**

L: Let us worship God!



****Hymn** - see insert *A Tribute of Carols* arr. H. Sorenson

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 – 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.*

Moment with Children Liz Perraud
Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Cantata *The Silence and the Sound* by H. Sorenson

Offertory *People Look East* arr. L. Larson

****Doxology** *Doxology*

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

****Benediction**

Postlude *Shout! Sing Hallelujah!* arr. H. Sorenson

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Barb Schmehl in honor of her grandson Hunter Somerville on his graduation from UMBC.

Upcoming Events

Longest Night Service
Today, Sunday, December 20th 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
Today, Sunday, December 20th 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!

Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24th at 5 p.m.
This service features a favorite tradition at CMPC, the participatory retelling of the Christmas Story, as well as carols and scripture readings. This is a more casual service and though it is appropriate for all ages, children in particular are encouraged to attend.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24th at 8:30 p.m.
For our evening service, there will be plenty of carol singing as well as special music from our choir. The service will conclude with the singing of *Silent Night* by candlelight!

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

Announcements

Cold Weather Shelter 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 coldweathershelter@cmpcusa.org

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.

Bulletin Artwork
This week’s bulletin artwork is by Fiona Neely.

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