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; Sqt. 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 24 10:30 Worship

12:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21,22

5:00 Family Worship 8:30 Traditional Worship

Mon 25 Merry Christmas!

Tues 26 6:00 Cold Weather Shelter begins

Wed 27 6:00 Cold Weather Shelter

Thur 28 6:00 Cold Weather Shelter

Fri 29 6:00 Cold Weather Shelter

Sat 30 6:00 Cold Weather Shelter



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude Once in Royal David's City arr. A. Whitworth

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent CandlesBob and Shelley Clemens

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 Allen Exner

L: We gather in preparation

P: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

L: We gather in expectation

P: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

L: We gather in celebration

P: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

L: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

****Hymn** – 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your 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



Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in MusicGod Is WIth Us
Ashlee Hoffman, solo

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures2 Samuel 7:8-13OT Page 281Matthew 1:1-17NT Page 1

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Family Tree Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** – 105 People Look East

Offertory Sweet Little Jesus Boy by R. MacGimsey

Allen Exner, solo

****Doxology** – 710 We Lift Our Voices

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

****Hymn** – 83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Benediction

Postlude O How Joyfully/Joy to the World arr. C. Berry

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

Thank you to Bill Ryder for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Sunday Experience

Are you aware of our Sunday Experience program at CMPC? Sunday Experience is a special program just for children during the Worship Service. The program is held year-round and all children in preschool through second grade are welcome. We are looking for more teachers to serve the children of our church. If you have a child in the program or some experience working with children consider signing up to teach for one month out of the year or a few weeks in the summer. We would really like to add to our group of adult teachers. Please email Donna Ueckermann for more information: ukes4@comcast.net

Offering Envelopes

Allen Exner

Boxes of numbered offering envelopes for the 2018 general fund are available in the connecting hallway for those who have requested them. If you don't see a box with your name on it and would like a box, please contact Bill Anderson, 410-707-4054, billanderson8@gmail.com.



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 if you can help.

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 or on 443-562-4744.