

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 3 10:30 Worship/Communion
12:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21,22
2:00 Pakistani Worship, FH
5:00 GIFT
Mon 4 6:15 Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21
6:30 Committee Night
Tues 5 11:00 Bible Basics, CR
1:00 Staff Meeting, CR
7:00 Boy Scouts, FH and downstairs
Wed 6 5:00 LOGOS
7:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21
8:00 Bells of Joy
Thur 7 10:00 Shawl Ministry, Committee Room
1:00 Piano tuning
6:00 Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms
7:30 Choir Practice
Sat 9 8:30 Men's Breakfast, Bob Evans
10:00 Violin Recital, FH
11:00 Music Director, Sanctuary



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Worship Music this Week:
The words for the prelude piece, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, were written for Advent by Charles Wesley in 1744. The tune (with words) will also be heard during the Word in Music today. The organ arrangement by Mark Kellner is a playful, dance-like arrangement of the hymn tune Hyfrydol.

The opening hymn, *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*, is an Advent hymn written in 1642 by Georg Weisdel, a German scholar, teacher and pastor, who took inspiration from the words of King David in Psalm 24. We rejoice through this hymn because of His arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

The Word in Music, *Come, Thou Jesu*, pairs Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* with the Advent tune and text of *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*. The arranger has written new words in some portions (but keeping the "traditional" words in most of the piece); however, the melodies are well-known. The anthem has the quality of a petition - a prayer that implores Christ to be among us.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 3, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. M. Kellner
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the First Advent Candle The Board Family
Response- 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come Verse 1*
Advent Anthem *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying* arr. R. Mallory
Bells of Joy (Philipp Nicolai 1599)
Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; Awake, Jerusalem, arise!
Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: **And also with you.**
****Call to Worship** Todd Stubbs
L: Rejoice in the Lord always.
P: **We will say it again: Rejoice!**
L: Let your gentleness be evident to all.
P: **The Lord is near.**
L: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God!
****Hymn - 93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*
****Silent Prayer of Confession**
****Common Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, seduced by the lure of consumer goods, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, in the world. Make us better doorkeepers of our lives, watching for you attentively. Awaken us to your surprising power and glory and peace, so we do not miss how near you are to our very own gates. Be gracious toward us, we pray, until we are gathered, from the ends of earth to the ends of heaven, into your embrace. We pray in the name of Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. 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

Marilyn Mills

Word in Music

Come, Thou Jesu
with Jennifer Seinfeld (cello notes)

arr. J. Purifoy

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:24-37

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

Sermon

Coming

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – 102**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten
John 1: 1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

arr. M. Hayes

****Doxology – 710**

We Lift Our Voices

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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

Sharing of Bread and Cup (Please eat and drink when you are served.)
The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

Music during Communion: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. F. Bock and L. Larson
Based on Isaiah 40:3: A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God . . ."

Prayer

****Hymn – 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

People, Look East
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

arr. L. Larson
(Eleanor Farjeon 1928)

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

Thank you to Joe Marinelli for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events
For a full list of upcoming events, visit www.cmpcusa.org/events

December GIFT

Our next GIFT event is tonight with an Advent theme. It will be held at CMPC from 5:00-7:00pm and includes dinner, Christmas carol singing, and interactive stations for children and for youth/adults. There is no charge but donations toward the meal are accepted to help defray the cost. The nursery is available after dinner for the youngest if needed. Dinner is being catered by Tino's Italian Restaurant and includes their famous garlic knots and a gluten-free pasta option? And pie for dessert!

Committee Night

Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

The next Committee Night will be tomorrow evening. Dinner will be at 6:30 and meetings begin at 7:00. Please contact Delores McBirney at deloresmcbirney@verizon.net if you will need childcare.

December Men's Breakfast

Men of the church are invited to join us for our monthly men's breakfast scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 8:30 am, at Bob Evans (4900 Beaver Run Ct, Ellicott City). RSVP to Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org) if you plan to attend.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 10, Following Worship

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, December 10 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!



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!

Women for Women

Please join us for our December Christmas gathering at Jan Keister's home on Sunday, December 17th from 3-5 pm. Feel free to drop by for all or part of the time as your busy schedule allows. All women of the church and their friends are invited.

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 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 or on 443-562-4744.

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 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!