

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:

Mon 1		Happy New Year
	2:00	Pakistani Worship
Tues 2	11:00	Bible Basics, CR
	1:00	Staff Meeting, CR
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH, classrooms
Wed 3	5:00	LOGOS Training, FH
	7:00	Great Light, Rm 21
	8:00	Bells of Joy, Sanctuary
Thur 4	10:00	Shawl Ministry, CR
	6:00	Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms
	7:30	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Fri 5	6:00	Pinewood Derby Set up, FH
Sat 6	8:00	Pinewood Derby, FH
	9:00	De-greening of church
	11:00	Music, Sanctuary



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements Don Mitchell

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world,

People: The people who walked in darkness now live in great light.

Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world,

People: The power to oppress and kill will not stand.

Unison: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:

With the angels, we sing glory to God!

With the Shepherds, we share the Good News!

With Mary, we ponder the mystery of love in this season, and give praise to the

Word that has come into the world, Emmanuel!

****Hymn – 143** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, unto whom all our hearts are like open books, we confess that we have fallen short in reflecting the perfect image in which we were first made. We have eaten our bread, but often without any concern for the hungry. We have warmed ourselves in the comfort of our homes, but have not thought about those who are cold and homeless. We have prayed and enjoyed our faith in the Lord who knew no strangers, yet we have not embraced lovingly those whose names we do not know. Forgive us, O God, and bestow upon us the mind of Christ and fill us with his Spirit. Free us to entrust into your keeping all that keeps us from fulfilling all the hopes and dreams you have for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In his name, we pray. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God's Word who is Christ Jesus does not come to condemn us.

Rather, he comes ...

to make us wise ...

to revive our souls ...

to fill us with new life ...

to forgive us and set our hearts to rejoicing.

People: God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's loving purposes.

Leader: Friends: This is the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

****Response – 447**

We Are Forgiven

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Marilyn Mills

Word in Music

Gesu Bambino
Marilyn Mills, solo

by P. Yon

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Galatians 4:4-7

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

Sermon

Christmas Homecoming

Rev. Bob Culp

****Hymn – 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
* Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Received

Offertory

What Child Is This?

arr. M. Hayes

****Doxology – 710**

We Lift Our Voices

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

****Hymn – 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

****Benediction**

Postlude

Joy to the World

arr. B. Smith

This morning elder Joe Marinelli 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



Welcome Back, Reverend Culp!

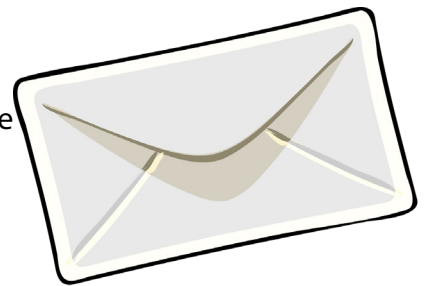
Stepping into the pulpit in Reverend Hoffman’s absence today is Reverend Bob Culp. Rev. Culp is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1975 (in Biblical Studies) and his Master of Theology Degree in 1992 (in Homiletics). He served parishes in Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut before his retirement in October, 2013. He and Kathy, his wife of over 40 years and fellow classmate at Westminster College, now reside in Woodstock, MD ... very close to the new Administrative Offices of Howard County Library (in Ellicott City) where Kathy serves as a Data Services Specialist (librarian). Rev. Culp and Kathy are parents to three grown daughters and grandparents to three grandchildren.

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

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.

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering - Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter

The Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter is a partnership with the faith community and Howard County government which provides overflow shelter from November through March. Congregations host the shelter for one or two weeks and provide volunteers for transportation, meals, laundry and to work shifts in the shelter. CMPC typically hosts our guests the week between Christmas and New Years Day, and has been doing so again this year.