

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: Cindy Pettit

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Calendar:

Sun 25 10:30 Worship
12:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21
2:00 Pakistani Worship, FH

Mon 26 6:15 Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21

Tue 27 7:00 Boy Scouts
7:30 LOGOS Leadership, CR

Wed 28 5:00 LOGOS
8:00 Bells of Joy

Thur 1 10:00 Shawl Ministry, CR
6:00 Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms
7:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sat 3 8:30 Men's Breakfast
9:00 LOGOS Training, FH
11:00 Music Director, Sanctuary



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Worship Music this Week:

The prelude and the Word in Music both have the same title - *Love Lifted Me*. The piano/organ duet is the "original" melody written in 1912. The choral anthem by Joseph Martin uses the same words in a completely different setting and set it in a minor key. The anthem is the 2nd during Lent that focuses on the love of God. It is the love of Him that can lift us!

The offertory piece, *The Wonderful Cross*, is a medley of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, composed by Isaac Watts in 1707, and *The Wonderful Cross*, composed by Chris Tomlin and Matt Redman in 2001. They used the words from the old hymn, verse for verse, and added the chorus between each of them (see text with the offertory.) The first verse is: "When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died; my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride." It is the final verse, however, that speaks to the love of God: "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a presence far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

The closing hymn, *What Wondrous Love Is This*, is an American folk hymn that was found by composer William Walker on a journey through the Appalachian region in 1811. Walker set the text to music. During that time, hymnals were scarce and music was rarely written down. To help people learn hymns, lyrics were often repeated a few times so that the message was clear. Note that repetition in each of the verses of hymn.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Love Lifted Me

text by James Rowe (1912), arr. M. McDonald

piano/organ duet

From Ephesians 2:4-5: But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

Welcome and Announcements

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**Call to Worship

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L: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;

P: approach our God, who is full of mercy.

L: We will praise God with all our heart

P: and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

L: Let us worship God!

**Hymn – see insert

We Love to Sound Your Praises

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us to our home. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for the spirit of truth. If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth, and by this know that our service is faithful. O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. 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 – 581

Glory Be to the Father

Moment with Children

Allen Exner

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Love Lifted Me
w/Lindsey Kim, flute
"Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!"

by J. Martin

*From Isaiah 63: 9 In all their suffering, He suffered, and the angel of His presence saved them.
He redeemed them because of His love and compassion; He lifted them up and
carried them all the days of the past.*

Prayer for Illumination**Scriptures**

2 Chronicles 7: 12-14
Luke 18: 1-8

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

Sermon

How to Pray

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** – see insert*Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone***Offertory**

The Wonderful Cross
"Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross,
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross,
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless
Your name."

arr. V Labenske

****Doxology** –606*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")******Hymn** – 215*What Wondrous Love Is This*****Benediction****Postlude**

Postlude in D Minor By G. Karganoff (from Op. 6, Np. 5); arr. J. Troutman

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 Jeff Bruce for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Investing for Our Future

As we draw closer to the start of the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion plan we would like to encourage you to consider helping us in yet another way. As you may well know, we are financing part of the plan through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). In order to qualify for the best interest rate possible, we need to have \$200,000 invested in the PILP program by members and friends of CMPC. Some of our members and friends are already participating. However, we still need more investments to reach the goal. For more information about how to invest and the benefits of investing with PILP, please see the insert in the bulletin and/or visit their website at <https://pilp.pcusa.org/>

**Women for Women
March 10th**

Join the women of CMPC on Saturday morning, March 10th as we journey to the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore for a guided tour of the Fabergé and Russian Crafts exhibition. General admission is \$7 per person; parking is \$15 per car for non-members of the museum. Those wishing to car-pool can meet in the church parking lot at 9 am. Following the 1-hour tour, there will be the opportunity to visit other parts of the museum and have lunch at a nearby bistro. Please RSVP to womenforwomen@cmnpcusa.org by March 1st so we know how many are planning to attend. This event is open to all women of the church including family and friends. If you have any questions, contact Laura Frantz or Cindy Pettit.

Summer Camp

"To provide all campers with a vital encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship" is the mission of Pine Springs Camp—a Presbyterian summer camp located in Jennerstown, PA. Pine Springs, beloved by the Hoffman family and a favorite of a few other families of the church, is the place where you should consider sending your children or grandchildren for an incredible week of fun and faith development. To make it even easier to do so, the Hoffmans will be at the camp the week of June 24th-29th this summer and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Much more information about the camp (including their full summer schedule of camps) can be found on their website www.pinesprings.org. A limited number of print brochures are also available on the credenza outside of the Pastor's office.





Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer for "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"! Our program will run from June 25 – June 29th, from 9 am to noon. The preschool program welcomes all potty-trained children from ages 3 to 5. The grade-school program welcomes all children entering Kindergarten thru Grade 5 in the Fall of 2018. Registration will open on March 1st through the CMPC VBS webpage. Make sure to set a reminder, as last year's VBS program filled up in just a few days!

Also, the VBS Leadership Team is looking for an Outdoor Games leader to join us for the week. Please contact Meghan Jones at meghanrjones@gmail.com for more information.

All-Church Mission Trip

Once again this summer a group of folks from CMPC (and other churches) will descend upon Mars Hill, NC from July 8-14 for a week of hands-on mission work with our brothers and sisters in need. All ages are encouraged to join the group for this fun-filled and meaningful week of mission work. Children age birth to 11 years enjoy a day of VBS on a beautiful college campus while anyone over the age of 11 heads off to participate in home repair and refurbishment projects throughout the area. No specific skills are needed and a wide range of projects will be available. If you are interested in joining the CMPC delegation be sure to attend an informational meeting to be held in the weeks to come (date TBD) and/or contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org or 410-997-8011.

We Love to Sound Your Praises

We love to sound your praises, To lift our hands above,
To sing how grace amazes, to celebrate your love.
Yet, God your world is grieving; Is your heart breaking, too?
May we cry out, believing Laments can honor you.

Like Jeremiah, crying For cities that were lost,
We see the children dying Who know war's awful cost.
Each day repeats the story; Sin takes its toll again.
How can we sing your glory When our hearts break with them?

The scope of sin is broader Than what the late news tells;
Rejecting living water, We dig our broken wells.
In gods of our own making We look for joy each day;
O God, is your heart breaking When we all turn away?

O God, you came to save us In Christ, your suffering Son.
In his death you forgave us; In his life, joy is won!
And when this world is suffering, When songs of grief abound,
May we work for your kingdom, Till alleluias sound!

*Tune: Aurelia 76.76 D (The Church's One Foundation), Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing Grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus (2x)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Rebuilding Together Howard County

National Rebuild Day is April 28, 2018.

The CMPC team will be led by Brent Jones (House Captain) and Linda Lange (Co-Captain).
Please thank them for accepting this task.

Anyone wishing to participate Please contact Brent, brentvpi@gmail.com, 443-718-1861.



Chili Cook-Off

March 4th, following worship

The Fellowship Committee will host the 10th Annual Chili Cook-off after Youth Sunday worship on March 4th. We're looking for potential cooks to light it up and slots are limited. If you are interested in participating send an email to Rick Mills, rcmills@verizon.net by Feb 28th. The congregation will vote for the "People's Choice Award." There will be a free will offering at the door. All proceeds will go to Howard County Bridges to Housing Stability. Save the date and come to church hungry.

Preschool HVAC

You may have noticed a change to the exterior walls around the first floor of the sanctuary portion of the building. The pipes and cables you see are part of a new HVAC system that was added to four rooms in that portion of the facility—three preschool classrooms and Room 21. This system was an emergency addition in January necessitated by the failure of a number of the heating units in those rooms in the early weeks of the new year—some of which experienced burst pipes that caused minimal water damage as well. The old units were so out of date that it made no sense to repair them.

While the preschool managed to continue classes (after a brief shut down) Property Manager Tito Baca was hard at work exploring options for heating those rooms. After considering numerous options Tito and the Property Committee recommended the system that has been installed to the session and the session approved the unexpected expenditure. The system and the installation of the system cost the church around \$35,000.00. The new system, which is a long-term solution to the HVAC situation in that part of the building, has been working very well for the last number of weeks and the preschool and other groups that use those rooms are incredibly grateful. An added bonus is that the new system will also provide air conditioning in the warmer months.

We would like to express our gratitude to Tito, the property committee, preschool director Heather Gallagher and the preschool teachers, and everyone else involved in this process for making the best of a bad situation.

At its monthly meeting on Monday, February 19th the session accepted the finance committee's recommendation to apply this expenditure to the 2018 budget—though it was unexpected—and to adjust as needed as the year moves on and the effects of the Ministry Expansion plan on the annual property budget become clearer.

Though there is confidence the annual budget will be able to absorb this unexpected expense, the session also recognizes that some among us appreciate the opportunity to give to specific causes in the life of the church. So, if you would like to give to help offset the impact of this expenditure we would certainly welcome that gift.

If you have any further questions please feel free to talk to Property Manager Tito Baca and/or Pastor Scott.