



**February 7, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome!**

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

This morning elder Don Neely 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** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Welsh Hymn

**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**

Don Mitchell

L: "The Lord is king; let the people tremble."

**P: The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. . . .**

L: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;

**P: for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

L: Let us worship God!

**\*\*Hymn – 191**

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

**\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. 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  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Moment with Children**

Marilyn Mills

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

**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

**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:** Marilyn Mills

**Treasurer:** Tom Mawhinney

**Asst. Treasurer:** Bill Anderson

**Calendar:**

<b>Sun 7</b>	10:30	Worship
	11:30	Congregational Meeting
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
<b>Mon 8</b>	9:30	Women's Bible, Committee Rm.
	6:15	Kickboxing, Rm. 18 and 21
<b>Tues 9</b>	9:00	Staff Meeting
	11:00	Bible Basics, Committee Rm.
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and Lower Level
<b>Wed 10</b>	5:00	LOGOS
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21
	8:00	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>Thurs 11</b>	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Rm.
	2:00	John Bible Study Explorers, Committee Rm.
	6:00	CSP371, FH, Lower Level
	7:30	Choir, Sanctuary
<b>Fri 12</b>	6:00	First Fridays, Entire Facility
<b>Sat 13</b>	12:00	Music Director, Sanctuary

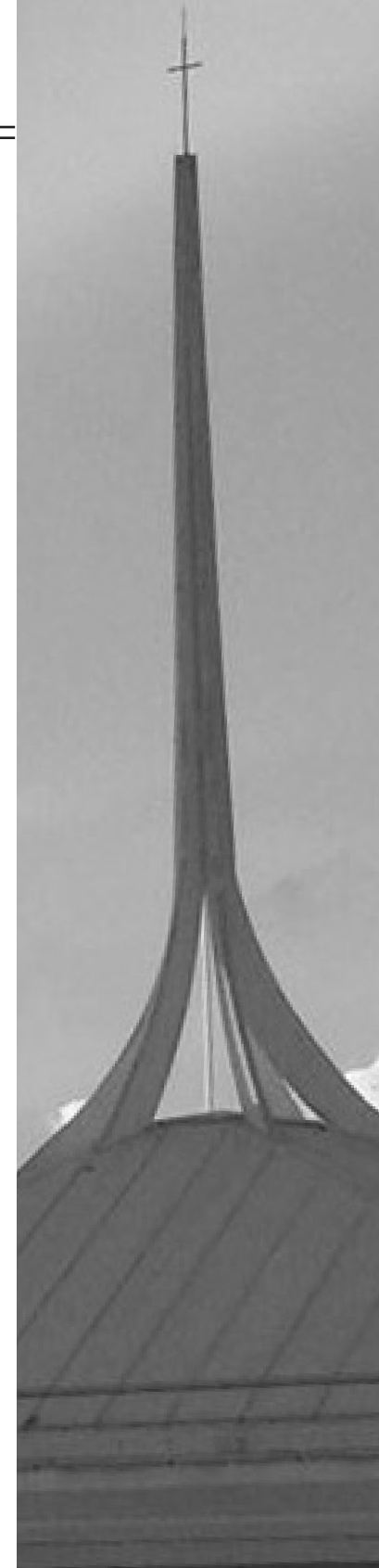


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**Word in Music** *Behold He Comes (Days of Elijah; Hallelujah! What a Savior; It is Well with My Soul)* arr. M. Parks  
*Behold He Comes, riding on a cloud, shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call.*  
*Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's Hill, Salvation Comes.*

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scriptures** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 OT Page 13  
Romans 4:13-25 NT Page 155

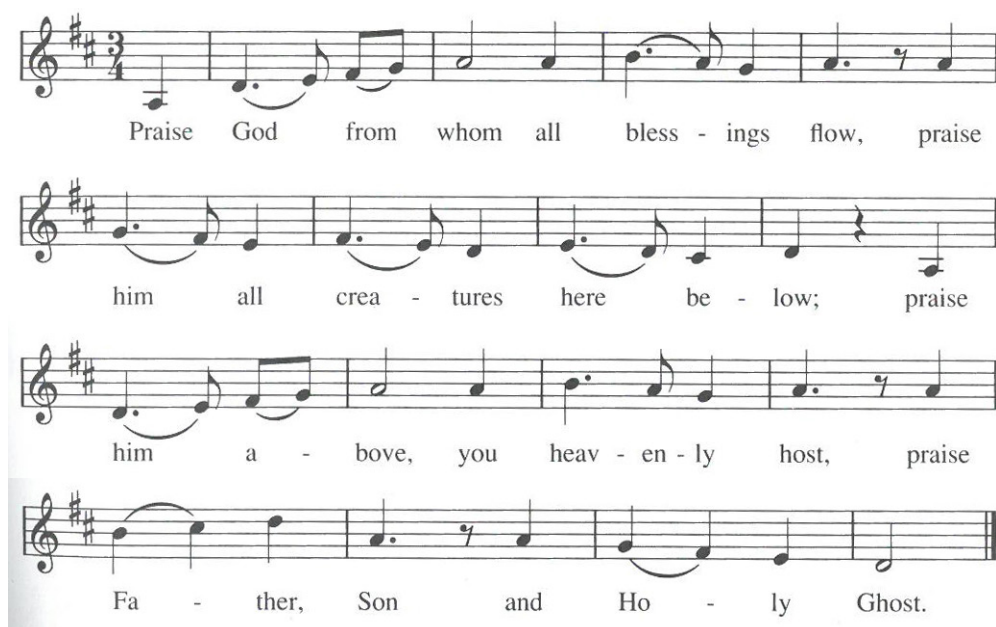
L: The Word of the Lord.  
P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The How Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn – 526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**Offertory** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. M Bober

**\*\*Doxology –** *Doxology*



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise  
him all creatures here below; praise  
him above, you heavenly host, praise  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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:** *Lead Kindly Light* by Newman/Dykes

### Prayer

**\*\*Hymn – 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### \*\*Benediction

## Congregational Meeting

**Postlude** *The Brightest Light* by F. Ritter

## Announcements

### Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held after worship today. All members are encouraged to attend. At the meeting the 2016 budget will be presented as well as the 2016 terms of call for Pastor Scott Hoffman.

### Ash Wednesday Service

**Wednesday, February 10th at 7 p.m.**

Please join us as we begin the Lenten season with a service on Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary. Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to attend. The imposition of ashes will be offered.

### FISH First Fridays Childcare

**Friday, February 12th from 6-9 p.m.**

Parents can enjoy a night out while the high schoolers watch your children! Use this time for a date night, shopping, dinner with friends, or just a relaxing night alone. \$15 for one child, \$8 for each additional child. Call Heather Barham at 443-878-0213 with questions. All proceeds go towards helping the youth fulfill their Capital Campaign pledge.

### Scout Sunday - Be Prepared!

Join us on February 14th as we celebrate the 106th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during worship. CMPC is proud to sponsor Troop 75 and Pack 371 and appreciate their service for our church and the community. Remember to wear your uniform if you are a Scout or adult leader.

### Annual Chili Cook-off

**Sunday, February 28th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**



Mark your calendars for our 8th annual chili cook-off. The Fellowship Committee will sponsor the popular Chili Cook-off on February 28th, after the worship service. Our panel of 3 hungry judges will pick the 1st and 2nd place winners from 10 talented chili cooks. The congregation will vote for the "People's Choice Award." We will be sending this year's winner to participate in Bridges to Housing Stability's "Hotter Than Thou" Chili Cook-Off on March 6th in Ellicott City. Our winner will help raise money for Bridge's programs for homeless and at-risk families while competing for the Golden Ladle Award! We hope you're hungry! Be sure to attend this special get together!

### Vacation Bible School 2016

Save June 27-July 1 for CMPC's Cave Quest Vacation Bible School, a week of mornings filled with lots of children excited to learn about Jesus! Registration will open soon for potty-trained preschoolers through rising 5th graders. Check back soon for more information on the CMPC VBS webpage ([www.cmpcusa.org/vbs](http://www.cmpcusa.org/vbs)).

How would you like to be involved? Please contact VBS Director Meghan Jones at [meghanrjones@gmail.com](mailto:meghanrjones@gmail.com) to hear about opportunities to volunteer for the full week or a few days. Middle school and high school youth are a big part of our week to help lead VBS. Watch for the donation bulletin board. We'll need all hands on deck to help with Wednesday Decoration Evenings!

## Worship Music this Week

The prelude for this Transfiguration Sunday (and the closing hymn), *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, is based on I Timothy 1:17: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." Walter Smith wrote the lyrics in 1867 to a traditional Welsh tune, *St. Denio*. The opening verse reads – "Immortal, invisible, God only wise; In light inaccessible hid from our eyes; most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days; Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise." The lyrics remind us of the awe and reverence that we have as we worship His glory is hidden from our eyes. Isaiah 6:2 tells us that the angels cover their faces in God's presence, because they cannot look on God's full glory.

The Word in Music, *Behold He Comes*, is an up-tempo medley of three songs: *Days of Elijah*, *Hallelujah! What a Savior*, and *It is Well with My Soul*. I particularly like part of the text in Days of Elijah – "Behold He Comes, riding on a cloud, shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call . . ." for this day.

The music for communion is two different arrangements of *Lead Kindly Light*. The text for the old hymn was written by John Newman in 1833, the music composed by John Dykes in 1865. The hymn is meant to be a prayer, a petition, a thanksgiving, and a submission to love and trust in Him. The lyricist, John Newman, sincerely asks God to lead him in the midst of an uncertain, frail, and tumultuous life. Each of us at times during our lives asks God to "Lead, kindly, light. Lead thou me on." The language of the hymn text is clearly ancient. The first verse: "Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me."

**Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this week!**