

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:

Sun 6	10:30	Worship
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 7	6:15	Kickboxing, Rm. 18, 21
	6:30	Committee Night, Entire Building
Tues 8	11:00	Bible Basics, Committee Rm.
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and Lower Level
Wed 9	5:00	LOGOS
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21
	8:00	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs 10	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Rm.
	2:00	John Bible Study Explorers, Committee Rm.
	6:00	CSP371, FH, Lower
	7:30	Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 11		
Sat 12	8:00	Girl Scout Event, FH and Kitchen
	12:00	Music Director, Sanctuary
Sun 13	10:30	Worship
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 6, 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 Terry Brown 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 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?* arr. L. Larson

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

Andrew Exner

L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

P: for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

P: for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

P: for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

L: O come, let us worship the Lord!

**Hymn – 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Moment with Children

Sacrament of Baptism (See Insert)

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Kathryn Schatz, violin

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prodigal

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – 418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Offertory

Lamb of God/What Wondrous Love/Jesus Paid it All

arr. L. Larson

****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:

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Kathryn Schatz, violin

arr. C. Duncan

arr. K. Campbell

Prayer

****Hymn – 738**

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

****Benediction**

Postlude

Agnus Dei

arr. P. Keveren

Marilyn Mills

Announcements



March Women for Women: "Why We Need Girlfriends"

Friday, March 18th at 7 p.m. at Lorri Yawney's home

Did you know that friendship is God's idea...His gift to us? Join the women of CMPC as we gather to explore why we need girlfriends and how to be a good friend. As always, guests are welcome. (Note: We are meeting on the 3rd Friday of this month instead of the usual fourth.) Please RSVP via the March event on Facebook or by emailing womenforwomen@cmpcusa.org

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 23rd from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Projects include light gardening and mulching. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. All are welcome to come volunteer and stay as long as their schedule permits.

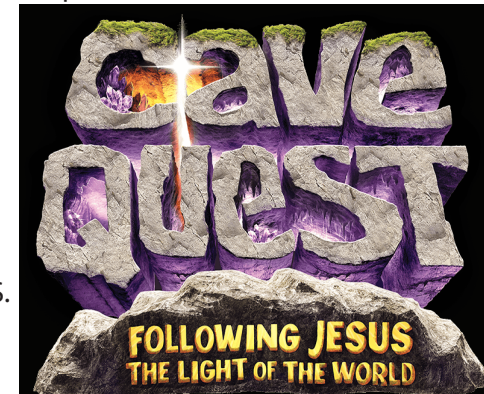
Rebuilding Together Volunteers Needed - April 23, 2016

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual work day with Rebuilding Together of Howard County on Saturday, April 23. We will start at 8 a.m. and go for much of the day (although if you can make at least half the day please feel welcome to sign up). We need people of any skill level. High-schoolers are welcome and encouraged. If you can't make a substantial chunk of the day but are free around lunchtime, we would love to have a volunteer who could bring over lunch for the team. Please contact Wes Millard (wesmillard@gmail.com) or Bill Anderson (billanderson8@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out!

Register Now for 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 is open for potty-trained preschoolers through rising 5th graders. Visit www.cmpcusa.org/vbs for additional information and to register.

How would you like to be involved? Please contact VBS Director Meghan Jones at 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 text for the prelude, *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*, was written by Charles Wesley in 1738. The title is a question. He reported that it was not an expression of doubt, but an expression of wonder and awe that our Lord would shed His blood for him. He was in the midst of a spiritual and physical struggle when he wrote the words. His quote: "At midnight I gave myself up to Christ - assured I was safe, sleeping or waking. I had continued experience of his power to overcome all temptation; and confessed, with joy and surprise, that he was able to do exceedingly abundantly for me, above what I can ask or think."

The arranger for the Word in Music, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, is Dan Forrest, who recast the familiar Lenten hymn to an alternate tune. With the beautiful accompaniment provided by piano and violin, it has an element of mourning, reminding us of the walk to the cross. The piece also reflects on the "love so amazing, so divine" that took our Savior to His crucifixion.

The hymn after the sermon, *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*, is an invitation hymn written by Will Thompson, (called the Bard of Ohio) in 1880. The hymn was used by the famous evangelist Dwight Moody for many of his meetings. When Will Thompson realized that many people in smaller towns of America would be unlikely to hear evangelists like Moody, he loaded an upright piano on a two-horse wagon and drove the Ohio countryside to sing his gospel songs to the people in small hamlets and villages. The invitation still stands today, as Jesus softly and tenderly calls, "Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home."

Communion music will include *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* written by Samuel Francis in 1875. It is said that the composer was a London businessman who traveled across the ocean many times, and so was very aware of the vastness of the ocean and compared it with the vastness of God's love. He felt it was reassuring to know that His love is underneath us and around us.

The postlude, *Agnus Dei*, was written by Michael W. Smith in 1990. *Agnus Dei* means "Lamb of God", which ties in with one of the pieces in the offertory music (though they are very different songs.) You can go on YouTube to hear and see Michael W. Smith singing it in concert.