

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: Katie Foster

Preschool Director: Heather Gallagher

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: Ashlee Hoffman

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Asst. Treasurer: Bill Anderson

Calendar:

Sun 21	10:30	Worship
	11:30	GIFT, outside
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 22	9:30	Women's Bible, Committee Room
	6:15	Kickboxing Class, Rm. 18 and 21
	7:30	BSA Monthly Meeting, FH
Tue 23	11:00	Bible Basics, Committee Room
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and Downstairs Classrooms
	7:00	Session, Committee Room
Wed 24	9:30	Preschool Graduation Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21
Thurs 25	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Room
	7:30	Trinity Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 26	8:00	Preschool Graduation, FH and Sanctuary
Sat 27	11:00	Music Director, Sanctuary



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

**indicates to stand as you are able.

arr. J. Koerts

Welcome and Announcements

Liz Perraud

Minute for Mission

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

L: Friends, you and I are here today through the grace of Jesus Christ,

P: Who calls us to accept the cost and the joy of discipleship.

L: It is a daunting call, but it comes with a promise –

P: A promise of help when we struggle, of grace when we falter, and of life with God forever.

L: Both God's challenge and God's promise are ours today.

P: Therefore, with faith and hope, we are here to worship the living God.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Generous God, you give us the marvelous gift of the empowering Spirit to help us accomplish your purposes. We acknowledge that all too often we are reluctant to open ourselves to this power. We limp along in life, drawing on poor substitutes for such power, or we expect such power to be exercised by you through other persons. Forgive our neglect of such treasure, and help us, more and more, to draw upon this vitalizing gift, that your love for the world may find expression in and through us; in Jesus' name 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 – 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

(Verse) Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

(Repeat refrain)

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Allen Exner

Word in Music

Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah

arr. J. A. Shafferman

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 66:8-20
John 14:12-21

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L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Know Any Good Counselors?

Rev. Bill Nickels

****Hymn – 293**

Loving Spirit

Offertory

I've Got Peace Like a River

arr. P. Keveren

****Doxology – 606**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

****Hymn – 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

To God Be the Glory with Great is the Lord God Almighty

arr. C. Tornquist

This morning elder Bill Gretsch 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 Reverend Bill Nickels

The Rev. William W. Nickels, III, our guest minister, is Baltimore Presbytery's Associate General Presbyter. Bill, a native Virginian, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and Yale Divinity School. He was ordained in 1980, and he has served six congregations – four as an Intentional Interim Pastor. In his current role, Bill helps the Presbytery develop thriving congregations and he works with churches that are moving through pastoral transitions. Bill is married to Ann, an Assistant Vice President at MedStar Health. They are parents of two grown sons and have two grand-daughters.

Marriage Equality "Listening Sessions"

Sunday, May 28th following worship and Tuesday, May 30th at 7 p.m.

As you may know, over the last few months, the leaders of the congregation (elders and deacons) have engaged in conversation to discern how God is calling CMPC to respond to the changes in the PC(USA) regarding marriage equality. (In 2015, the denomination voted to allow same-sex couples to marry, though the session still has the right to approve or deny any request at the local level). All members of CMPC are invited to participate in one of two "Listening Sessions" with church elders and deacons that will allow members to share their thoughts, listen for the Lord and to others, and engage the issue more fully with one another. Visit our blog (www.cmpcusa.org/blog) for more information.

Family Game Night

Wednesday, May 31st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Family Game Night at CMPC. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! We will have snacks and drinks and games for all ages! Feel free to bring your favorite family game as well. Childcare will be provided for our youngest guests. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 28th to todd.stubbs@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



June GIFT- Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, June 3rd from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

For June's GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) event, Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will be working with Rise Against Hunger (previously Stop Hunger Now) to package meals. This year we plan to package 20,000 meals, and we'll need your help! All ages from 4 years and up are welcome to participate. Please let us know if childcare is needed for younger children.

Once again, our event will have two shifts: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Each shift has 60 volunteer openings.

To sign up for a volunteer shift, please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/ChristMemorialPres2017> CMPC's Mission Committee is funding a portion of the effort, and we are hoping to raise the balance of funds through donations. The cost is \$0.29/meal, so the total cost for our 20,000 meal event is \$5,800. You may contribute to the cause by making a donation when you register online, and/or making a donation at the actual event on June 3rd. Participants of all ages in the 2016 meal packing event found it meaningful and a whole lot of fun! We expect the same this year!

Musical Treats and Sweets

Sunday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Save the date for a *sweet* evening as we host our 12th annual Musical Treats and Sweets event! This event is held to raise funds for our high school and adult leaders to attend the GenOn Youth Summit this July.

There will be a silent auction, a basket raffle, and other fun surprises! Please contact Joyce Danzig (joyce.danzig@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute an item or baked good to the auction. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. Can't attend on the 11th? Watch for an early display of some auction and raffle items!

If you would like to perform, contact Jennifer Seinfeld (jenniferseinfeld@gmail.com) or Lorri Yawney (lwyawney@gmail.com) by Sunday, June 2nd. Jennifer and Lorri are also available for piano accompaniment.



Attention all graduates!

CMPC would like to recognize all of our graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 11th! If you or someone you know from the CMPC family is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send us a brief paragraph featuring the graduate's name, the institution they are graduating from, and future plans. Please send write-ups to Katie at office@cmpcusa.org by Tuesday, May 30th.