

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:

Sun 26	10:30	Worship
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm 21,22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 27	9:30	Women's Bible Study, CR
	6:15	Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21
Tue 28	11:00	Bible Basics, CR
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and downstairs
	7:30	LOGOS Leadership
Wed 29	5:00	LOGOS
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm 21
	8:00	Bells of Joy
Thur 30	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Room
	6:00	Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms
	7:30	Choir Practice
Fri 1	1:00	Greening of the Church
Sat 2	9:00	Greening of the Church
	11:00	Music Director, Sanctuary
	4:30	Friends of Ginger, FH



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Worship Music this Week:



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven/Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* arr. F. Lopez
(based on 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13)

Text by Henry Lyte - 1834

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, at his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King!

Welcome and Announcements

Steve Pettit

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: Wherever we go, we are in the presence of God. This day we come together to celebrate what is always true.

People: God has searched us and known us. God discerns our thoughts from afar.

Leader: We cannot escape the Spirit of the Lord. There is no way we can flee from God's presence.

People: No darkness can hide us nor cover our activity, for God penetrates the night with his ever-shining light.

Unison: God lays his hand of blessing upon us. How wonderful is our Creator! Let us worship God!

**Hymn – 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, Author of Life, we humbly confess that too often we fall short of your intentions for us and our own expectations of what we know we need to be and to do. We would touch the world with goodness, but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern. We would live with integrity and stand for truth, but we are torn with uncertainties and compromise. We would attend the needs of others, but we hesitate and hold back, somehow afraid of strangers. O God, fill us with your life and love, so we may be what we can be and what you hope us to be. May you forgive and heal us, inspire and strengthen us, that we may ever serve your kingdom's cause with joy, and love, and your grace that we know in Jesus Christ. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: As God’s very own, we have already received the mercy that God pours out upon us in Jesus Christ.

People: God revives us in our weariness and raises us up to new life.

Leader: God’s mercy is wondrous to behold!

People: God heals our brokenness, binds up our wounds, and patiently teaches us the way that leads to the fullness of life.

Leader: The grace of God overflows, so we may experience God’s life and redeeming love each new day. Friends: this is the Good News of the Gospel.

Unison: 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

Liz Perraud

Word in Music

Jesus, Only Jesus

arr. M. McDonald

(From Matt Redman’s album, *Passion* with C. Tomlin, et al)

Who has the pow’r to raise the dead? Who can save us from our sin? He is our hope, our righteousness; Jesus, only Jesus. And who can make the blind to see? Who holds the keys that set us free? He paid it all to bring us peace; Jesus, only Jesus!

Holy King, Almighty Lord, saints and angels all adore, I join with them, and bow Jesus, only Jesus!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 100
Matthew 25: 31-46

OT page 552
NT page 29

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

You Said ‘No’ ... To Whom?

Rev. Bob Culp

****Hymn – 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Offertory

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
4-hand piano duet: Jennifer Seinfeld and Lorri Yawney

arr. M. Ijames

****Doxology – 710**

We Lift Our Voices

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

****Hymn – 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

****Benediction**

Postlude

How Majestic is Your Name

arr. L. Larson

This morning elder Terry Brown will be at the front of the sanctuary after worship to welcome you and answer questions about our congregation.

Thank you to Bill Ryder 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.



Greening of the Church

Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd

Love decorating for the Holidays? So do we and we could use your help! Come join us as we “deck the halls” and celebrate the Christmas season! Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 1st at 1:00 to help unpack decorations for the Greening of the Church on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. A lunch of homemade soup, bread, and desserts will follow.

We are also in need of enthusiastic tree trimmers (16+ please) who would like to participate in the trimming of this very large tree. Please contact Shelley Clemens at shelleyclemens57@gmail.com or 443-756-2345.

December GIFT

All ages are encouraged to attend CMPC’s GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) events as we gather monthly for Bible study, food, and fellowship. Sometimes we meet right after worship and sometimes on a Sunday evening or a Saturday morning. Sometimes we keep all ages together and sometimes we have age-specific breakout sessions. With GIFT, we gather with all ages because to grow in faith, we need each other! To truly be the body of Christ we need the enthusiasm of children, the energy of teens, and the wisdom and experience of young adults through senior citizens. We all have things to teach each other, and we can all help point each other to God.

Our next GIFT event is Sunday, December 3 with an Advent theme. It will be held at CMPC from 5:00-7:00pm and includes dinner, Christmas carol singing, and interactive stations for children and for youth/adults. There is no charge but donations toward the meal are accepted to help defray the cost. RSVP to GIFT@cmpcusa.org by December 1 so we know how much to prepare. The nursery is available after dinner for the youngest if needed.



December Men's Breakfast

Men of the church are invited to join us for our monthly men's breakfast scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 8:30 am, at Bob Evans (4900 Beaver Run Ct, Ellicott City). RSVP to Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmnpcusa.org) if you plan to attend.



Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 17th at 5 p.m.

"The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 17th at 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of caroling through the Allview community. Afterwards, we'll come back to the church for pizza and hot chocolate!

Rebuilding Together Howard County

The national Rebuild Day will be April 28, 2018. CMPC has participated for the past four years. In order to participate in 2018 a volunteer House Captain is needed to lead our effort. The duties of the House Captain are as follows:

1. Attend the house captain meetings preceding the April 28 workday;
2. Select the house to be repaired;
3. Start assembling a team to do the work, especially one or two co-leaders (two is best);
4. Visit the house with at least one of the co-leaders to determine what work is to be performed and make a list of materials and tools needed;
5. Complete the assembly of the team.

A volunteer House Captain is needed by February 1, 2018, if CMPC wants to participate.

Please contact BJ Walworth, bjwalworth@hotmail.com or 410.300.0242 to volunteer.



Care and Wellness Committee

If you have a friend, family member, or know of someone that needs a little cheer and would like them to receive a card from "their friends at CMPC", please email carecards@cmnpcusa.org with their name and address. CMPC's Care and Wellness Committee will see to it that they receive a caring card from "their CMPC friends" or "their CMPC family". CMPC cares!



Sign Up Now to Volunteer with CMPC's Cold Weather Shelter!

CMPC will be hosting the homeless guests from Grassroots the week between Christmas and New Years – which, due to both holidays occurring on Mondays this year, will be from Tuesday evening, December 26th through Tuesday morning, January 2nd.

There are many tasks that need to be done for this mission. We are fortunate that many people have already agreed to serve – but we need your help, too.

Tasks that you can help with include preparing and serving meals for an evening; assisting with assembling items for their bag lunches; volunteering to be here for an evening or an overnight shift; or, help arrange for movies or games to be available after the guests have their meal. Another need is providing transportation for the guests one or more evenings from the Columbia Mall at 5:45 PM, or back to the Mall in the mornings – usually at 7:00 AM.

Online signup is now available at <http://signup.com/go/okGOrhm>. Please choose a task you are willing to help with and the date and time. CWS volunteers will also be available on Sundays following worship in the connecting hallway to answer any questions you might have and to assist with the signups as needed.

This service can be a life-changing experience – not only for our guests, but for us, too. Please sign up to help those in need.

If you have any questions, please contact CMPC's CWS Coordinator, Jeff Seymour, at jjseymour2@address4email.net or on 443-562-4744.