

# 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, Barb Schmehl

**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 1   | 10:30 | Worship/Communion              |
|         | 11:30 | Journey To Better Health       |
|         | 12:00 | Great Light PC, Rm 21,22       |
|         | 2:00  | Pakistani Worship, FH          |
| Mon 2   | 6:15  | Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21    |
|         | 6:30  | Committee Night                |
| Tues 3  | 7:00  | Boy Scouts, FH and downstairs  |
| Wed 4   | 5:00  | LOGOS                          |
|         | 7:00  | Great Light PC, Rm 21          |
| Thurs 5 | 10:00 | Shawl Ministry, Committee Room |
|         | 6:00  | Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms     |
|         | 7:30  | Choir Practice                 |
| Sat 7   | 11:00 | Music Director, Sanctuary      |



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**Worship Music this Week:** World Communion Sunday

The prelude, *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, is a traditional American spiritual, first published in 1927. Research indicates that it had its beginnings in the fields of the American South. The words were written by a slave whose name is unknown, who found comfort in the belief that a loving God was (is) in charge of the world.

The final hymn today, *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*, was written in 1903 by Frank Mason North, while he was an officer of two city missions, one of which was in New York City. He was asked to write a missionary hymn for the Methodist hymnal with Africa or Asia in mind. He had not traveled to either of those places, so he wrote about what he knew – America's busy cities.

According to Richard Neill Donovan (publisher of *Sermon Writer* and a retired Disciples of Christ clergyman), who published an article about the hymn in 2007, when North wrote "where cross the crowded ways of life," he was reportedly thinking of crowds of people at an intersection, waiting for the opportunity to cross. As he penned the words "above the noise of selfish strife" he was thinking about hearing Christ's voice amidst honking horns and loud voices; "the cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace" was a vision of a homeless beggar asking for something to eat or drink.

The words for the postlude, *Once to Every Man and Nation*, were written as a poem by James R. Lowell and published in the *Boston Courier* on December 11, 1845. Lowell wrote the words to protest America's war with Mexico. The music was written by Thomas J. Williams in 1890.



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**October 1, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### Prelude

*He's Got the Whole World In His Hands*

arr. L. Shackley

Isaiah 49:16: See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands . . .

### Welcome and Announcements

Don Mitchell

### 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: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: For the Lord is a great God;

**P: a great ruler over heaven and earth!**

L: Let us worship God!

### \*\*Hymn – 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

### \*\*Silent Prayer of Confession

### \*\*Common Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. 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

### Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Allen Exner

**Word in Music** *Communion Invitation (You Are Forgiven)* arr. L.Shackley/H. Frombach  
with Lindsey Kim, flute  
Come, not because you are perfect, come now because you are forgiven!

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures** Matthew 25:31-46 NT page 29

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

**Sermon** God Incognito Rev. Bob Culp

**\*\*Hymn – 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**Offertory** *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr M. Hayes

**\*\*Doxology** – See insert

**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:** *Jesus Calls Us* by W. Jude (1874); arr. R.J. Hughes  
Jesus calls us over the tumult of our life's wild, restless, sea;  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow Me!"

*Softly and Tenderly* by W. Thompson (1880)  
Renee Seymour and Allen Exner, duet  
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

**Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn – 343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (Verses 1-4 only)

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Once to Every Man and Nation* (Welsh Hymn) Arr. E. J. Lorenz  
Once to every man and nation, comes the moment to decide;  
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, some great decision, offering each the bloom or blight;  
and the choice goes by forever, 'twixt that darkness and that light.

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

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

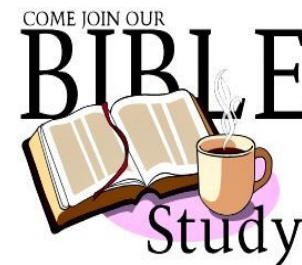
## Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full list of upcoming events, visit [www.cmpcusa.org/events](http://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



### The Women's Monday Morning Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study Group meets from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month September through May. We will be using *Christianity's Family Tree* by Adam Hamilton in our study this year. The women of the group enjoy time together for study, fellowship, prayer, mission outreach activities, as well as field trips. Please contact Miriam Miller at [jtmillerj@verizon.net](mailto:jtmillerj@verizon.net) for more details.

### Fall Clean-up

The Fall Clean-up will take on a different look this year! While we have many tasks to undertake, we are looking for volunteers to help with these tasks at a time that's most convenient for them as opposed to all of us meeting together on one Saturday morning. This will hopefully allow more folks to volunteer to help across the church because they will be able to do so at their convenience and we will not be restricted by the weather. Please look for the sign-up form with a list of jobs we are hoping to get done before the end of October near the Welcome Center downstairs. Volunteers will be contacted by the task leader to help coordinate as appropriate. Thanks in advance for your consideration and for helping us with this important work. Feel free to contact the Property and Facility Manager (Tito Baca), at [pm@cmpcusa.org](mailto:pm@cmpcusa.org) as needed.

### Attention all CMPC college students and parents of college students!

The Care & Wellness Committee likes to keep in touch with our college students to let them know that CMPC is thinking about them. We do this by sending Halloween and Valentine's greetings each year. Please send the mailing address of your college student, graduate students, etc. to [kcbloom@verizon.net](mailto:kcbloom@verizon.net) by Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017. Please include college students who are at home and going to school locally. We want to keep in touch with as many students as we can. Thank you!



### New Member Class Sunday, October 8th at 11:30 am

If you feel that CMPC is a place where you would like to put down roots and become more fully involved in the life of the church, you are welcome to attend our New Members Class. Those who attend the class and choose to join will be received into the membership of the church during worship on Sunday, October 22nd. During the class you will have the opportunity to learn about our church and our tradition, get to know some of the leadership of the church, and form bonds with others who have decided to move into membership as well. If you would like to join us for the class, please RSVP by Monday, October 2nd by calling the church office at 410-997-8011. A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available upon request. When calling to RSVP for the class, please indicate if you will need childcare.

**Register Now for our CMPC All-Age Half-Day Retreat!** Sunday October 22, 12:30-6:00

**Where:** Circle D Farm, Woodbine, Maryland (about 30 minutes from Columbia)

**When:** Sunday, October 22, beginning with lunch at 12:30 and ending around 6pm before dinner

**Who:** All ages (younger than high school must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent)

**What:** A chance to get away for a fun and faith-filled half-day retreat in beautiful western Howard County.

We will have use of a large pavilion and outdoor space (mini golf course, horseshoes pit, softball/kickball back stop, large fields, and volleyball net). The day will include lunch, snacks, an educational component, and time for fellowship and recreation. Our pavilion is accessible to car drop-off as needed. Indoor restrooms close by. Rain or shine. With a deluge, we will postpone.

Cost: \$10.00 age 10 and older (after 10/8 cost is \$15.00); \$5.00 under age 10 (after 10/8 cost is \$8.00)



### **Bells of Joy News**

CMPC's handbell choir, the Bells of Joy, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 4th. We practice in the sanctuary from 8:00-9:00 pm following LOGOS. We are looking for a few additional ringers to join the group and would love for you to give us a try! For more information please contact Sally Berlowitz (director) at 410-913-2144 or Cindy Pettit at 410-707-2706 (cindycpettit@gmail.com).



### **Journey to Better Health (J2BH)**

The classes will continue through Oct. 22. The program is sponsored by the Care & Wellness Committee and is entirely free to the congregation. A light lunch will be served before all classes.

### **Class on *The Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart***

Rev. Hoffman invites all who would like to engage more in depth the book *The Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart* to a group study on Sunday and Thursday evenings in the months of October and November. The Sunday evening classes will begin on October 22nd and run through the November 12th. The Thursday evening classes will begin October 26th and run through November 16th. Both classes will be held at 7:00 pm. If you plan to join either class please RSVP to the church office (office@cmpecusa.org) Anyone planning to participate is strongly encouraged to read the book in its entirety prior to the first class. Childcare will be available by request. Please direct any questions to Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpecusa.org. Books are available on amazon.com.

### **Renewed Chairs in Fellowship Hall**

The red chairs in Fellowship Hall received new seat covers this past weekend. In order to keep them looking nice, please do NOT to stack those chairs more than three high to insure they do not tear as the old ones did. The red chairs are to be kept on the parking lot side of the hall. Thank you for your help in preserving these chairs.