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 22 10:30 Worship

11:30 Journey To Better Health 12:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21,22

12:30 Church Retreat

2:00 Pakistani Worship, FH

7:00 Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage, FH

Mon 23 9:30 Women's Bible Study, CR

6:15 Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21

7:00 Session and Deacons, FH and CR

Tue 24 11:00 Bible Basics, CR

7:00 Boy Scouts, FH and downstairs

Wed 25 5:00 LOGOS

7:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21

8:00 Bells of Joy

Thur 26 10:00 Shawl Ministry, Committee Room

6:00 Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms

7:00 Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage, CR

7:30 Choir Practice

Sat 28 11:00 Music Director, Sanctuary

12:00 Baby Shower

Worship Music this Week:

The opening hymn is taken from Psalm 18:3: *I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies.* It was written by Michael O'Shields in 1970s. Contrary to the upbeat tempo of the song, he says he was not joyful at the time. He was a young traveling minister who was struggling to make ends meet. Though O'Shields was not musically inclined, saying that he couldn't sing on key and couldn't keep time, he wanted to write a song that would honor the words of the Psalm. So he wrote the text and asked musical friends to help with the music.

The Word in Music, Jesus Is the Friend Who's Always There, is written in southern gospel style. It includes the familiar hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus in the arrangement in a syncopated, up-tempo style, paired with original words and music composed by the team of Nancy Price and DonBesig. The piece reminds us of the assurance of Christ's presence in our lives.

The offertory piece, *Blessings*, was composed by Laura Story, a contemporary composer and singer from South Carolina (now living in Atlanta, GA with her husband and young daughter.) She says this of the song, "What does it look like when I spend years praying for healing for my husband (her husband Martin was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2006) that never comes? I feel like we've gotten to a place of having to make a choice - are we going to judge God based on our circumstances that we don't understand? Or are we going to choose to judge our circumstances based on what we hold to be true of God? I'm learning that every morning when I wake up, to choose to trust God. And that's what *Blessings* is about. It's just considering that maybe the blessing is actually found in the absence of the thing that I'm praying for." Her husband has been in remission for several years.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 22, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude All Creatures of Our God and King arr. C. Rice

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**Call to Worship

Noah Teshome

L: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

P: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

L: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

P: Tremble before God, all the earth.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn** - 621

I Will Call Upon the Lord

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Reception of New Members

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Moment with Children

Liz Perraud

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Jesus is the Friend Who's Always There

by N. Price/D. Besig

Jesus is the friend who always will be there!

Prayer for Illumination

ScripturesDeuteronomy 6: 4-9OT page 163Mark 10:13-16NT page 46

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Our Children and Our Children's Children Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** – 372 *O For a World*

Offertory Blessings arr. M. Bober

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace; comfort for family, protection while we sleep We pray for healing, for prosperity, we pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering All the while, You hear each spoken need; yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

Refrain

'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops, what if Your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear; we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love, as if every promise from Your Word is not enough All the while, You hear each desperate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe

Refrain

**Doxology – See insert

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

****Hymn** – 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Benediction

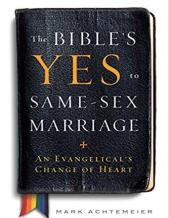
Postlude What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. A. Whitworth

This morning elder Maha Davies 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



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 tonight 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@cmpcusa.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@cmpcusa.org. Books are available on amazon.com.

Jazz Band Concert

The Fellowship Committee is pleased to present the sixth annual concert of the Columbia Jazz Band at CMPC on November 4, from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is a free concert and no tickets are required. Nursery care will be provided for young children. A free will offering will be collected, with proceeds beyond the cost of the event donated to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help those affected by natural disasters in the United States.





October 29th, 4:00 - 6:30 pm

We are looking for families to decorate their trunks and pass out candy to the community children. Car decorations can be simple - like filling your trunk with pumpkins & seasonal decor, or elaborate - coordinating your car with your Halloween costume. Check out Pinterest for lots of ideas. If decorating is not your forte please consider donating candy or water.

Feel free to participate in whatever way you can! Contact Heather Barham at 443-878-0213 or hgpeek@aol.com with questions or to sign up.

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering - October 29th

Our October Fifth Sunday offering is for Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders (FCDR) for its ongoing rebuilding operations in Texas following Hurricane Harvey. Pete Berlowitz of CMPC has been working with FCDR outside of Houston to rebuild those areas still recovering from the vast wind and flood damage caused by Harvey. Funds will be used to help Houston area residents by providing for a wide array of necessities ranging from shoes, medical personnel, and mental health counselors, as well as provisions for volunteers to muck and rebuild homes. FCDR is a 501 (c)(3) organization.