

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: Jane Preston

LOGOS Director: Carrie Jenkins

Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg

Moderator of Deacons: Ashlee Hoffman

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Calendar:

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| Sun 17 | 10:30 | Worship |
| | 11:30 | Congregational Meeting |
| | 12:00 | Journey to Better Health, Rm 12 |
| | 12:00 | Great Light PC, Rm 21,22 |
| | 2:00 | Pakistani Worship, FH |
| Mon 18 | 6:15 | Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21 |
| | 7:00 | Session and Deacons |
| Tues 19 | 11:00 | Bible Basics |
| | 7:00 | Boy Scouts |
| Wed 20 | 7:00 | Great Light PC, Rm 21 |
| Thur 21 | 9:30 | Branch and Twig Garden Club, FH |
| | 10:00 | Shawl Ministry, Committee Room |
| | 6:45 | EC Stamps |
| | 7:00 | Boy Scout Monthly Meeting |
| | 7:30 | Choir practice |
| Sat 23 | 10:00 | Women for Women |
| | 11:00 | Music Director, Sanctuary |



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. P. Rodriguez

Come, Christians, Join to Sing; Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

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

L: Give praise to God!

P: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. . . .

L: It is God who forgives. . . .

P: It is God who delivers. Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

Ashlee Hoffman

**Hymn – 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. 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

Marilyn Mills

Word in Music

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

arr. L. Shackley

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Joshua 1:6-9
Mark 5: 35-42

OT page 194
NT page 40

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

Sermon

Fear and Belief

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn – 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. M. McDonald

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

**Doxology –

See insert

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

**Hymn – 719

Come, Labor On

**Benediction

Postlude

A Celebration of Praise

by J. Denton

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

Thank you to Jeff Bruce for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full list of upcoming events, visit www.cmpcusa.org/events



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 be offered from Sept 17-Oct. 22. Today's class will begin after the ministry expansion meeting. The program is sponsored by the Care & Wellness Committee and is entirely free to the congregation. A light lunch will be served before all 6 classes.

Congregational Meetings Regarding Ministry Expansion Plan

It has been awhile since we have provided an update on the Ministry Expansion Plan, but that certainly does not mean work is not being done to move us forward. In fact, we are at a place in the process where those who have been working on the plan behind the scenes need to bring some matters before the congregation for discussion and perhaps decision. So, the session has called two congregational meetings to take place immediately following worship on **today and on Sunday, September 24th**. All members are highly encouraged to attend. Information that will be presented and discussed at the meetings will be disseminated ahead of the meetings so members can be prepared to engage the Ministry Expansion Committee as well as the session as desired. We hope to see you there!



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 for more details.

Bible Basics

Resuming Tuesday, September 19th at 11am in the Committee Room

Bible Basics, a bible study designed for everyone from biblical scholars to first-time readers and led by Pastor Scott, will kick off on Tuesday, September 19th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Come every week or drop in when your schedule allows. Please contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org for more details.

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 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!



Women for Women September Gathering: Brunch, Books and Fellowship

Join the ladies of CMPC on Saturday, September 23 from 10-12:30 for a mid-morning brunch, a book exchange and fellowship time. If you would like to participate in the book exchange, just bring one that you no longer need or are willing to exchange with someone else. The book can be on any topic you think would be enjoyed by other ladies from CMPC. No book? No problem! Come and join us for the food and fellowship time! We will gather at Maha Davies' home: 7233 Second Time Lane, Columbia MD 21046. As always, all ladies from CMPC are welcome, including friends. We hope to see you there! RVSP encouraged (womenforwomen@cmpcusa.org)but not required.

Save the date 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)



Worship Music this Week:

The Word in Music, *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*, pairs a classic worship song with an original setting of Psalm 100 by the arranger, Larry Shackley, stating, "Come, make a joyful noise to God on high, and sing for joy. Shout and clap your hands! Come before Him, all you nations. Now let the people rejoice and praise His name, for He is good, and His goodness endures. He will bless His people when they come."

Brian Doerksen, the composer of *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*, is a Canadian singer/songwriter and worship leader. He wrote this song in 1998. Other songs he has composed are *Refiner's Fire*, *Faithful One* and *Hope of the Nations*. The words to the praise song are: "Come now is the time to worship; Come now is the time to give your heart. Come just as you are to worship; Come just as you are before your God. Come. One day every tongue will confess You are God, One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now."

The piece for the offertory, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, is a beautiful, sensitively-written arrangement by Mary McDonald of Joseph Scriven's poem, written to his mother in 1855. He was an Irish-born immigrant living in Canada, and was unable to travel to Ireland to visit her when she was ill. Years later when he himself was ailing, he scribbled the words on scratch paper near his bed. A friend asked him if he had written the words. His response: "The Lord and I did it between us." Charles Converse wrote music to the poem in 1868. This hymn has always been special to me. Today it is offered on what would have been my father's 100th birthday. It was one of his favorite hymns. I will always thank our Lord for the special person that my dad, Milton James Carlson, was and for the deep and abiding faith that he passed on to his family!

-Joy Exner