

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 24	10:30	Worship
	11:30	Congregational Meeting
	12:00	Journey To Better Health
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm 21,22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 25	6:15	Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21
Tues 26	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and downstairs
	7:30	LOGOS Leadership, Committee Room
Wed 27	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm 21
Thurs 28	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Room
	6:00	Cub Scouts, FH, classrooms
Sat 30	8:00	Scouts, FH
	11:00	Music Director, Sanctuary



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. M. Hyzer

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart !

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**

Margaret McGillivray

L: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.
P: Give thanks to the Lord.
L: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.
P: Give thanks to the Lord.
L: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God’s covenant.
P: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!
L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn –** See insert

Come, Now Is The Time to Worship

**Silent Prayer of Confession

****Common Prayer of Confession**
Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. 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 –** 581

Moment with Children

Pastor Scott Hoffman

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Be Thou My Vision

arr. H. Sorenson

Based on Hebrews 12: 1: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 145: 8-21
Matthew 20:1-16

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

Sermon

Life Is Not Fair

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn – 452

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Offertory

Great Is the Lord

arr L. Larson

From Psalm 145: 3: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**Doxology –

See insert

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

**Hymn – 65

Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah

**Benediction

This morning elder John Kim 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!

Worship Music this Week:


The prelude and Word in Music are different arrangements of Be Thou My Vision, an ancient Irish poem translated into English by Mary Byrne in 1905. It is believed that the text was written by the sixth century Irish poet, Dallán Forgaill. It is a prayer that Christ will be our vision; our best thought, our presence, our light.

The arrangement for the Word in Music is written in a soft Celtic style by Heather Sorenson. Listen for the “layering” of voices in the phrases she wants to emphasize. Toward the end of the piece, for instance, the ladies sing “still be my vision” as the men sing “still be my light.” The last phrase of Sorenson’s arrangement for choir is “Be Thou my light when I walk through the night.”

The first part of the second hymn today, Open the Eyes of My Heart is based on Ephesians 1:18: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. The second part of the hymn is based on Isaiah 6: 1-5, that describes his (Isaiah’s) vision of the Lord. The hymn is a prayer that our eyes will be opened to see Him; that we will see Christ “high and lifted up.” This song had its beginning when the composer, Paul Baloche, heard his pastor opening his prayers with the request, “Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, that we may see you.”

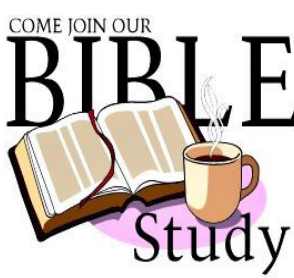
Announcements and Upcoming Events

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 continue through 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 classes.



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.

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 outside the Sanctuary. 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 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 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.

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)

