

Welcome!

If you are visiting, we hope you will worship with us often. Please help us get to know you by filling out the pew pad during the welcome.

Welcome Cards may be used to sign up for our newsletters and to share information with the pastor and/or the church. **Prayer Request Cards** may be used to share requests for prayers from the pastor, our prayer chain, and/or the church community.

The nursery, for those in kindergarten or younger, is located on the first floor of the sanctuary wing. You may bring your young ones there before or during the service.

CMPC Mission Statement

Grateful to God for his constant loving presence and guided by his Word, we are called to be a people who praise God in worship and in our daily lives, grow Biblically and spiritually in our life together, reach out as witnesses of Jesus Christ, serving those in need, and share Christ's love with one another and everyone we meet.

Prayer Concerns

Illness: Nancy Burroughs, Ron Laske, Chuck Ridgeway
Serving in the Military: Daniel Boone, Zachary Thomas; LTC Bryan J. Laske, U.S. Army; Lt. Michael Thomas, Navy; Brad Bollinger. Iraq: Marine, Brandon Thornton and Linus Angu. Afghanistan: Marine, J. T. Burke

Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every member of the congregation!
Pastor: The Rev. Scott W. Hoffman
Music Director: Joy Exner
Accompanist: Lorri Yawney
Communications Coordinator: Ariel Wickham
Preschool Director: Missy Sullivan
Nursery Attendants: Laura Holderman, Jamie Wilder
Bell Choir Director: Sally Berlowitz
Sunday School/Experience Director: Debbie O'Neal
LOGOS Director: Liz Perraud
Clerk of Session: Joyce Danzig
Moderator of Deacons: Tom Mawhinney
Treasurer: Neil Brierley
Asst. Treasurer: Anna May Lebro

Calendar

Wed 25 **Church Office Closed**
2:00 Pakistani Worship, Sanctuary
4:00 Pakistani Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Thur 26 **Church Office Closed**

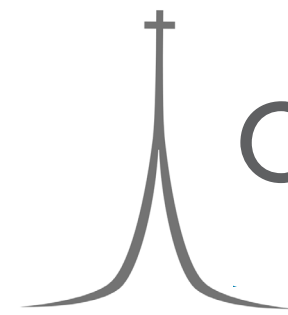
Fri 27 **Church Office Closed**

Sat 28 12:00 Organist, Sanctuary

Sun 29 10:30 Worship
11:45 Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
2:00 Pakistani Worship, Fellowship Hall

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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve December 24, 2013, 8:30 p.m.

Welcome!

(Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.)

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>What Child Is This?</i> piano/organ duet	<i>Traditional English melody</i>
	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> Jeffrey Najmi, cello/Jennifer Seinfeld, piano	<i>arr. Jon Schmidt</i>
	<i>Wexford Carol</i> Andrew Exner/Lis Sharber, duet; Margaret McGillivray, french horn	<i>Traditional Irish Carol</i>
	<i>Mary Did You Know</i> Laura Yawney, oboe	<i>arr. J. Raney</i>
	<i>O Holy Night</i> Trinity Choir	<i>arr. Melody Bober</i>
	<i>Breath of Heaven</i> Trinity Choir with Ashlee Hoffman, solo	<i>arr. L. Larson</i>

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Sentences (L: Leader; P: People)

L: Praise to the newborn sovereign, the one who comes as God's own gift.
P: King of Kings and Light of Light.
L: And he shall reign forever and ever.
P: Amen.

****Hymn – 143** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, 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***Sing We Noel*
Trinity Choir*N. Goemanne***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

The Phillips Family

Responsive Litany

L: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

P: I have put my spirit upon Him, He will bring forth justice to the nations.

L: He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

P: A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench.

L: He will faithfully bring forth justice.

P: He will not fail or be discouraged until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law.

L: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it.

P: Who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it;

L: "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

P: I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations."**Call to Prayer** (sung)**What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?****Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?****This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;****Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.****Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (using "debts")**Congregational Response** (sung)**So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.****The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.****This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;****Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.****Prayer for Illumination****Deliverer God, our Advent journey is fulfilled. We have prepared our hearts and minds for this night's Spirit-filled celebration. We are alert to your presence with us and pray for the grace of insight and understanding as we encounter your Word on this holy night. Amen.****Scripture**

Luke 2: 1-7

Anthem*The Promise of Christ and Carols of Christ: Page/Shafferman*
Good Christians All, Rejoice! and Come to Bethlehem/Yea, Lord, We Greet Thee
(congregation may sing when directed. The tune is *O Come, All Ye Faithful*)
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him,
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!***Scripture**

Luke 2: 8-14

Anthem*The First Noel* *P. Keveren***Scripture**

Luke 2: 15-20

Homily

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – 119***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***Offertory***Immanuel*
Andrew Exner, soloist*M. Card**This evening, along with our regular offering, we will collect the Christmas Joy offering—one of the special offerings of the PC(USA). The monies collected as part of the Christmas Joy Offering will be used to provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families as well as to enable deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. If you wish to give to the Christmas Joy offering please place your donation in the envelope included in the bulletin.*****Doxology – 609***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.*
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***The Festival of Light**

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of the spreading of the Gospel Light from one life to another. The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright when giving light to another. The candles of the congregation should be extinguished after the last stanza of Silent Night.

Hymn – 122 (seated)*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

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| <p>1. <i>Silent night, holy night!</i>
<i>All is calm, all is bright,</i>
<i>Round yon virgin mother and child!</i>
<i>Holy Infant, so tender and mild,</i>
<i>Sleep in heavenly peace,</i>
<i>Sleep in heavenly peace.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>Silent Night, holy night!</i>
<i>Son of God, love's pure light</i>
<i>Radiant beams from Thy holy face,</i>
<i>With the dawn of redeeming grace,</i>
<i>Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,</i>
<i>Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.</i></p> |
| <p>2. <i>Silent Night, holy night!</i>
<i>Shepherds quake at the sight,</i>
<i>Glories stream from heaven afar,</i>
<i>Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;</i>
<i>Christ the Savior is born,</i>
<i>Christ the Savior is born."</i></p> | <p>4. <i>Silent Night, holy night!</i>
<i>Wondrous star, lend thy light;</i>
<i>With the angels let us sing,</i>
<i>"Alleluia to our King;</i>
<i>Christ the Savior is born,</i>
<i>Christ the Savior is born."</i></p> |

Closing Prayer (seated)**O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, grant we beseech thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven. As you came in the stillness of the night, great God, enter our lives this night. Overcome darkness with the light of Christ's presence, so that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.******Hymn – 134***Joy to the World!*****Benediction****Postlude***Hymn of Rejoicing**J. S. Bach***Thank you to Jeff Bruce for operating the sound board this evening!**