



Christ Memorial

Presbyterian Church

The Class of 2020 Elders and Deacons

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. The following members are being brought forth by the Nominating Committee for election as Elders and Deacons.

The congregational meeting to elect officers will take place today, Sunday, December 10, 2017 following worship.

ELDER

Andrea Raid has been a member of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church since 2005. Andrea was raised in the Lutheran church but started attending CMPC because her sister's family attended and her nieces went to LOGOS. Her two daughters Amanda (19 yrs old) and Meredith (16 yrs old) have attended LOGOS for years. She has been a member of the Care and Wellness Committee for five years and recently worked with the committee to organize a congregational survey which resulted in the "Journey to Better Health" Wellness Workshop. She has also organized AED and CPR training for the church over the last few years. She has a BS in Office Administration from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania and an AA in Nursing from Howard Community College. She is currently a Registered Nurse and the Assistant Director of Nursing at the Howard County Health Department as well as Bureau Director for Clinical Services/Communicable Diseases. Her passion for public health brought her to the state health department in 2000. In her free time she enjoys her BOOM Shake exercise class, walking her dog Hazel, spending time with family and friends and exploring new areas.

Phil Henderson and his wife, Mary Lou, have been members of CMPC since 1991. They were married in St. Louis in 1986. Phil was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. He moved to Maryland in 1983 as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at UMBC where he taught for eight years. He joined the faculty of Catholic University in 1991 where he has taught for the past 26 years. He has lectured at the Army War College, the Naval Academy, the National Security Agency, the University of Nebraska, the University of Michigan, the Brookings Institution, the University of Leeds, LSU, and at other institutions. Phil was baptized at Central Christian Church in Flint, Michigan at the age of 12. At that moment he felt the Holy Spirit come over him with overwhelming bliss. Phil and Mary Lou's twin sons, John and Stephen, were baptized at CMPC in 1991 and completed their confirmation class and membership in 2003/04 with Dave Wruck. Phil served as a Deacon during Howard Newman's tenure as Pastor, and later served as an Elder for three years. He currently serves on the Personnel Committee. He enjoyed his service as a Deacon and Elder and looks forward to returning to a more active role in the Church.

Mike Chapasko grew up in Western Pennsylvania and was raised in the Russian Orthodox Church. He joined the Presbyterian Church in 1973 after he and Sandi were married. Mike taught Junior High Earth Science in Montgomery Co., Maryland for five years before returning to PA. In 1986 Mike, Sandi and their two children moved to Columbia and Mike began working for Pepsico. He retired in 2015 after 29 years. Mike and his family have been members of CMPC since 2005. Since retirement, he keeps busy reading, enjoying his four grandchildren and working on his "honey-do-list". Mike is a member of the Property Committee and looks forward to serving the church as an Elder.

Allen Exner My wife, Joy and I have been a part of the CMPC family for over 30 years. During that time I've served three terms as an elder, taught Sunday School and LOGOs, and of course sung in the choir. I've also enjoyed many opportunities to share Moments with the Children and served as a liturgist, too. Being in a position to share and support in the work and mission of this church has blessed, enriched and sustained me. I look forward to continuing to serve my Lord through this congregation. In His Name, Allen Exner

Heather Barham was born in Philadelphia and has been raised in the Presbyterian Church her whole life. Her family moved to Columbia in 1975 and attended CMPC in the eighties. Heather and her husband Pete were married at CMPC in 1999 and both of her children, Maddon and Haley were baptized here. They have been very active at CMPC ever since. Heather is currently serving on the LOGOS Leadership Team and the Fellowship Committee. She looks forward to serving the church as an Elder.

DEACON

Theresa Akuoko is from Ghana and was born into a Presbyterian family. She is the last of 4 girls and relocated to the United States in 2012. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Development and Health from the Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, Scotland in the United Kingdom and worked in the Ghana Health Sector for over 10 years. She currently works with the Maryland Department of Health (formally Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) as a Medical Care Program Associate. Theresa loves working with women and children and served in various areas including being a Sunday school teaching and working with different church committees in Ghana. She is married to Ebenezer Akuoko and has a son, Kofi who is here with her. She loves reading and travelling. Theresa is looking forward to serving CMPC in capacities the Lord directs.

Chad Board lives in Laurel, MD with his wife Hilary and two sons, James and Nathan. He grew up in the United Methodist Church and joined CMPC in 2013 after spending a couple of years looking for a place of worship to call home. He currently serves on the Mission and Local Outreach Committee and is also involved with LOGOS. Chad has worked at the FDA in Silver Spring since 2008 as an education and training specialist. In his spare time, he enjoys playing sports with his sons, reading, and watching movies. Chad is grateful to serve as Deacon and welcomes the opportunity to further serve the church and community while growing in faith.

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My name is **Lucas Teshome** and I am 16 years old. I am the second son of long-time members, Yeketenesh Woldeguirguis and Hyiwot Teshome. I first started coming to CMPC when I attended Pre-K at the pre-school. Our family joined the church soon after and we quickly fell in love with the congregation and everything about CMPC. I have grown up in the Presbyterian church and CMPC in particular. I was confirmed and joined the church as a full-fledged member three years ago. I have been involved with LOGOS since my BUGS days and continue to do so to this day. I am a junior at Atholton High school. I have participated in VBS as a student and an assistant and have joined the many youth programs and events at CMPC. I have had so many great memories at CMPC and consider it a home. I am proud to be called to serve as a deacon at CMPC and look forward to helping our church and its members in every way I can.