

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: Cindy Pettit
Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Calendar:

Sun 11 10:30 Worship
12:00 Great Light PC, Rm 21
2:00 Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 12 9:30 Women's Bible Study, CR
6:15 Kickboxing Class, Rm 18, 21
7:00 LOGOS, CR
Tues 13 11:00 Bible Basics, CR
7:00 Boy Scouts
Wed 14 5:00 LOGOS
8:00 Bells of Joy
Thur 15 10:00 Shawl Ministry, CR
6:45 EC Stammers, Rm 9
7:00 Boy Scouts, CR
7:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sat 17 9:00 LOGOS rehearsal
11:00 Music Director, Sanctuary



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Worship Music this Week:

The title of the old hymn that arranger John Innes based the prelude arrangement on is *Grace Greater than Our Sin*, words written by Julia Johnston in 1911 (music by Daniel Towner.) Johnston was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Innes made the first phrase of the hymn the title of this organ arrangement. The first verse and refrain says: "Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt; yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin."
The Word in Music, *Lest I Forget Your Love (Lead Me to Calvary)*, is a reflection on the journey to repentance, and a call to remember the deep love and gift of mercy that was displayed at the cross. The composer/arranger, Heather Sorenson, incorporates a few measures of the refrain from the old hymn *Lead Me to Calvary* by Jennie Hussey (1921). The full text of the words to the anthem are in the bulletin as an insert. This piece is the third in the series of Lenten anthems that reflect on God's love for us.
The offertory piece, *The Power of the Cross with Lead Me to Calvary*, is an arrangement by Carol Tornquist, part of which brings back *Lead Me to Calvary*, which is also included in the Word in Music. The refrain for that hymn (words you will also hear in the anthem) is: "Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Your agony; lest I forget Your love for me, lead me to Calvary." The last verse of *The Power of the Cross* is, "Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love."
The writer of the words for the hymn, *Take My Life* is Frances Havergal, who penned it in 1874. The youngest child of a Church of England minister, she was seven years old when she began writing poems. Frances once said that she never wrote a line of poetry without first praying over it.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* arr. J. Innes
Based on 2 Corinthians 8:9: *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

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** Heather Barham
L: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!
P: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!
L: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!
P: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!
L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

****Common Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose 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** *Glory Be to the Father*

Moment with Children Marilyn Mills
Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music *Lest I Forget Your Love (Lead Me to Calvary)* by H. Sorenson
From Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Numbers 21: 4-9
John 3: 14-21

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

Sermon

Snakes!

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn – 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Offertory

The Power of the Cross with Lead Me to Calvary arr. C. Tornquist
"This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God - slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross."
(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty Copyright © 2005 Thankyou Music. CCLI song #4490766)

**Doxology –606

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

**Hymn – 697

Take My Life

**Benediction

Postlude

Your Grace is Enough by Maher/Tomlin, arr. V. Labenske
"For Your grace is enough . . . for me!"
2 Corinthians 12:9: *But [the Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

This morning elder Heather Barham 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!



March GIFT

Sunday, March 25th following worship

Our next GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) gathering is Sunday, March 25 to learn about Queen Esther, a young Jewish woman whose story in the Bible shows how her bravery saved an entire nation. All ages will gather together immediately after worship for lunch (a Purim feast!) and to hear the story of Esther. Then we will split into two groups to study more deeply (Adults/Youth and Children). There is no charge but donations toward the meal are accepted. RSVP to GIFT@cmpcusa.org so we know how much to prepare. Child care is available after lunch for the youngest if needed.



April GIFT- Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, April 21st, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

For April's GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) event, Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will again be sponsoring a meal packaging event through the Rise Against Hunger organization. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other life-changing aid to people in developing nations. We need your participation!

All ages from 4 years and up are welcome. Please let us know if childcare is needed for younger children.

Once again, our event will have two shifts: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Each shift has 60 volunteer openings. To sign up for a volunteer shift, please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/ChristMemorialPres2018>.

The cost is \$0.29/meal, so the total cost for our 20,000 meal event is \$5,800. CMPC's Mission Committee is funding a portion of the effort, and we are hoping to raise the balance of funds through donations. We expect some of Mt Hebron Presbyterian members also to participate this year. You may contribute to the cause by making a donation when you register online, by contributing to the "5th Sunday" offering (which will occur on April 29), and/or making a donation at the actual event. Participants of all ages in our past meal packing events have found them meaningful and a whole lot of fun! We expect the same this year!

Summer Camp

"To provide all campers with a vital encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship" is the mission of Pine Springs Camp—a Presbyterian summer camp located in Jennerstown, PA. Pine Springs, beloved by the Hoffman family and a favorite of a few other families of the church, is the place where you should consider sending your children or grandchildren for an incredible week of fun and faith development. To make it even easier to do so, the Hoffmans will be at the camp the week of June 24th-29th this summer and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Much more information about the camp (including their full summer schedule of camps) can be found on their website www.pinesprings.org. A limited number of print brochures are also available on the credenza outside of the Pastor's office.





Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer for "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"! Our program will run from June 25 – June 29th, from 9 am to noon. The preschool program welcomes all potty-trained children from ages 3 to 5. The grade-school program welcomes all children entering Kindergarten thru Grade 5 in the Fall of 2018. Registration opened Thursday, March 1st through the CMPC VBS webpage. Make sure to set a reminder, as last year's VBS program filled up in just a few days!

Also, the VBS Leadership Team is looking for an Outdoor Games leader to join us for the week. Please contact Meghan Jones at meghanrjones@gmail.com for more information.

All-Church Mission Trip

Once again this summer a group of folks from CMPC (and other churches) will descend upon Mars Hill, NC from July 8-14 for a week of hands-on mission work with our brothers and sisters in need. All ages are encouraged to join the group for this fun-filled and meaningful week of mission work. Children age birth to 11 years enjoy a day of VBS on a beautiful college campus while anyone over the age of 11 heads off to participate in home repair and refurbishment projects throughout the area. No specific skills are needed and a wide range of projects will be available. If you are interested in joining the CMPC delegation be sure to attend an informational meeting to be held on March 18th immediately following worship and/or contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org or 410-997-8011.



Rebuilding Together Howard County

National Rebuild Day is April 28, 2018.

The CMPC team will be led by Brent Jones (House Captain) and Linda Lange (Co-Captain). Please thank them for accepting this task.

Anyone wishing to participate Please contact Brent, brentvpi@gmail.com, 443-718-1861.



Investing for Our Future

As we draw closer to the start of the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion plan we would like to encourage you to consider helping us in yet another way. As you may well know, we are financing part of the plan through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). In order to qualify for the best interest rate possible, we need to have \$200,000 invested in the PILP program by members and friends of CMPC. Some of our members and friends are already participating and have invested \$31,000 to date. Obviously, we still need more investments to reach the goal. For more information about how to invest and the benefits of investing with PILP, please see the insert in the bulletin and/or visit their website at <https://pilp.pcusa.org/> If you would like to talk to someone who has already invested and get their take please feel free to reach out to the following folks: Bob and Sue Ashman, Bob and Jackie Jenkins, Nancy Whitelock, and Steve and Cindy Pettit.