

Welcome!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will worship with us again! For the next few months we will be worshipping here in Fellowship Hall while our sanctuary is under renovation. Thank you for bearing with us during this time of transition.

Prayer Concerns

Illness: 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. Jesse Hill, U.S. Army

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 and Danielle Wilder
Bell Choir Director: Sally Berlowitz
Sunday Experience Director: Donna Ueckermann
LOGOS Co-Directors: Carrie Jenkins, Lindsey Kim
Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg
Moderator of Deacons: Cindy Pettit
Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Calendar:

Sun 26 10:30 Worship, FH
 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 26, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. J. Carter

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** Hyiwot Teshome
L: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
P: we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
L: We will be glad and exult in you;
P: we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – Insert** *God Is Here!*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

****Common Prayer of Confession**
God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 – 447** *We Are Forgiven*
We are forgiven, We are forgiven, Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven, We are forgiven, Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.

Moment with Children Allen Exner

Word in Music *Ain't That Good News* arr. Hogan/Purifoy
CMPC Women
Acts 10:36: You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18
John 6: 56-69

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

Sermon

Making *The Choice*

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn – Insert

In An Age of Twisted Values

Offertory

More About Jesus
Colossians 3:15: *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

arr. H. DeCou

“More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show;
more of his saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus; more of His saving fullness see,
more of His love who died for me.” (Eliza E. Hewitt, 1887)

**Doxology –

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

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

**Hymn – Insert

Take My Life

**Benediction

Postlude

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. L. Smith

Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

New location

Our church offices have moved! Please come visit us at our new location, 10440 Shaker Drive, Suite 207. With the renovation of the preschool coming to a close, and school starting up again, the office hours will now be 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.



E-news

It has come to our attention that several people were inadvertently dropped from the e-news distribution. If you have received e-news in the past but are not currently receiving it, please contact the office to renew your subscription.

Investing for Our Future

Now that the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion plan has begun we would like to encourage you to consider helping us get the best possible interest rate on our loan. 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, we need to have \$300,000 invested in the PILP program by members and friends of CMPC. These investments need to be in place by the time we take the first draw on the loan which is likely to be in September. Some of our members and friends are already participating and have invested \$248,760 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 visit their website at <https://pilp.pcusa.org/>. If you would like to speak to someone who has already invested please contact Pastor Hoffman (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org) and he will be happy to connect you with someone. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessing of the backpacks

September 2nd, during worship

Join us on Sunday, September 2nd for our annual “Blessing of the Backpacks” as school starts back up. Bring your backpack, school tote, or briefcase to worship. This blessing is not just for children but for all starting back to school as students or teachers. We will also recognize our Sunday Experience teachers and helpers. If you participate in this Christian Education ministry, please plan to attend worship that morning.

Get Grounded, Equipped and Up to Speed

The West Side Story Ministry Group (WSSMG) of the Presbytery of Baltimore invites all church leaders to attend a Leader Training on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Central Presbyterian Church (7308 York Road, Towson, MD 21204) 9:00am-1:00pm. A WSSMG business meeting will follow to discuss Fund Dispersal. Reply to wssmgbaltpres@gmail.com to register.

2018-2019 LOGOS Children and Youth Ministry Program

Mark your calendars now for the first night of LOGOS, Wednesday, October 3rd and for Volunteer Training Night Wednesday, September 12th .

The 2018-2019 program year will be an adventure! There will be lots of changes due to all the improvements going on in the church building. The night will start at 5:30pm (instead of the usual 5:00pm) and will end as usual at 8:00pm after the group closing.

Try-it October is a great opportunity for new families to participate in the LOGOS experience (and pay \$5 per child a week as you go). Please Contact Co-Directors Carrie Jenkins (carrie915@yahoo.com) or Lindsey Kim (lindseyathorne@yahoo.com) for more program information.

