

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 18 9:30 Prayer Team, FISH room
10:30 Worship, FH
11:30 Groundbreaking Ceremony
11:45 Choir Rehearsal
2:00 Urdu Worship, FH

Tues 20 10:30 ME OAC, Church Office

Thur 22 Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Fri 23 Office Closed

Sat 24 11:00 Music Director, FH

Sun 25 10:30 Worship, FH
2:00 Urdu Worship, FH



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 18, 2018, 10:30 a.m. Commitment Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *With Thanksgiving and Praise* arr. L. Larson
(medley includes *We Gather Together, Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* and *Now Thank We All Our God*)

1 Chronicles 16:8-9: *Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.*

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** Marilyn Mills
L: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.
P: We gather, alive to the Word of God.
L: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.
P: We listen, alive to the Word of God.
L: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.
P: We watch and wait for the Word of God.
L: Let us worship God

****Hymn – Insert** *God Is Here!*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

****Common Prayer of Confession**
Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong 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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Allen Exner

Word in Music

Come, All Christians, Be Committed with Take My Life and Let It Be
Deuteronomy 6:5: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength.*

L. Larson

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

1 Kings 8: 54-61
Colossians 1: 24-29

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Committed

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn –**

God We Join in Celebration
(to tune Hymn to Joy)

God, we join in celebration of your love and faithfulness:
Long ago, our congregation gathered in the wilderness.
Long ago, your people worshipped, shared the gospel, served you well,
Celebrated grace and friendship, then went out, your love to tell.

What a faith-filled, rich tradition we are blest, O Christ, to know.
Guided by your Great Commission, many helped our church to grow.
Called by you to love their neighbors, thousands served you here with grace.
Thank you for their loving labors that have brought us to this place.

Grateful for the past you've given, now we look in hope to you.
Make us salt, and light, and leaven, working for a world that's new.
By your Spirit, lead and guide us as your loving family.
Teach us, shape us, walk beside us! Send us out in ministry!

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Ephesians 1:3: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

arr. K. Barker

****Doxology – insert**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Commitment of Gifts to Our Future

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. B.K. Smith

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

****Hymn – Insert**

You Shall Go Out with Joy

****Benediction**

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

TODAY is Commitment Sunday

Our Realizing the Vision capital campaign will culminate today with Commitment Sunday. All those making pledges to the campaign (and/or the annual operating budget) will be asked to bring those commitments forward during worship. If you are unable to pledge today, we will be happy to receive your pledge whenever you are able to submit it.



Mission Trip

The Mission and Local Outreach Committee is organizing a mission trip over the long MLK Day weekend to repair flood-damaged homes in New Bern, NC. The volunteers will drive to New Bern on Friday January 18 and return Monday January 21. No construction skills are required just a heart to help families recover from the emergency. Accommodations and board will be provided on-site. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Philip Davies at philip.davies7233@gmail.com; cell 410-707-4564.

Ministry Expansion Update: Groundbreaking Ceremony

We have some great news to share! We have finally closed the loan with PILP! This is the answer to many prayers. Soon work will begin again and we are very grateful for that.

Also, this means we are finally free to hold a groundbreaking ceremony. This will take place today immediately following worship. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please dress warmly that day if the forecast is for cold temperatures.

God is good! All the time! All the time...

IRA Donations to the Church

Did you know that if a donation is made through an IRA account, the fund does NOT provide any identifying information about who made the donation AND if contacted will not provide the church with any identifying information? Therefore, if you have in the recent past donated to CMPC thru your IRA or plan to make such a donation in the future please let us know. You can contact the assistant treasurer with this information at missy.sullivan@cmpcusa.org

Women for Women

The December Women for Women gathering will be a holiday social at Ashlyn Sowell's house on Sunday, December 16th from 2-4 p.m. Please save the date and details will follow.

**Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:
www.cmpcusa.org/events/newsletters**

What's a Prayer Shawl?

A knit or crocheted wrap for a recipient who could use prayers of comfort, peace, strength, encouragement, or blessings. Usually stitched in a Trinity stitch (combination of 3), the shawl maker begins by choosing a beautiful selection of donated yarn. Occasionally, the maker may know who the shawl is for as they are making it. Other times shawls are made, a need arises, and then a choice is made from the available completed shawls. Each shawl when completed is prayed over before it is lovingly packaged and sent to its recipient with blessings.

Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn or possibly you remember some stitches but could use some coaching? The Prayer Shawl Ministry at CMPC could use your help. This ministry is currently meeting on Thursday mornings at Barb Schmehl's (6713 Seneca Drive, Columbia) from 10:00-11:30 am while CMPC is being renovated. It is not mandatory to attend these meetings. Donations of knit or crocheted prayer shawls graciously accepted at any time.

Do you know of someone you'd like to give a shawl to?

Please contact Barb Schmehl at 410-995-1572 for more information about participating or to request a shawl.



Sign Up for Text Alerts from CMPC

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps CMPC staff share important updates and reminders like weather related cancellations with members and friends. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private, including your phone number. Visit remind.com to learn more.

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If you have questions or concerns about how CMPC will use Remind, please reach out to Kathleen at office@cmpcusa.org

Volunteering Support for the Cold Weather Shelter - Save the dates!

The Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) is a partnership with the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, the faith community, and the Howard County government to provide shelter to those families and individuals who are in need of a warm place to stay during the colder months of the year. Please mark your calendars now for volunteering with the CWS for CMPC. CMPC will be the primary host congregation from the evening of **Monday, December 17th through the morning of Monday, December 24th**. Since our facility is not available to host any guests this season, Grassroots has arranged for the Merriweather Post Pavilion facility to be available that week to provide the shelter for those enrolled in the CWS. CMPC volunteers will have the first opportunity to sign up to support the CWS for the week of December 17th through December 24th. Various duties will be needed to be performed during the week. About a week after the announcement is published, volunteers from all congregations participating in the CWS will also have the opportunity to sign up for that week.

Watch for the announcement to sign up, expected sometime around Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please contact the CMPC CWS Coordinator, Jeff Seymour, at jjseymour2@address4email.net or on 443-562-4744.