

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



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Calendar:

Sun 16	10:30 Cantata, FH 2:00 Women for Women, Ashlyn Sowell's home 5:00 Longest Night Service 6:00 Christmas Caroling, FH
Mon 17	7:00 Session and Deacons
Tues 18	10:30 ME OAC, Church Office
Wed 19	11:00 Bible Basics, CR 5:30 LOGOS 7:00 Finance, Temp Office
Thur 20	6:30 Ministry Expansion Team, Temp Office 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
Sat 22	11:00 Music Director, FH
Sun 23	10:30 Worship, FH 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 16, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	arr. L. Larson
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Scott Hoffman
Lighting of the Advent Candles		Dick and Delores McBirney
Response - 92	<i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i>	
	Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.	
Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)		
	L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.	
**Call to Worship		
	L: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! P: Let your gentleness be evident to all. L: The Lord is near. P: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. L: Let us worship God!	
**Hymn - Insert	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
Moment with Children		
	<i>Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience</i>	
Offertory	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	arr. L. Larson
**Doxology - 606	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Word in Music - Insert	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	by R. Mauldin

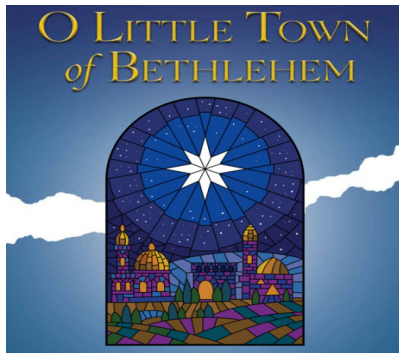
**Benediction

Postlude

O Little Town of Bethlehem reprise

Thank you to Jeff Bruce for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Christmas Cantata Today, during worship

On a quiet, calm night in Bethlehem, heaven's light broke through the darkness with the birth of Christ. Shepherds and wise men joined a host of angels to rejoice in this divine arrival on Earth. 2,000 years later, we reflect on how this single event in a humble stable would change the rest of history. Join us as we take a journey back in time to relive this incredible story.

Women for Women Today, 2-4 p.m.

Please join Women for Women for a Christmas celebration and social at Ashlyn Sowell's house (5533 Coltsfoot Court, Columbia, MD). You are invited to bring a holiday treat to share, but if you are feeling the stress of the season it's ok to come empty-handed! We will provide paper products and drinks. If you would like to participate in a fun gift exchange, please bring a wrapped used book. Sue Ashman is sharing information about a collection for a local family and you can bring your items, gift cards, or a contribution of money to the event. All women are welcome!

Longest Night Service Tonight at 5 p.m.

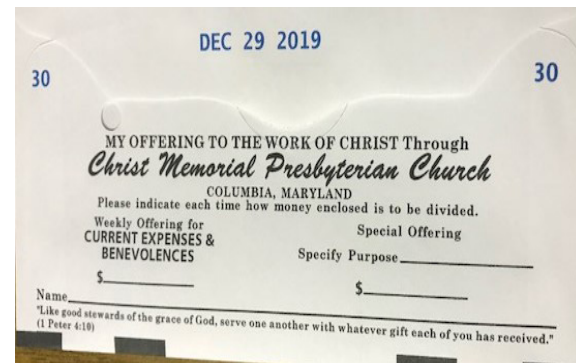
"The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.



Christmas Caroling Tonight at 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of caroling through the Allview community. Afterwards, we'll come back to the church for pizza and hot chocolate!

Offering Envelopes for both CMPC 2019 operating expenses and for the upcoming 2019 Capital Campaign can be picked up in the connecting hallway near the elevator. If you do not have a box of envelopes assigned to you and would like a box please contact Missy Sullivan at missy.sullivan@cmpcusa.org or 443-838-2836.



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5th Sunday Offering December 30th

This month's 5th Sunday offering will be designated for emergency response (flood and fire relief) to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). The committee will provide \$1,000 to match the amount collected.

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.



Volunteer for the Cold Weather Shelter – the Sign-up Link is Online Now!

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. Since our facility is not available to host any guests this season, Grassroots has arranged for the Merriweather Post Pavilion facility to be available from the evening of Monday, December 17th through the morning of Monday, December 24th to provide space for the CWS.

CMPC will be the primary host congregation that week; to sign up to support the CWS, visit <http://bit.ly/cws-at-merriweather>.

Various duties are needed to be performed during the week and there are information sheets for many of the tasks on the sign-up page. Please sign up today to support the CWS for CMPC! Any questions may be emailed to cws.at.merriweather@gmail.com, or see one of the CMPC CWS volunteers after the church service on Sundays.

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



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