

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 23	10:30	Worship, FH
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
Mon 24	5:00	Family Friendly Service, FH
	7:00	Family Friendly Service, FH
	9:00	Traditional Service, FH
Tues 25		Merry Christmas! Office Closed
Sat 29	11:00	Music Director, FH
Sun 30	10:30	Worship
	2:00	Urdu Worship



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Worship Music this Week:
The "Noel" in the title of the prelude is a French word that may come from either the Latin natilis, meaning "birth," or from the Latin Novella, meaning "new." Noel can be applied to the whole Advent/Christmas season, referring to the good news that Jesus will come and has come. Early folk carols like this one usually had many stanzas, each telling part of the story (usually sung by a leader), and a chorus that everyone would sing. The chorus for this carol begins with "Noel, Noel . . .".

The background for the Word in Music, *Fling Wide the Door*, is a popular German Advent hymn, composed by Duca Prussia in the 17th century. Georg Wiesel penned the lyrics in 1623. Macht hoch die Tür translates to "make high the doors" in English. The message: "The King of glory comes!"

While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks (the postlude) is a paraphrase of the shepherds' story as found in Luke 2: 8-14: *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 23, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *The First Noel* arr. C. Tornquist
Luke 2:9-10: *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."*

"The first Noel, the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel."
(Traditional English carol, 1833)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Neely Family

Response - 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*
While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, 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** Liz Perraud
L: Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.
P: He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
L: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
P: God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Holy is God's name!
L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – Insert** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

****Common Prayer of Confession**
God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



****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 – 103**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

 Come now, O Prince of Peace;
 make us one body.
 Come, O Lord Jesus;
 reconcile all people.

Moment with Children

Allen Exner

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

by J. Yarrington

Fling Wide the Door

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 7:10-14
 Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

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

Sermon

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Mary's Advent

****Hymn – insert**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Offertory

arr. C. Tornquist

He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child
 Isaiah 7:14: *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*

“He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
 He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild.”
 (Traditional 19th century French carol)

****Doxology – 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

 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.

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

****Hymn – Insert**

Savior of the Nations, Come

****Benediction**

Postlude

by G.F. Handel; arr. F. Bock

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
 “While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground; an angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around. And glory shown around.” (Nathan Tate, 1700)

Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 Family Friendly Service with BUGS and FROGS LOGOS Groups
- 7:00 Family Friendly Service with FROGS, ROCK and FISH LOGOS Groups
- 9:00 Traditional Service



**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 Mission and Local Outreach committee will provide \$1,000 to match the amount collected.

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@cmppcusa.org or 443-838-2836.

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.

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@cmppcusa.org

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