

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
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Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg
Moderator of Deacons: Cindy Pettit
Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Calendar:

Sun 9	10:30	Worship, FH
	11:30	Congregational Meeting, FH
	11:45	Mission Trip Meeting, FH
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
Tues 11	10:30	ME OAC, Church Office
Wed 12	11:00	Bible Basics, CR
	5:30	LOGOS
Thur 13	6:30	Ministry Expansion Team, Temp Office
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 15	11:00	Music Director, FH
Sun 16	10:30	Cantata, FH
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
	2:00	Women for Women, Ashlyn Sowell's home
	5:00	Longest Night Service
	6:00	Christmas Caroling, FH



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Worship Music this Week:

The prelude, *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*, is a Christmas carol of German origin. It may go back as far as the fourteenth century. Isaiah 11:1 tells of a shoot coming up from the *stump of Jesse*. The first verse says, "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of winter when half-gone was the night."

Get Ready for the King, the *Word in Music*, is an African Advent Carol. Part of the wonder of the Advent and Christmas season is the anticipation of the coming of Jesus. In this anthem, the growing expectation is wonderfully captured by composer Michael Barrett. A quote of the traditional spiritual *Kum Ba Yah* (meaning "come by here") is part of the arrangement.

The text for the closing hymn, *Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus*, was written by Charles Wesley in 1744 (music by Rowland Prichard, 1830.) Wesley's words express longing for the arrival of our savior - a prayer that implores Christ to be among us. In the hymn, he speaks of Christ as the "desire of every nation" and the "joy of every longing heart."



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 9, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. M. Hayes
Song of Solomon 2:1: *I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Roscoe Family

Response - 102 *While We Are Waiting, Come*
With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, 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** Sue Ashman
L: The Lord has done great things for us!
P: And we are filled with joy!
L: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,
P: our tears into songs of joy!
L: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,
P: and remain in us forever.
L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – Insert** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**
Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 – 103**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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

Special Recognition

Moment with Children

Marilyn Mills

Baptism - Insert

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Get Ready for the King (African Advent Carol)

by M. Barrett

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Preparing the Way

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – insert**

Blest Be the God of Israel

Offertory

A King Like This

by Tomlin/Redman/Myrin, arr. T. Beaney

“A King like this, majesty laying in a manger; a King like this, unto us is born a Savior;
The Light, the Light has come, a King like this, the highest Name and the song of heaven’
A King like this born of flesh into our suffering; the Light, the Light has come.
He is Christ, the Lord; He is Christ, our Savior; I bow my heart before no other name
I bow my heart before no other King.” (Thankyou Music, 2015)

****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.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

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

Sharing of Bread and Cup (by intinction)

Music during Communion

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

arr. M, Hayes

John 1:1-3: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. T. Helmore

Isaiah 7:14: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

****Hymn – Insert**

Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus

****Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

Thank you to Bill Ryder for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting

Today, Following Worship

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship today for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

Request for Cookies for Sunday, 12/16 Fellowship Hour

The Fellowship Committee is looking for donations of 1-2 dozen cookies for the Fellowship Hour on Sunday, December 16th. Cookies can be brought to church that morning and dropped off in the preschool area. Please contact Cindy Pettit at cindycpettit@gmail.com or 301-490-7304 if you are able to help. Thank you!



Women for Women

Ladies, please join Women for Women for a Christmas celebration and social at Ashlyn Sowell’s house from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 16. Her address is 5533 Coltsfoot Court, Columbia, MD. You can rsvp by Dec. 14 to ashlynsowell@yahoo.com or on the Facebook page. 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

Sunday, December 16th 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
Sunday, December 16th 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!

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. To learn more about the trip to New Bern, including work to be performed and arrangements for room and board, you are encouraged to attend a brief informational meeting that will be held after the congregational meeting today.



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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