

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

Prayer concerns are shared with our prayer chain and prayed for throughout the week. To submit a prayer concern, please e-mail prayerchain@cmppcusa.org or the office at office@cmppcusa.org. To be added to the prayer chain distribution, please contact the office at office@cmppcusa.org

Serving in our 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:** Bob Ashman

Calendar:

Sun 31	10:30	Worship, FH
	11:30	Care Group Leader Orientation, Open Area
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
Mon 1	7:00	Committee Night, Various Locations
Tues 2	10:30	ME OAC, Church Office
Wed 3	11:00	Bible Basics, Temp Office
	1:00	Staff Meeting
Thurs 4	6:30	Ministry Expansion Committee, Temp Office
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal, FH
Fri 5	11:45	BBC Lunch, Mission BBQ
Sat 6	11:00	Music Director, FH
Sun 7	10:30	Worship, FH
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH



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Worship Music this Week:
 When William Doane, a Cincinnati businessman who liked composing gospel music, asked Fanny Crosby to write lyrics for music he wanted to compose for the prelude tune, it took a few weeks for her to write words that she felt would be meaningful. Usually Crosby, who was blind, penned lyrics very quickly. The only guidance he gave her was that the lyrics should begin with "Pass me not, O gentle Savior", the title for the prelude this morning. Doane later wrote that the inspiration for the hymn was the result of a visit to a prison by Crosby during the spring of 1868. He noted that after she had spoken and some of her hymns had been sung, she heard one of the prisoners cry out in a pleading voice, "Good Lord, do not pass me by!" After the visit, she wrote the hymn lyrics, incorporating the line he had suggested. The arrangement by Mary McDonald begins slowly, then becomes a lively gospel style.

The Word in Music, *Wonderful Songs of Grace*, is a medley of hymns that articulate the virtues of God's never-ending grace. Included in the choral arrangement by Joseph Martin are *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*, *Amazing Grace*, *At Calvary* and *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*.

The offertory piano solo incorporates two songs, *Lord Have Mercy* and *At Calvary* (written by William Newell in 1895.) The beginning song of the arrangement words are: "Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken; promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim. With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom; forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me" (M. Coeuriot /M. Jonasz, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, 1982)



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* arr. M. McDonald
 John 6:37: *All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.*

"Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by."
 (Fanny Crosby, 1938; Public Domain)

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** Todd Stubbs
 L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,
P: for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.
 L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,
P: for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.
 L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,
P: for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.
 L: O come, let us worship the Lord!

****Hymn – Insert** *Come, Worship God*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

****Common Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord 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 – 847** *Our Hope, Our Life*

Beyond this age of shame and sham
 we glimpse a better destiny:
 the Lord will lift us free from death
 to dwell in praise eternally.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Marilyn Mills

Word in Music

Wonderful Songs of Grace

arr. J. Martin

Hebrews 4:16: *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

Sermon

Coming Home

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – insert**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
* Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Received

Offertory

Lord Have Mercy with At Calvary arr. B. Smith/M. McDonald
1 Peter 2:24: *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

****Doxology – Insert**

We Lift Our Voices

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

****Hymn – Insert**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

****Benediction**

Postlude

Grace Greater than Our Sin arr. C. Tornquist
Ephesians 2:8-9: *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.*

This morning elder Mike Chapasko will be at the front of Fellowship Hall after worship to welcome you and answer questions about our congregation.

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

Blessing Our New Spaces

Join us today, as we will have opportunity to sign, write words of blessing, and/or write scripture verses on the studs and walls of the new entrance and stair tower before the walls are closed in (insulation and drywall added). This will take place immediately following worship. All are welcome!

Rebuilding Together Howard County

National Rebuild Day is April 27, 2019.
Anyone wishing to participate please contact Brent, brentvpi@gmail.com, 443-718-1861.

**April Women for Women
April 27th at 11:30**

Time to put another W4W event on your calendars. On Saturday, April 27, at 11:30 please join us for an early Cinco de Mayo themed pot luck. Laura Frantz has graciously offered to host, 13605 Sheepshead Court, Clarksville 21029. Look for sign up and carpool details soon. Hope you can come!

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Today

This morning we will collect our special fifth Sunday mission offering. During the second hymn you are invited to bring a special offering forward and place it in the baskets on the table. The recipient of this month's fifth Sunday mission offering will be the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Cash or checks made out to "CMPC" with "RAH" written in the memo line can be placed in the baskets. We invite you to give generously to this special mission initiative. For more information about the event see below.

**May GIFT- Rise Against Hunger
Saturday, 4th, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.**

For May's GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) event, Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will again be sponsoring a meal packaging event through the Rise Against Hunger organization. This year we'll be packing meals in the area under the sanctuary. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other life-changing aid to people in developing nations.

Once again, our event will have two shifts: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. All ages from 4 years and up are welcome. We will provide childcare for younger children during the morning shift. Each shift will be limited to 60 volunteers. To sign up for a shift, please visit <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/CMPC> The cost is \$0.29/meal, so the total cost for our 20,000 meal event is \$5,800. CMPC's Mission and Local Outreach Committee is funding a portion of the effort, and we are hoping to raise the balance of funds through donations. You may contribute to the cause by making a donation when you register online, by contributing to the "5th Sunday" offering, and/or making a donation at the actual event.

Participants of all ages in our past meal packing events have found them meaningful and a whole lot of fun! Please feel free to invite friends outside of the CMPC community to join us! Questions? Contact Jennifer Seinfeld (410-908-6431, jenniferseinfeld@gmail.com)

Extending the Table

The elders and deacons of the church will be taking communion to members of the congregation unable to be with us in worship so that all brothers and sisters can be part of the body receiving the sacrament. If you or someone you know would like to be included in the visits on Sunday, April 7th please contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org by Wednesday, April 3rd.



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CMPC Welcomes the Westminster College Concert Choir!

CMPC is fortunate once again to host the Westminster College Concert Choir on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary as part of their spring tour. Westminster is the Alma Mater of our own Pastor Hoffman, member Allison Miller, and friend of CMPC Rev. Bob Culp! After the concert on the 14th, we will have the opportunity to provide housing for the night and will serve guests breakfast the morning of May 15th prior to their departure for their next concert. If you would be willing to host some students in your home the evening of the 14th please contact Joy Exner after worship or via email (joyousmusic@yahoo.com) to give her your name, contact information, and how many students you are willing to host.

Musical Treats & Sweets

14th year

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church
June 9, 2019
6:00-8:00pm

Musical performances, silent auction, raffles, special snacks and other surprises!
\$5 suggested donation at the door. Fun for all ages. Nursery available.

fundraiser to benefit GenOn Youth Summit attendance (our community and a community in-need)

Musical Treats & Sweets

Join us for CMPC's annual Musical Treats & Sweets on Sunday, June 9 from 6-8pm! The event is held to raise funds for our high school and college students and adult leaders as well as to assist Concordia Lutheran Church in Worcester, MA to attend the GenOn Youth Summit in July. There will be musical performances, a silent auction, raffles, special snacks and other fun surprises! This year's theme is "Hopes & Dreams." Suggested donation is \$5 at the door. Fun for all ages. Nursery available.

CARE Group Program

The Board of Deacons are excited to announce the start-up of a new CARE Group ministry at CMPC, which will connect members of the church with a caring church officer or lay person. Each household will be contacted by a CARE Group Leader a few times a year, to see if there are any special needs, requests or concerns. The program will be phased in over the next several months. We look forward to talking to some of you soon!

All-Church Mission Trip

Once again this summer a group of folks from CMPC (and other churches) will descend upon Mars Hill, NC from July 7-13 for a week of hands-on mission work with our brothers and sisters in need. All ages are encouraged to join the group for this fun-filled and meaningful week of mission work. Children age birth to 11 years enjoy a day of VBS on a beautiful college campus while anyone over the age of 11 heads off to participate in home repair and refurbishment projects throughout the area. No specific skills are needed and a wide range of projects will be available. If you are interested in joining the CMPC delegation be sure to contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org or 410-997-8011.

If you missed the opportunity to participate in the **Realizing the Vision Campaign** and would like more information feel free to pick up a campaign packet on the table outside of Fellowship Hall. Please direct any questions to Bob Clemens at 240-381-7083 or bobclemens3@yahoo.com.