

Welcome!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will worship with us again! Please introduce yourself as you feel comfortable. Be sure to check out the "New to Us?" card in the pew rack for information about our worship service, children in worship, who we are, and more! Prayer request cards can be found in the pew and are used to share concerns with the prayer chain and/or the pastor.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns are shared with our prayer chain and prayed for throughout the week. To submit a prayer concern, please fill out a card in the pew or e-mail prayerchain@cmpecusa.org or the office at office@cmpecusa.org. To be added to the prayer chain distribution, please contact the office at office@cmpecusa.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 Co-ordinators: Donna Uecker-mann and Kaleigh Thomas

LOGOS Director: Lindsey Kim

Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg

Moderator of Deacons: Cindy Pettit

Treasurer: Bob Ashman

Calendar:

Sun 27	9:00	Small Group Bible Study, Trinity Room
	10:30	Worship, sanctuary
	11:30	Oberammergau Meeting, FH
	3:00	Trunk or Treat
Mon 28	6:30	Kickboxing, Open Area
Tues 29	10:30	ME OAC, Church Office
Wed 30	5:00	LOGOS, Full church
	8:00	Bells of Joy, sanctuary
Thur 31	10:30	Shawl Ministry, classroom 3
	7:00	Ministry Expansion Team, classroom 1
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Sat 2	1:00	Music Director, sanctuary
Sun 3	9:00	Small Group Bible Study, Trinity Room
	10:30	Worship, sanctuary
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
	5:00	Girl Scouts, FH

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Worship Music this Week: Reformation Sunday

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, is a piano arrangement of the famous Reformation hymn, written by Martin Luther in 1529. The Protestant Reformation began in 1517 with the publication of the Luther's Ninety-five Theses, and lasted until the end of the Thirty Years' War with the Peace of Westphalia in 1648. The words are a paraphrase of Psalm 46 that says in part: God is our safe place and our strength. He is always our help when we are in trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and the mountains fall into the center of the sea, and even if its waters go wild with storm and the mountains shake with its action.

The Word in Music, *Forever with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, is a joyful anthem that blends a contemporary song by Chris Tomlin with a traditional hymn by Martin Luther.

The offertory piece is an instrumental arrangement that combines two songs: *How Great Is Our God* and *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*. The first was composed by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves in 2004 (Capitol Christian Music Group.) The chorus words are: "How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great is our God" The second song is based on a tune written by Isaac Watts in 1715. The first verse in our hymnal text is: "I sing the mighty Power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey."



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. J. Purifoy

Psalm 18:2: *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Welcome and Announcements

Sue Ashman

Moment for Stewardship

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**Call to Worship

Leader: Let us return to God who heals and binds up, that we may recall God's constant presence.

People: We will call to mind the deeds of God and remember God's wonders of old.

Leader: God pursues us wherever we go and searches for us when we are lost.

People: We rejoice in God's steadfast love that draws us near in the company of friends.

Unison: Let us return to God now, with all our attention, that we may know God's Word and live it. Let us worship God.

**Hymn – 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we confess that too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude; too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy; too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love; and too often we are indeed separated and alienated from our better self, separated and alienated from you, dear God. Loving Lord, forgive us for our hearts that are not attuned to yours. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, serving your Kingdom's cause, and enjoying the fellowship of faith which is our spiritual home. Create in us a fresh openness to your love, that we may share it in all its fullness with others, as we seek to follow Jesus as Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: There is a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sky.

People: There is a depth in God's mercy, like the depth of the sea.

Leader: Surely God will receive us when we come to ourselves and turn from our sin which has separated us from our best selves.

People: He will hear us and forgive us, even as the thief was forgiven on the cross ... even as the wayward son was embraced by his loving father.

Unison: The Lord's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

Leader: This is the Good News!

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Response – 447

We Are Forgiven

Moment with Children

Allen Exner

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Forever with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Lamentations 3:22-23: *The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

arr. L Shackley

Prayer for Illumination**Scriptures**

Joel 2:23-29

OT page 848

Luke 16:19-31

NT page 79

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Stinging Parable

****Hymn - 754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

Offertory

How Great Is Our God with I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Psalms 147: 5: *How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!*

arr. C. Berry

****Doxology - 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")****Hymn – 81**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

****Benediction****Postlude**

Forever

arr. V. Labenske

1 Thessalonians 5:24: *Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.*

*"Forever, God is faithful, forever, God is strong; forever, God is with us, forever, forever."
(by Chris Tomlin, 2001; Capitol Christian Group)*

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

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Welcome back Rev. Culp!**

Stepping into the pulpit in Reverend Hoffman's absence today is Reverend Bob Culp. Rev. Culp is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1975 (in Biblical Studies) and his Master of Theology Degree in 1992 (in Homiletics). He served 5 different parishes in the eastern U.S. before his retirement in October, 2013. He and his wife Kathy now reside in Woodstock, MD. Rev. Culp and Kathy are parents to 3 grown daughters and grandparents to 3 grandchildren.

Third Grade Bibles

We will recognize our third graders' transition into full worship at Christ Memorial by presenting them with their very own, brand new Bible. This will take place on Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am (LOGOS Sunday). If you have a third grader, please notify the church office at office@cmppusa.org. We hope that you and your child can be with us that day.

**New Member Class**

Sunday, November 17th at 11:30 am

If you feel that CMPC is a place where you would like to put down roots and become more fully involved in the life of the church, you are welcome to attend our New Members Class. During the class you will have the opportunity to learn about our church and our tradition, get to know some of the leadership of the church, and form bonds with others who have decided to move into membership as well. If you would like to join us for the class, please RSVP by Monday, November 11th by calling the church office at 410-997-8011. A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available upon request. When calling to RSVP for the class, please indicate if you will need childcare.

**UPDATE - Oberammergau Passion Play – ORGANIZATIONAL GATHERING**

Today, immediately following worship, front of Fellowship Hall

An informational meeting is scheduled for all CMPC members who have 'signed on' or others who are 'just interested' in obtaining DETAILS about our planned 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play/Avalon Danube River cruise 'event'. We will begin with a recollection of CMPC's Oberammergau 2000 trip and then Avalon River Cruises will present a program. Valuable prizes and Bavarian style refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to elise@starfish-vacay.com

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.

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