

# 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](mailto:prayerchain@cmpecusa.org) or the office at [office@cmpecusa.org](mailto:office@cmpecusa.org). To be added to the prayer chain distribution, please contact the office at [office@cmpecusa.org](mailto: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 10	9:00	Small Group Bible Study, Trinity Room
	10:30	Worship, sanctuary
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
Mon 11	6:30	Kickboxing, Open Area
Wed 13	5:00	LOGOS, Full church
	8:00	Bells of Joy, sanctuary
Thur 14	10:30	Shawl Ministry, classroom 3
	6:00	Cub Scouts, FH, Classrooms 1 and 3, Trinity
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Sat 16	2:00	Columbia Music Teachers, sanctuary
Sun 17	9:00	Small Group Bible Study, Trinity Room
	10:30	Worship, sanctuary
	11:30	New Member Class, Trinity Room
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH

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# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**November 10, 2019, 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### Prelude

*Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)*

arr. G. F. Kaufmann

Psalm 136:1-3: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his loyal love endures forever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods, for his loyal love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his loyal love endures forever.

### 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

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

**People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faithful people.**

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

**People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go. Praise God for the gift of this day!**

**Unison: We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our God this day and forever more! Let us worship God!**

### \*\*Hymn – 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

### \*\*Silent Prayer of Confession

### \*\*Common Prayer of Confession

**O God of watchful care, you have ever offered us your life-giving presence, yet we do not always accept your gift. Your abundance overwhelms us; your faithfulness confounds us, and we draw back. You have shown us in Jesus of Nazareth the humanity you have long hoped could be ours. It sounds so good – freedom, justice, and peace; but it asks so much of us! And forgetting to rely on the help of your Spirit, we grow discouraged or become indifferent too easily.**

**And yet, we do want what you want – a new creation where we shall live, one and all, as your children. So let this newness be in us! Forgive what lies behind us and turn our hearts and hands to what is ahead. Free us from the chains of guilt and self-pity which hinder our energy to love and our ability to be loved. Refresh our hope and vision as your church and renew our commitment to the many ministries in which we serve. May we nurture one another as we share the mystery of life and the proclamation of the Gospel! This we pray, trusting in you, transforming God! In Christ Jesus, Amen.**



### Worship Music this Week:

The words for the opening hymn, *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*, were written by Henry Francis Lyte in 1834 (music by James Goss, 1869.) The Ecumenical Women's Center adapted the hymn for congregations in 1974. Lyte was a British clergyman who published a collection of 280 hymns based on the book of Psalms, called *The Spirit of the Psalms*. This hymn used Psalm 130 as a reference. It urges us not to forget the Lord's benefits. In the first verse of the hymn, those benefits include "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven." Queen Elizabeth II chose this hymn to be sung at her wedding to Prince Philip on November 12, 1947.

*Now Thank We All Our God* will be heard instrumentally and vocally today. The text was written by pastor and musician Martin Rinkart in 1636. The music was composed by Johann Cruger in 1647, and translated from German to English by Catherine Winkworth in 1858. Rinkart was born in Eilenburg, Germany, a small city near Leipzig, that ended up behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany for several decades during the 20th century.

After studying for the ministry, Rinkart was called to Eilenburg (his home town) to serve at a Lutheran church, arriving to begin his ministry at the beginning of the Thirty Years War. The war devastated Germany in general and Eilenburg in particular. Since it was a walled city, it became a place of refuge, which made it very susceptible to disease. The plague of 1637 killed several thousand people, including Rinkart's wife. He wrote the first two verses not as a hymn for public worship, but as a table grace for his family. At the end of the war, *Now Thank We All Our God* was sung to celebrate the signing of the treaty that ended the war. Today Christians sing it to praise our Lord. We know that God is with us at all times – "in this world and the next."

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The God whom we know in Jesus Christ is a God of mercy and love.

**People: When we are disillusioned with others and ourselves, God still accepts us as we are and continually moves toward us with forgiveness and comfort.**

Leader: We are freed by God's forgiving love to live in the freshness of each new day.

**People: We are freed to reach out to one another in a community of compassion and joy. In Christ Jesus' love and life, death and resurrection, we are freed to become who we truly are!**

Leader: Friends, this is the Good News!.

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

**\*\*Response – 447**

*We Are Forgiven*

**Special Music**

*This Is Amazing Grace*  
*Bells of Joy*

arr. P Bettcher

Acts 15:11: *We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.*

"This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love; that You would take my place  
that You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life that I would be set free;  
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me."

(by J. Riddle/J. Farro/P. Wichkam; Bethel Music Publishing, 2012)

**Moment with Children**

*Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience*

Allen Exner

**Word in Music**

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Jennifer Seinfeld and Lorri Yawney

arr. M. Hayes

Isaiah 12:4-6: *In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."*

**Prayer for Illumination****Scriptures**

Psalm 121  
Luke 15:11-32

OT page 571  
NT page 78

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

A Prodigal's Story

**\*\*Hymn - 22**

*God of the Sparrow*

**Offertory**

*Thankfulness*  
*For the Beauty of the Earth with Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 103: 1-2: *Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

**\*\*Doxology - 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")****\*\*Hymn – 645**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

**\*\*Benediction****Postlude**

*Triumph and Thanksgiving*

by F. Ritter

Psalm 92: 1-2: *It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.*

This morning elder John Kim 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.

**New Locks Installed**

As part of the completion of the Ministry Expansion Project we have begun rekeying all of the doors of the church. If you currently have a key to the exterior doors, that key will no longer work. If you would like a new key please contact the church office (410-997-8011 or office@cmppcusa.org) to arrange for a new key. We will be carefully tracking who receives keys and a fine will be assessed for any lost keys. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this process.

**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.

**BBC Lunch**

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to the next Break Bread & Connect Lunch on Tues., November 12, at 11:45 at Wegmans in Columbia (8855 McGaw Rd.). No reservations needed. Just grab some lunch and join the group in the dining area for fun and fellowship.

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.

**Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:  
[www.cmppcusa.org/newsletters](http://www.cmppcusa.org/newsletters)**



### **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@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org). We hope that you and your child can be with us that day.

### **Save the Dates to Volunteer for the Cold Weather Shelter at CMPC**

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. Following the expansion of our facility, the shelter is returning to CMPC this year and will be held from the evening of Monday, December 30th through the morning of Monday, January 6th to provide shelter for those enrolled in the CWS.

The sign-ups are opening at the end of November. Please save the dates now to support the CWS at CMPC!