

# 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-Coordinators:** 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 1	10:30	Worship, sanctuary
	11:30	Congregational Meeting
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH
	5:00	Girl Scouts, FH
Mon 2	6:30	Committee Night, FH, classrooms
	6:30	Kickboxing, Open area
Tues 3	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH, classrooms
Wed 4	1:00	Staff Meeting, Classroom 3
	5:00	LOGOS, entire building
	8:00	Bells of Joy, sanctuary
Thur 5	10:30	Shawl Ministry, Classroom 3
	6:30	Cub Scouts, FH, Classrooms
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
	7:00	New Officer Orientation, Faith
Fri 6	11:00	Memorial Service, sanctuary, FH
	6:00	Pakistani Party, FH, kitchen
Sat 7	9:00	Greening of the church
	1:00	Music Director, sanctuary
	4:00	Party, FH, kitchen
Sun 8	10:30	Worship, sanctuary
	2:00	Urdu Worship, FH



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Worship Music this Week:  
 The Word in Music today is the first of two anthems that have the same title, *Joy of Every Longing Heart*. The choir will offer the second one during worship next week. They are arranged by different people, and are meant as preludes to the Christmas cantata, *Joy Has Dawned*, which will be offered on December 22nd.

The anthem today, arranged by Lloyd Larson, is a mixture of the Advent carol, *Of the Father's Love Begotten* and J.S. Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Larson keeps the text for *Of the Father's Love (Divine Mysterium)*, (written first during the 4th century and translated by J.M. Neale in 1854), throughout most of the piece, while the accompaniment mainly follows the *Jesu* track. The arranger also composed some music of his own within the anthem.

The offertory piece has had a few different titles in different publications over the years. The most recent one in a Presbyterian Book was in the old blue hymnal, *Prepare the Way (of Zion)*. A date of composition could not be ascertained. The composer was Frans Mikael Franzen, who lived from 1771-1847. The first verse and refrain are: "Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near; let every hill and valley a level road appear. Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story; O blest is he that came in God the Father's name! (Publication Right: Lutheran Book of Worship)



## Order of Worship

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

**Prelude** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. M. Ijames  
 Jennifer Seinfeld and Lorri Yawney, piano duet

Psalm 28:7: *The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** Jan Keister, Sarah and Riley Trodden

**Response** -insert *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.  
 P: **And also with you.**

**\*\*Call to Worship** Allen Exner

L: There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.  
**P: When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.**  
 L: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:  
**P: our redemption is drawing near!**  
 L: Heaven and earth may pass away,  
**P: but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**  
 L: Let us worship God!

**\*\*Hymn – 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## \*\*Silent Prayer of Confession

## \*\*Common Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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.

**Moment with Children**

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

Liz Perraud

**Word in Music**

*Joy of Every Longing Heart*  
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.*

arr. L. Larson

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Psalm 145  
Luke 1:46-55

OT page 581  
NT page 57

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Magnificat

**\*\*Hymn - 100**

*My Soul Cries Out*

**Offertory**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*  
(based on 17th cent. Swedish folk tune)

arr. D. Torrans

Mark 1:1-3: *The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" – a voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."*

**\*\*Doxology - 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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** (Please eat and drink when you are served.)

*The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.*

**Music during Communion**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
Luke 1:32-33: *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.*

arr. M. Hayes

**Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn – 88**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(verses 1-3, 6, 7)

**\*\*Benediction**

**Congregational Meeting**

**Postlude**

*Emmanuel with O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. L. Shackley  
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 Emmanuel.*

Thank you to Neil Danzig 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.

**Committee Night**

Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

The next Committee Night will be tomorrow evening. Dinner will be at 6:30 and meetings begin at 7:00. Please contact Delores McBirney at deloresmcbirney@verizon.net if you will need childcare.

**Save the Date!**

Women for Women will meet for our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Watch for details coming soon!

**Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 15th 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!

**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 soon. Please save the dates now to support the CWS at CMPC!

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

## CMPC's All-age Christmas Pageant

It's back! Our all-age Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 15 in worship at 10:30am. ALL are invited to participate. We're looking for sheep (age 5 and younger, parents must be a shepherd), shepherds (age 5 and older and parents of young children), and angels (age 5 and older). The more the merrier! Sign up by December 5 so that we have plenty of costumes. Looking for costume helpers too! There is one mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 14 from 10am-Noon.

Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4cacaf2fa13-cmpcs>  
Questions? Contact pageant director Carrie Jenkins at [carrie915@yahoo.com](mailto:carrie915@yahoo.com)

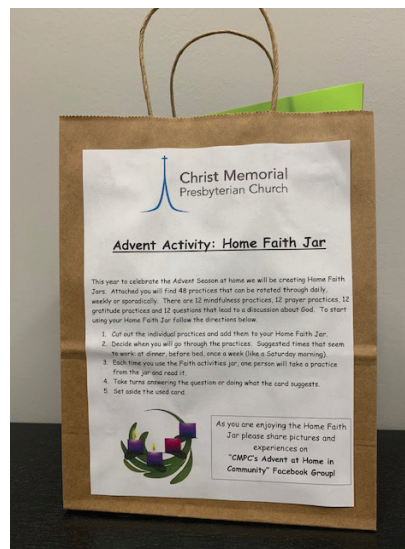
## Advent GIFT

The Christian Education Committee's Advent GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) will be done at home and also in community through a Facebook Group ("CMPC's Advent at Home in Community"). This is a Closed Group which means that others can see that there is a group but cannot see who a member is or what is posted. You need to request to join. To celebrate the Advent season, we are providing supplies for households of all ages to create Home Faith Jars, beginning today. Pick up your jar and packet at church that includes 48 practices that can be rotated through daily, weekly or sporadically. There are 12 mindfulness practices, 12 prayer practices, 12 gratitude practices and 12 questions that lead to a discussion about God.

Decide when you will go through the practices. Some times that seem to work: at dinner, before bed, once a week (like a Saturday morning). You'll take turns selecting a practice from the jar, reading it, and answering the question or doing what the card suggests. Take pictures of your Faith Jar and/or doing some of your activities and then share them on our Facebook Group so we can have the community experience for Advent too.

Join the group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/329618077822268/>

You can also invite others to join if they have some connection to CMPC. This would be a great way for college students and others who have moved away to connect with us for this Advent season.



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](mailto:bobclemens3@yahoo.com).