

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@cmpcusa.org or the office at office@cmpcusa.org. To be added to the prayer chain distribution, please contact the office at office@cmpcusa.org

Serving in our Military

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 29	10:30 Worship, sanctuary 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH
Mon 30	Cold Weather Shelter
Tues 31	Cold Weather Shelter
Wed 1	Cold Weather Shelter
Thur 2	Cold Weather Shelter
Fri 3	Cold Weather Shelter
Sat 4	Cold Weather Shelter 9:00 De-Greening of the church 1:00 Music Director, sanctuary
Sun 5	Cold Weather Shelter 10:30 Worship, sanctuary 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH



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Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High, arr. F. Lopez

Welcome and Announcements

Marilyn Mills

Moment for Mission

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 sing praise to the God of all creation.

People: **Let us sing praise to the Spirit who gives life to all.**

Leader: Let us sing praise to Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

People: **In song and service, let us affirm our faith that everyone and everything in all creation might be reunited with God through Christ.**

Unison: **We sing with the faithful of all ages, tongues, and races. Let us worship God!**

**Hymn – 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, who can make all things new, we humbly bring before you the record of our lives in the year now ending. Where life has been good to us, do not let us take more credit than we deserve. Where we have been good to others, help us to forget all thoughts of honor and reward. Where we have fallen short, in our words ... our actions ... our attitudes, forgive us, and free us from brooding over what is past. Cleanse us by your mercy, guide us by your truth, fill us with your love, lead us forward in your all-conquering hope. Through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, and Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ reigns in power for us.

Unison: If we are in Christ, we become new persons altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

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

****Response – 108**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

Moment with Children

Marilyn Mills

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Kathryn Schatz, violin

15th Century German carol

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalms 139:1-12
Acts 2:43-47

OT page 577
NT page 120

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Coming Home to the Homesick Restaurant

****Hymn - 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter
* Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Received

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. F. Lopez

****Doxology - 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

****Hymn – 141**

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

****Benediction**

Postlude

How Great Our Joy

arr. F. Lopez

This morning elder Hyiwot Teshome 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!

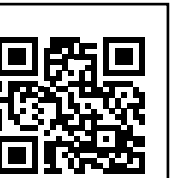
Stepping into the pulpit in Reverend Hoffman's absence today is Reverend Bob Culp. Rev. Culp is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1975 (in Biblical Studies) and his Master of Theology Degree in 1992 (in Homiletics). 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.

Sign Ups Now Open - 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 online and now open at <http://bit.ly/cws-at-cmpc>. Volunteers will be in the hallway after the worship service on Sundays to assist you with signing up.

If you have questions, please email cws.at.cmpc@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the CWS at CMPC!

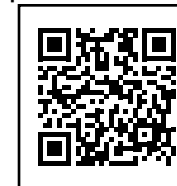


New! Child and Adult Protection Training - Jan 8th from 6-8 pm - RSVP link below

CMPC is holding our first mandatory training for all volunteers who work with children and youth - LOGOS, Sunday Experience, nursery, preschool, and VBS. This will be an annual training to ensure the safety of our children, youth, and adult volunteers and is required in our CMPC policies. Please view our policy here prior to the training: <https://cmpcusa.org/community/church-documents/>

This year it will be held Jan 8th from 6pm to 8pm (also LOGOS training night). Dinner will be served. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP for childcare and the event itself here:

RSVP:



Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available for pick up in the hallway. If you do not have a box of envelopes assigned to you and would like a box please contact Missy Sullivan at missy.sullivan@cmpcusa.org or 443-838-2836.

Break Bread & Connect Lunch

After a brief break in December, the BBC Lunch is back, and everyone is invited! Please join us for a relaxing lunch at 11:45 AM on January 20th at Whole Foods Market (10275 Little Patuxent Pkwy., Columbia, 21044). There is no agenda, and no reservations are necessary (but it is fun to respond on our private Facebook group so your friends can look forward to seeing you there). All ages are encouraged to come! Once you've gotten your food, come sit with the group in the dining area, and enjoy the fun and fellowship. To join our private Facebook group for BBC Lunch announcements, please contact Laura Walker Frantz (Chair, Fellowship Committee) through Facebook.

Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:
www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters