

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 8	10:30 Worship, sanctuary 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH
Mon 9	6:30 Kickboxing, Open area
Tues 10	7:00 Boy Scouts, FH, classrooms 7:30 LOGOS Leadership
Wed 11	5:00 LOGOS, entire building 8:00 Bells of Joy, sanctuary
Thur 12	10:30 Shawl Ministry, Classroom 3 6:30 Cub Scouts, FH, Classrooms 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Fri 13	6:00 Pakistani Party, FH, kitchen
Sat 14	9:00 Pageant Rehearsal, FH, sanctuary 1:00 Music Director, sanctuary 3:00 Women for Women FH, kitchen
Sun 15	10:30 Christmas Pageant, sanctuary 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH 6:00 Christmas Caroling, neighborhood, FH



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Worship Music this Week:

The Word in Music today is the second anthem with the title *Joy of Every Longing Heart*, which is a prelude to the Christmas cantata, *Joy Has Dawned*, to be offered during worship December 22nd. This arrangement by Mary McDonald is a celebratory piece that combines the words for *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* words with the hymn tune *Warrenton*, which is the alternate tune for *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. McDonald also adds her own music and text, interspersed throughout the anthem.

The second hymn today, *Blest Be the God of Israel*, is a fairly recent composition (1973) that is based on the song of Zechariah in Luke 1: 68-79. The tune is *Merle's Tune*, named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.



Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

arr. L. Shackley

Isaiah 40:1-2: "Comfort my people," says our God. "Comfort them! Encourage the people of Jerusalem. Tell them they have suffered long enough and their sins are now forgiven. I have punished them in full for all their sins."

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Kris, Jeff, Scott and PJ Bloom

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

L: Rejoice in the Lord always.

P: I will say it again: Rejoice!

L: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

P: The Lord is near. We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

L: Let us worship God!

Toby Aquino

**Hymn – 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

Special Music *Savior of the Nations Come with O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. B. E. Austin
Bells of Joy

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.*

Moment with Children
Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Sacrament of Baptism - Insert

Word in Music *Joy of Every Longing Heart* arr. M. McDonald
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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Toby Aquino and Enoch Shahzad
Malachi 3: 1-6 OT page 889
Luke 1:67-79 NT page 58
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Benedictus

****Hymn - 109** *Blest Be the God of Israel*

Offertory *Beautiful One with O Come Let Us Adore Him* arr. C. Tornquist
Philippians 2:9-11: *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

****Doxology - 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

****Hymn - 87** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

****Benediction**

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* arr. D. Lasky
Psalm 24:7-9: *Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

This morning elder Bob Clemens 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

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!

Advent GIFT

The Christian Education Committee's Advent GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) bags are still available for pick up today. Join the private Facebook group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/329618077822268/>

Women for Women

It's that time of year again! Get ready to enjoy a wonderful time with girlfriends old and new at the CMPC Women for Women's Annual Christmas party!

Who: All Women of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, December 14 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

What: Enjoy a Christmas Sing-a-long led by Jennifer Seinfeld, wrapping gifts for our Bridge of Hope family (see the link below to sign up to purchase a gift), delicious food and warm fellowship!

How: RSVP to Maha Davies (mahadavies17@gmail.com) or Linda Shields (lbshields@verizon.net)

Please contact Sue Ashman (ashmanmom@gmail.com) if have questions, need a ride or can provide a ride.

To sign up to provide a gift to our Bridge of Hope Family, just click the link below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848a8a72fabf94-christmas2>

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!

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.

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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