

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

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:

Treasurer: Bob Ashman

Calendar:

Sun 2	10:30 Worship, sanctuary 11:30 RTHC informational Meeting, Classroom 1 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH
Mon 3	6:30 Kickboxing 6:30 Committee Night
Tues 4	11:00 Bible Basics, Classroom 3 7:00 Boy Scouts, FH, classrooms
Wed 5	1:00 Staff Meeting, Classroom 3 5:00 LOGOS, entire building 8:00 Handbell Rehearsal, sanctuary
Thur 6	10:30 Shawl Ministry, Classroom 3 6:00 Cub Scouts, Classrooms 1,2,3 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Fri 7	ROCK Retreat
Sat 8	ROCK Retreat 1:00 Music Director, sanctuary
Sun 9	9:00 CARE Group Training, Trinity 10:30 Worship, sanctuary 2:00 Urdu Worship, FH



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Worship Music this Week:

The text for the organ prelude, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* was written by Thomas Chisholm in 1923. Mr. Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866. He began working as a school teacher at age 16, even though he had no high school or college education. Thomas accepted Christ at age 27 at a revival meeting. He was a Methodist minister for a few years, but had to resign because of poor health. Chisholm wrote more than 1200 poems. In 1923 he sent several of his poems to William Runyan (the composer of the tune for the hymn) who later wrote, "This particular poem held such an appeal that I prayed most earnestly that my tune might carry over its message in a worthy way, and the subsequent history of its use indicates that God answered the prayer." This hymn (which is in our current hymnal) was first introduced in Great Britain in 1954 by the Billy Graham Crusades.

The Word in Music, *Blessings*, was composed by Laura Story, a contemporary composer and singer from South Carolina (now living in Atlanta, GA with her husband and three children.) She says this of the song, "What does it look like when I spend years praying for healing for my husband (her husband Martin was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2006) that never comes? I feel like we've gotten to a place of having to make a choice - are we going to judge God based on our circumstances that we don't understand? Or are we going to choose to judge our circumstances based on what we hold to be true of God? I'm learning that every morning when I wake up, to choose to trust God." Her husband has been in remission for several years. See the text for the song on the insert.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

by W. Runyan; arr. D. Wagner

1 Corinthians 1:9 *God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

L: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

P: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

L: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

P: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

L: Let us worship God!

Don Mitchell

**Hymn – 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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 – 581

Glory Be to the Father

Moment with Children

Liz Perraud

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Blessings

by L. Story; arr. H. Sorenson

Ezekiel 34:26: *I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Proverbs 8: 1-11
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

OT page 590
NT page 166

L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Foolish Wisdom

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn - 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

arr. H. DeCou

Romans 8: 16-17: *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

**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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. J. Carter

Micah 7:7: *But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.*

Jesus, Name Above All Names

arr. J. Wilson

Philippians 2:9-10: *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.*

Prayer

**Hymn - 547

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

**Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. J. Carter

Psalm 150: 6: *Let everything that has breath. Praise the Lord!*

This morning elder Andrea Raid 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

Bible Basics

Tuesdays at 11:00 am in Classroom 3

Bible Basics is a bible study designed for everyone from biblical scholars to first-time readers and led by Pastor Scott. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Come every week or drop in when your schedule allows. Please contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org for more details.

GIFT Movie Night

It's a natural history epic! It's a compelling detective story! It's a scientific adventure! This documentary/reenactment film follows the year-long annual migration cycle of hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies from their remote winter sanctuaries in Mexico, across the US and into Canada.

Join us Feb 22 (5:30-7:30pm) for our next GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) event--a Movie Night. Donations accepted to defray the cost of the meal. Bring a comfy chair. RSVP by Feb 21 to GIFT@cmpcusa.org. Nursery available upon request.



Committee Service in 2020

Invitations have been sent out to church members and regular attenders inviting them to serve on the committees of the church for 2020. If you did not receive an invitation but would be interested in serving on one of the committees of the church please contact Pastor Hoffman at 410-997-8011 or pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org.

Rebuilding Together Howard County (RTHC)

The annual National Rebuild Workday is April 25, 2020. CMPC has participated each year since 2013. For CMPC to participate we need a Team Leader (House Captain) to organize a team. The duties of House Captain are:

1. Attend a monthly meeting during February, March and April.
2. Select the house to repair.
3. Meet with the owners to discuss the repairs.
4. Decide which repairs can be accomplished on the work day and give the owners a list of the repairs to be accomplished.
5. Submit list of materials needed to RTHC.
6. Recruit volunteers for the work day.
7. Organize your work crews.

A meeting will be held after church today in Classroom 1 to answer questions about RTHC and The National Rebuild Day. Volunteers can be as young as 14 years. Volunteers under 18 will need a parental/guardian permission slip signed by April 25th. Contact BJ Walworth with any questions at bwalworth@rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org, 410.300.0242

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



CMPC Trip to Slight & Sound Theater to see Queen Esther

Saturday, March 21st, 7:00 pm

Price is \$95 for adults, \$52 for children 12 and under which includes ticket to the show and seat on a coach bus.

To reserve a ticket, contact Liz Perraud at htebazile3@verizon.net

Congregational Potluck and Birthday Celebration

Sunday, February 16th Following Worship

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a combined Potluck Lunch & Birthday Celebration on Sunday, February 16th following the worship service. Please bring a main dish, salad or side dish to share and join us in the Fellowship Hall for this fun, church-wide event. A birthday cake will be provided for dessert. For more information please contact Theresa Akuoko at akuokot@gmail.com or Jane Preston at jmgpreston@comcast.net.

Extending the Table

The elders and deacons of the church take communion to members of the congregation unable to be with us in worship so that all brothers and sisters can be part of the body receiving the sacrament. This takes place each month on the Sunday we observe the Lord's Supper during morning worship. After worship, teams of 2-3 elders and deacons visit with those who have indicated they would like to receive the bread and the cup. If you or someone you know would like to be included in the visits on Sunday, please contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org



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Blessings

by Laura Story

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

Chorus:

Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel you near
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love
As if each promise from Your Word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

Chorus

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win, we know
That pain reminds this heart,
That this is not, this is not our home! This is not our home!

Chorus

What if my greatest disappointments,
Or the aching of this life,
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy.
What if trials of this life,
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are your mercies in disguise?

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