



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***November 15, 2020 10:30 a.m.***

## **Order of Worship**

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

### **Prelude**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. M. McDonald

Ephesians 1:3: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

"Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love."

(words by R. Robinson, 1758; music by M. Madan, 1760; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

### **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**

Jeff Bloom

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

**P: you have been our home throughout all the ages.**

L: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

**P: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: Let us worship God!

### **\*\*Hymn – insert**

*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

tune is Nettleton *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### **\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*\*Response – 447**

*We Are Forgiven*

**Moment with Children**

Sarah Trodden

**Word in Music**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Joey and Riley Trodden

Psalm 145: 1-2: *I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King! I'll bless your name into eternity.  
I'll bless you every day, and keep it up from now to eternity.*

"Lord I lift Your name on high; Lord I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way. From the earth to the cross my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift Your name on high."  
(by Rick Founds, 1989; Universal Music; Brentwood Publishing)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Matthew 25: 14-30

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Investing Wisely

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn - 716**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**Offertory**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. D. Wagner

1 Chronicles 29:13: *O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!*

"Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way, with countless  
gifts of love, and still is ours today. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son and  
Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven. The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it  
was, is now, and shall be evermore." (words by M. Rinkhart, 1636; music by J. Cruger; translator: C. Winkworth)  
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2011)

**\*\*Doxology - 710**

*We Lift Our Voices*

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

**\*\*Hymn - 691**

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

**\*\*Benediction**

## Postlude

## To God Be the Glory

arr. C. Tornquist

*Psalm 29: 2: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.*

"To God be the glory great things He has done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the  
Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people  
Rejoice. O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory great things He has done."

(words by F. Crosby, 1875; music by W. Doane, 1875; public domain)

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## **SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

The Stewardship Campaign in conjunction with the Fellowship Committee invites you to a Special virtual Fellowship Hour to celebrate the end of the Stewardship Campaign and Commitment Sunday today following worship.

Highlights will include a Treasure Hunt and great discussions.

We hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85724329952?pwd=VzJ0YlA2UDNTUDhLaFpTalpQRm1tdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 2432 9952

Passcode: 044582

# *Come All Christians Be Committed*

(tune is Nettleton, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

## Verse 1

Come all Christians be committed  
To the service of the Lord  
Make your lives for Him more fitted  
Tune your hearts with one accord  
Come into His courts with gladness  
Each His sacred vows renew  
Turn away from sin and sadness  
Be transformed with life anew

## Verse 2

Of your time and talents give Him  
They are gifts from God above  
To be used by Christians freely  
To proclaim His wondrous love  
Come again to serve the Savior  
Tithes and offerings with you bring  
In your work with Him find favor  
And with joy His praises sing

## Verse 3

God's command to love each other  
Is required of ev'ryone  
Showing mercy to each other  
Mirrors His redeeming Son  
In compassion He has given  
Of His love that is divine  
On the cross sins were forgiven  
Joy and peace are fully thine

## Verse 4

Come in praise and adoration  
All who on Christ's name believe  
Worship Him with consecration  
Grace and love will you receive  
For His grace give Him the glory  
For the Spirit and the Word  
And repeat the gospel story  
Till the world His name has heard

FORGIVENESS

447

We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

G Am7 Dsus D G Am

God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

# Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)