



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**November 29, 2020 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent**

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. L. Larson

Isaiah 11:1, 10: *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.*

“O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel; that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!”

(words: author unknown, possibly 12th Century; translated from Latin to English by John M. Neale,
Medieval Hymns, 1851; public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2020)

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Sue Ashman

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Carmean Family

Response - 92

While We are Waiting, Come
Verse 1

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Nileena Woodland

L: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

P: Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

L: Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near:

P: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out— against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

****Response – 102**

Savior of the Nations, Come
Verse 4

Moment with Children

Marilyn Mills

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 64: 1-9
Matthew 1: 1-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Matthew's Advent

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - insert**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Offertory

Emmanuel with O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. L. Shackley

Luke 1:78-79: *The sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Wonderful Counsellor.
Lord of Life, Lord of All. He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel." (by Michael W. Smith, 1983; Meadowgreen Music Co.; EMI CMG Pub.)*

*"O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!"*

(see publication information above)

(this piano solo: Meadowgreen Music Co., 1983; and: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2018)

****Doxology - 710**

We Lift Our Voices

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

****Hymn - 103**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

****Benediction**

Postlude

Veni Emmanuel (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

arr. M. Hayes

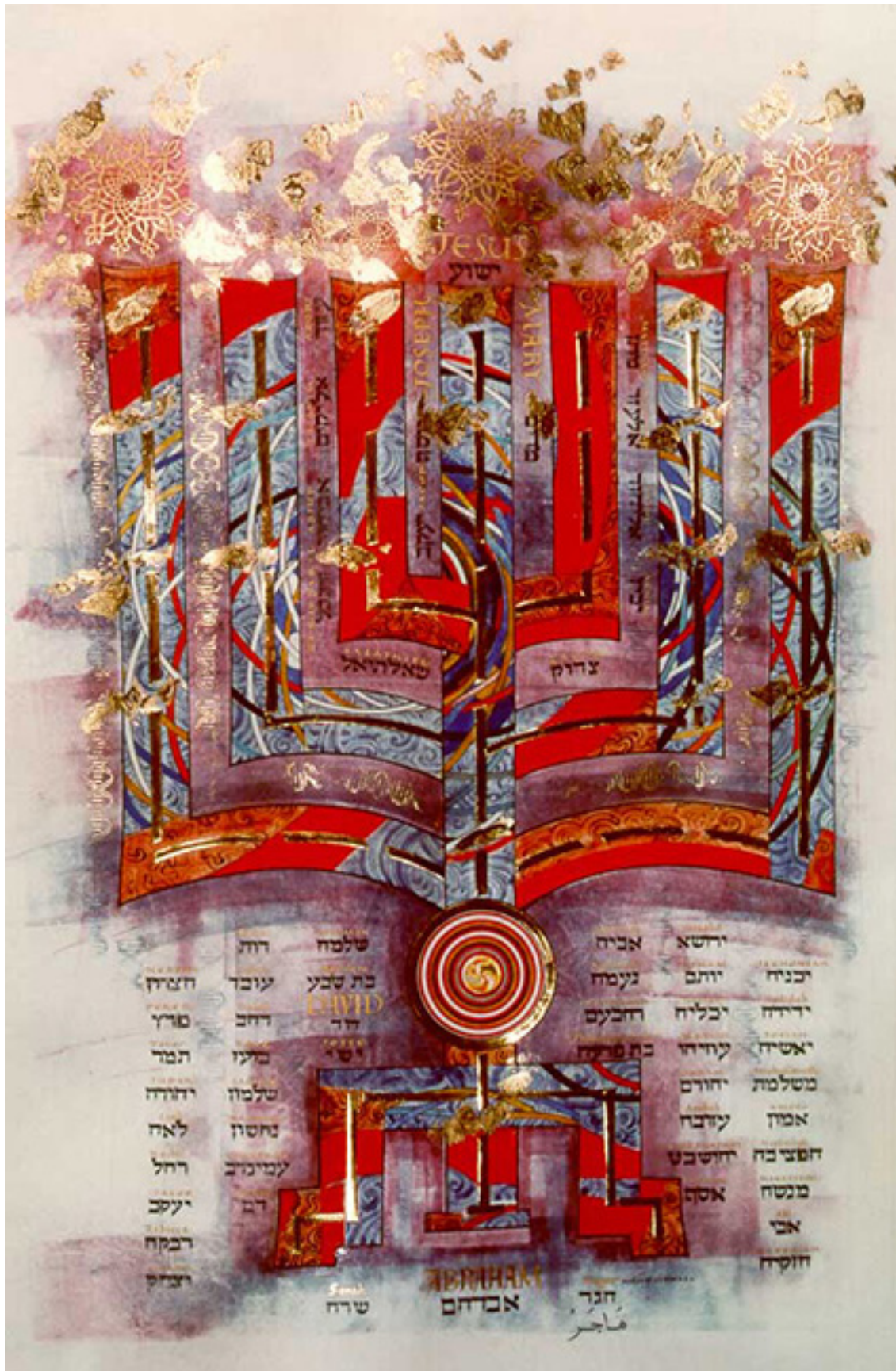
Isaiah 11:2: *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

*"O come Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!"

(see publication information above)

(this piano solo: Gaither Music Company, 1985)



Donald Jackson, artist and scribe. *Matthew Frontispiece: The Genealogy of Christ.* (Matthew 1:1-17) (13)

The image above is from the St John's Bible. The Gospel of Matthew begins with the genealogy of Christ. Reaching back into the Old Testament scriptures to Abraham, progenitor of the Hebrew nation, Matthew lists the names of succeeding generations, culminating in the birth of Christ.

This illumination is a family tree structured as both a tree of life and a menorah, the Jewish seven-branched candelabra. Placed at the beginning of the first gospel, the menorah serves as a bridge between the Old and New Testaments. A mandala-like cosmic image near the base is common to several religions and implies the universality of the search for a supreme being. The intricate gold medallions above the menorah were inspired by illuminations from the Koran. Reflecting our own time, patterns of DNA double helixes between the outer branches emphasize the connectedness of all humanity. The ancestral names flank the base of the menorah/tree and climb between the innermost branches. Abraham's name appears in English and Hebrew, with that of his wife, Sarah, from whom these generations arose. Named in both Arabic and English is Hagar, Sarah's handmaiden, with whom Abraham fathered Ishmael, the ancestor of the prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam. At the very top is the name of Jesus, in the same lettering style as Abraham, David, Mary, and Joseph.

(text taken from <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/stjohnsbible/stjohns-exhibit.html>)

To learn more about the St. John's Bible visit <https://saintjohnsbible.org/>

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Congregational Meeting following worship

All church members are encouraged to join a virtual congregational meeting called by the Session for today immediately following online worship for the purpose of hearing the report from the church Nominating Committee and electing new church officers as well as at-large members of the 2021 Nominating Committee.

To join the virtual meeting please click on the link below or go to www.zoom.us, click on "join a meeting" and enter the following credentials: Meeting ID: 827 3389 4027 Passcode: 920533

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82733894027?pwd=ODhYS05GSWxucUYwVDIYaUkycG4wZz09>

To join by phone, please call 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID and passcode listed above.

We hope to "see" you there!

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

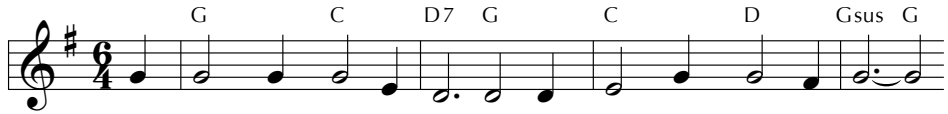
while we are wait - ing, come.
 with power and glo - ry, come.
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3–5 and Psalm 24:7–10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Translated by
John Mason Neale

Words and Music
Veni Emmanuel
Arranged by
Thomas Helmore

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VERSE

Em Bm/D G/B C G/B D G D Bm C



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come _____ and cheer our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, and or - der all things,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

5 Am Em/B Bm Em Am Em/G D/F# Em Bm C D Em



Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of night, and
far _____ and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, and
heart _____ and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

CHORUS

10 D G C G/B D G D Em Bm G



-til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
death's dark shad - ows put _____ to flight.
cause us in her ways _____ to go.
the whole world with heav - en's peace.

15 C G/B D Em D/F# G C Am Em/B Bm Em



-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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).

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.



The Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons

The following members are being brought forth by the Nominating Committee for election as Elders and Deacons.

ELDER

Judy Brown was born in Mechanicsburg, PA and confirmed as a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in 5th grade. She married Terry 49 years ago in his Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg, a choice made due to his special relationship with the pastor. They moved to Columbia in 1978 and joined Columbia Baptist Fellowship where Judy served as a Deacon. More than 25 years ago the family became members at CMPC. Their two children, Tara and Aaron, attended CMPC nursery school. They are blessed with 5 grandchildren. Judy, a registered nurse, retired 4 years ago from Howard County General Hospital where she spent 34 years in nursing and hospital administration including the positions of Chief Nursing Officer and Sr. Vice President responsible for Quality and Patient Safety. She has master's degrees in Administration and in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University. Judy has served at CMPC on the nominating committee and currently is a member of the Fellowship Committee. She participates in the Monday Women's Bible Study Group. She looks forward to serving in a more active role at CMPC.

Philip Davies is a lifelong Presbyterian. He and his wife Maha have been members of CMPC since 1994. He previously served as an Elder and has been a faithful member of the Mission Committee for many years. He looks forward to being a sitting Elder again and continuing to build and diversify the mission component of CMPC through encouraging local, national, and global missions in God's kingdom, demonstrating the love of Christ, and increasing awareness about this vital work. Now retired, Philip has enjoyed a 40-year career in humanitarian relief and development with leading international nonprofit organizations. He held senior management positions in the field and at headquarters with Save the Children and American Near East Refugee Aid, among others. Presently, he serves on several nonprofit boards, including Bridge of Hope Baltimore. Philip has a BA in Sociology from Muskingum University and an MA in Anthropology and Near East Studies from the University of Michigan and speaks Arabic and French.

Rick Mills has been a member of CMPC for over 25 years, where he and his wife had 2 children grow up in the church and the LOGOS program. He served as a volunteer in the LOGOS program for most of those years. Rick has been an Electrical System Engineer at NASA for over 35 years. He enjoys working on cars and renovations in the home, completing the kitchen a few years ago and is getting ready to remodel the master bath. Rick has served as a Deacon and Elder as well as an at-large member of the property committee in the past, and is looking forward to serving as an Elder again during these changing and growing times.

Don Mitchell and his wife, Pam, have been members of CMPC for 35 years. Both of them are lifelong Presbyterians having grown up in the same church in St. Louis, MO and then married in that church within days of their graduations from their colleges. Both their children, Jeff and Liz, were raised in CMPC and married in our sanctuary. Don has served three Presbyterian congregations either as an elder or deacon, one of which is CMPC. In addition to serving on Session at CMPC, Don played active roles in the two capital campaigns that raised funds for the improvements to our building. He looks forward to the day when the pandemic is contained so that the blessings provided by the building improvements can be put to full use.

Debbie O'Neal grew up in North Carolina and was raised in the Baptist church. Throughout her life, her family was active in many of the programs in their church. She and her husband moved to Columbia in the 1980s. After meeting neighbors who attended CMPC, they joined the church about 30 years ago. Her two daughters were baptized at CMPC and grew up attending programs like Sunday School, VBS, and Youth Club/LOGOS. As a member of Christ Memorial, Debbie has served as a teacher in the Sunday School, Sunday Experience, and LOGOS programs. She has also enjoyed working with preschoolers during VBS. For several years she served on the Christ Memorial Christian Preschool board. Debbie enjoyed a 42 year career in Baltimore County as a department chair and social studies teacher and especially enjoyed the years she taught AP U.S. History. She retired in 2014 to help take care of her grandchildren. A special joy of retirement was being able to bring her grandchildren to our preschool. Debbie has previously served as a Deacon and Elder at CMPC and looks forward to once again putting her faith in action by serving as an Elder.

DEACON

Rachael Bis grew up in Bowie, MD where she was baptized at and attended Grace Presbyterian Church in Lanham. She and her husband, Rick, were married at Grace Presbyterian shortly before moving to Michigan for graduate school. After completing graduate school, they moved to Ohio (where their daughters, Evie and Marie were born) and then back to Maryland in 2015. Rachael joined the CMPC congregation in 2016 and her parents, Mark and Janice Ramirez, are also members. Over the years, Rachael has taught Sunday school, VBS, led youth group, and served as an AV operator at the churches that her family has been part of. She looks forward to serving at CMPC and continuing to grow in her faith.

Kris Bloom was born in Stamford, CT and was baptized in Philadelphia in the Presbyterian church where her parents were married. She has lived in several states along the east coast. She was confirmed at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newark DE. She met her husband, Stuart, in Buffalo, NY. They moved to Columbia in 1987 and she joined Christ Memorial shortly after arriving here. They have two children, Jeff and Carin. Jeff and his wife and sons are still active at CMPC. Carin lives in Summerville, SC. Kris was a teacher for 35 years, the last 22 in Howard County. She is now retired and enjoys travel (non-Covid times), reading, crafts, and playing Mah Jongg. Kris has been on the Care & Wellness Committee for many years and feels that this is where she can contribute the most to the church, as well as helping with VBS. This will be her second time being a Deacon at CMPC and she also served as a Deacon at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church in Kenmore, NY before moving to Columbia. Kris considers it an honor to once again be nominated to serve as Deacon at CMPC.

Peter Gallagher grew up in Bethesda, Maryland where he was a member of 4th Presbyterian Church. During his time there he served as a counselor for both middle school and high school age youth. After graduating from The University of Georgia, Peter and Heather lived in Cincinnati, Ohio where Peter began his career as a corporate insurance broker. After the birth of his first child, Ben, Peter and Heather moved back to Maryland and settled in Columbia. Peter became a member of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2005. He has enjoyed watching his three children Ben (16), Emma (12) and Ally (5) grow up within this amazing church community. Last year Peter began serving on the LOGOS kitchen committee and has been able to see first hand the good work the church does with the youth at CMPC. Peter looks forward to serving the church and community in the role of Deacon at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Eleanor Orndorff and her husband, Jeff, have been members of CMPC since November 2000. They are long-time residents of Allview Estates and have two children, Michael and Caryn, and three grandchildren. Eleanor has previously served on the Board of Deacons as well as being a member of the Care & Wellness Committee, the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Monday morning Women's Bible Study Group. She also helps out with LOGOS as a shopper and table-setter. Eleanor is honored to be serving as a deacon once again and is looking forward to being more actively involved in CMPC.

John Salkeld, his wife Jean and their two sons moved to Columbia in 1989. The family joined CMPC within a year of arrival. John held multiple positions in the field of Commercial Logistics and recently retired after spending several years as a private consultant. He joined the Trinity Choir several years ago and hopes to stay active in church activities. John was privileged to serve as a Deacon while the family lived in Erie, PA and is looking forward to serving God and the CMPC church family.

Linda Shields and her husband Jim joined CMPC in 2017, after being members of another Presbyterian church in the area for 30 years. Both are retired from Federal government service, Linda as a mathematician and Jim as a computer systems manager. They moved to Maryland immediately after graduating from Indiana University and have been here ever since. They have two grown children who live in the area and two grandchildren who live nearby in Elkridge. Linda grew up in Indiana, not far from Bloomington. Her church roots are in a congregation of the United Church of Christ founded by German immigrants to Indiana, of which her great-grandfather was one. She, her mother, and her grandfather were all confirmed in that small church. Linda served her previous church as a leader of a women's group and through committee membership and volunteer projects. She is currently a member of the Stewardship Committee at CMPC and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the work of the congregation through service as a deacon.

Members-At-Large of 2021 Nominating Committee

David Carmean has been a member of CMPC since 2005. He has previously served as a Deacon and been on the Nominating Committee. He lives in Columbia with his wife Tiffany, and daughters Charlotte and Harper. He currently works at IMPAQ International, as a Senior Research Analyst and at Howard Community College as an Anatomy and Physiology instructor.

Chip Garner and his wife, Markita, are lifelong Marylanders and have been at CMPC for over 20 years. While their two boys, Dustin and Kevin, were growing up and actively involved in CMPC LOGOS, Chip spent many a Wednesday night performing “other LOGOS duties as assigned” depending on the needs of the night. Chip is a Federal retiree, but has continued to work as an independent consultant for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a project troubleshooter and the senior Federal liaison for the CMS HealthCare.gov systems supporting the Federal and State Exchanges. During his career, Chip has served as an Economist, Management Analyst, Systems Analyst, and Information Technology Specialist in a variety of technical and managerial roles. Immediately upon retiring, Chip was recalled to direct and manage the CMS HealthCare.gov operations center rescue team and per his wife “has had some difficulty escaping from that role”. Chip enjoys Science Fiction and Fantasy books, TV shows, and movies, and long walks with his wife and two yorkies, Roxie and Leah.

Carrie Jenkins has been a member of CMPC for 27 years! She met her wonderful husband Ryan at CMPC while in youth group together, many years ago. They have three children, Abby, Meghan, and Luke, who get the absolute pleasure of being a part of the CMPC family as well and worshipping with their parents and grandparents. In her years at CMPC, Carrie has served as a deacon, a member of the Nominating and Associate Pastor Search Committees, was the LOGOS director for five years, has directed the Christmas Pageants, and has volunteered on many other committees of the church. When not participating in church activities, Carrie enjoys teaching for Howard County Public Schools, spending time with family and friends, and traveling in the summer.