



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 24, 2021 10:30 a.m.
VISION Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. D. Bish

Lamentations 3:22-23: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

(words by T. Chisholm, 1923; music by W. Runyan, 1923; hymn is public domain)
(this organ solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1993)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord
(see insert)

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**

Chad Board

L: Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;

P: A vision of a world formed by God and transformed by Jesus' love.

L: We are disciples who are called to embody lives of grace,

P: sharing the good news of the gospel in our words and our actions.

L: May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and open our eyes

P: that we may live into God's vision for our lives, our church, and our world.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

We know the commandments: You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother. We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. 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

Special Video Presentation

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Jeremiah 29: 4-14
Revelation 21: 1-5

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God's Vision

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates are located near the exits of the sanctuary for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your gift!

Offertory

Forever

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 119: 89-90: Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

"Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever. From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever!"

(words and music by C. Tomlin, 2001; Vamos Publishing; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
(this piano solo: worshiptogether.com/Six Steps Music, 2001; admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

****Doxology - 606**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

****Hymn – 450**

Be Thou My Vision

****Benediction**

Postlude

Great Is the Lord

arr. P. Keveren

*Revelation 4:11: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power;
for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.*

*"Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord,
He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice.
Great is the Lord!"*

(words and music by M. W. Smith and D. Smith, 1982; Meadowgreen Music Co.; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
(this piano solo: Meadowgreen Music Co., 2006)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month. A pastor is a person of many talents and responsibilities. Pastor Scott has taken on a variety of tasks throughout his ten years at CMPC including construction manager, capital campaign manager, HVAC technician, AV technician, janitor, plumber, editor and many more jobs that weren't taught at seminary. What do you appreciate most about Pastor Scott? Be sure to write him a note or send an email to let him know!

Attention all college students and parents

The Care & Wellness Committee wants to keep in touch with your college student, whether they are living at home or away at school. We will be sending them a Halloween card, just to let them know we are thinking of them. Please send your college student's address to Kris Bloom (kcbloom@verizon.net) by Sunday, October 24 so we can get the cards out on time. Thank you!

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

An update on some details about our finances. Thank you for your generosity to CMPC!

As of September 30, 2021 (75% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$352,215 - 71% of budget

Actual Expenses \$347,709 - 69% of budget

Summary of the Oct. 18, 2021 Session Meeting

The Session passed three motions:

- To allow LOGOS to serve meals inside the building when the weather turns cold, permitting an exemption to the church's mask mandate only while eating and requiring adherence to social distancing protocols by spreading cohorts out during mealtime.
- To hold a Congregational Meeting to elect the Class of 2024 officers and at-large members of the Nominating Committee, with a tentative date set for Dec. 12 after worship service. Announcements will be forthcoming once the date is finalized.
- To permit the possible resumption of Fellowship Hour after worship service, dependent upon Board of Deacons' input regarding its Fellowship Committee's ability to host.

In other business, it was announced that CMPC has officially transitioned from a construction loan to a mortgage with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.

Fifth Sunday Offering

Did you know that CMPC helped grow the now established Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region non-profit? It started in 2017, when the Women for Women group at CMPC got involved in helping a local homeless family. From there, Christ Memorial became an official One Church Site with Bridge of Hope until the family graduated from the program in January 2020. By then the National Bridge of Hope had asked that we consider expanding the scope of Bridge of Hope in our area. CMPC members Sue Ashman, Philip Davies, Tammy Sandborn, and Pastor Scott all began serving on the Founding Board of what would become Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region.

Thanks to the generous donations of many, especially at CMPC, and the work of the Founding Board, Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region was officially approved as an Affiliate of the National office in September 2020. In February, the first part-time staff Program Director/Case Manager was hired and began serving families. Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region is currently working with its third, fourth, and fifth families in the program!

Sunday, October 31, the Mission Committee is sponsoring the Fifth Sunday collection in support of the local Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region affiliate.



Bible Basics Has Returned

Pastor Hoffman has resumed the weekly Bible Basics class. The class meets each Tuesday at 11:00 am on Zoom. If you would like to join the class please email Pastor Hoffman (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org) for the meeting link. All are welcome to attend!

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

Come join the Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group. We meet every second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9:30-11:30 in the Trinity Room of the church. Members enjoy prayer time, Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects as well as regular lunch outings. The group meets from September to May. We will be using Erica Wiggerhorn's *Unexplainable Jesus* book and DVDs in our study this year. All women of the church and members of the community are welcome to participate in this loving Christ-centered group. Please contact Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com for more details.

Join the Handbell Choir!

The CMPC Handbell Choir, Bells of Joy is recruiting new ringers. Although the ability to read music is a plus, it is definitely not a requirement! We can teach you how to play handbells. The Handbell Choir typically plays for the worship service about once a month and practices at 8:00 pm on Wednesdays in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Sally Berlowitz (sberlowitz@verizon.net) or Cindy Pettit (cindycpettit@gmail.com).

VisionFest Sunday

Join us on November 7 for VisionFest Sunday at Christ Memorial, a celebration of *Faithfulness Received, Faithfulness Returned*. We will all begin in worship in the sanctuary at 10:30am and then pick up passports to journey at our own pace to interactive prayer stations through the building—appropriate for all ages. The final station is Fellowship Hall for lunch. Boxed lunches will be served (offering an assortment of sandwiches) with tables available to safely distance from one another or eat outside, weather permitting. Masks are required in the building, except when eating or drinking. Another option is to take your box lunch home to eat. Please respond by October 29 for lunch (including dietary restrictions) through tinyurl.com/br5w4j8e.



Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

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CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

6 A⁷ D G/D A⁷ D F#m

pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

11 Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B-flat3, and a quarter note C4. The bass line consists of a series of chords: G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note G4. The bass line continues with chords: G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note D5. The bass line continues with chords: G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter note A5. The bass line continues with chords: G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.