



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***October 31, 2021 10:30 a.m.***

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*Everlasting God*

arr. V. Labenske

Isaiah 40:28: *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

"Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer. You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God, You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need, You lift us up on wings like eagles."

(words and music by B. Brown/K. Riley; ThankYou Music, 2005; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2005)

### **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**

Allison Miller

L: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

**P: we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

L: We will be glad and exult in you;

**P: we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

L: Let us worship God!

### **\*\*Hymn - 694**

*Great God of Every Blessing*

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

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

**Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through 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 – 581**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Moment with Children**

Lindsey Kim

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

2 Samuel 24: 18-24

Mark 12: 41-44

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Sacrifice

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn - 708**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**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**

*Built on the Rock*

arr. L. Shackley

1 Samuel 2:2: *There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.*

*"Built on the rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling. Christ builds His church in every land, bells still are chiming and calling. Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed; longing for life everlasting. We are God's house of living stones, built for His own habitation. He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Yet to the place, an earthly frame, we come with thanks to praise His name; God grants His people true blessing."*

*(words by N. Grundtvig, 1837; music (Kirken Den Er Et) by L. Lindeman, 1840; hymn is public domain)  
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2011)*

**\*\*Doxology - 606**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**\*\*Hymn – 42**

*Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*A Mighty Fortress*

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 91:1-2: *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

*"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal."*

*(words and music by M. Luther; translation by F. Hedge, 1852; hymn is public domain)  
(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2005)*

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events



### **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 - Today!**

Why support Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region this Sunday for the Mission Committee Fifth Sunday Special Collection? CMCP has been directly involved with Bridge of Hope for over four years. Bridge of Hope focuses its efforts primarily on single parent families with children. Did you know that many young children experience homelessness? According to the US Dept of Health and Human Services, over 1.4 million children under age 6 experienced homelessness in 2018...that's one-in-16 children under six years old! Many parents who experience homelessness are youth and young adults ages 18-25. Homelessness hurts the health, development and education of children. The Covid pandemic has brought many of these challenges to the forefront. Disparities by race and ethnicity also continue to grow.

How can we begin to make a difference with such a huge problem? Bridge of Hope does it one family at a time! You can help locally by supporting Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region. With the support of individuals and churches like CMPC, Bridge of Hope staff and Neighboring Volunteers can assist and walk with families on their journey to stability from homelessness.



### **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@cmcpusa.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@cmcpusa.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](mailto:jtmillerj@verizon.net) or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or [bapetro@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:sberlowitz@verizon.net)) or Cindy Pettit ([cindycpettit@gmail.com](mailto: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 throughout 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.



# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by  
Lanny Wolfe

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CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj<sup>9</sup> Em Em<sup>7</sup>

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

The first system of the chorus consists of five measures. The melody is written in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y".

6 A<sup>7</sup> D G/D A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

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

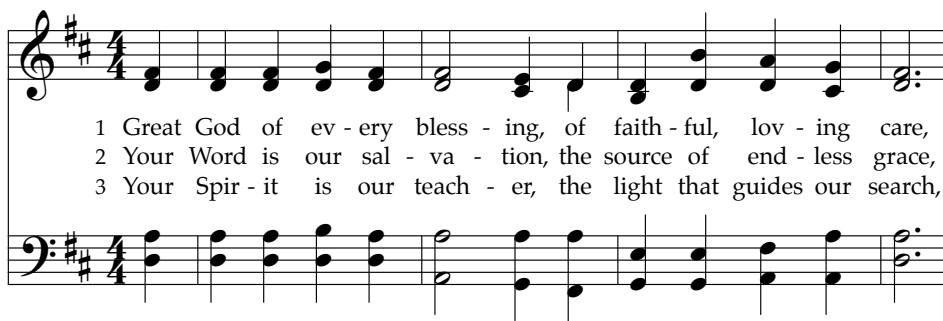
The second system of the chorus consists of five measures. The melody continues in the treble clef. The bass line features a prominent G/D chord in measure 7. The lyrics are: "pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see".

11 Gmaj<sup>9</sup> Em Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D

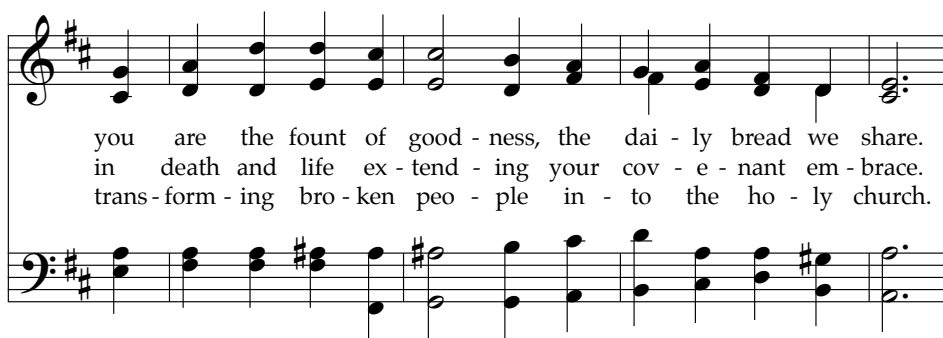
glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

The third system of the chorus consists of five measures. The melody concludes in the treble clef. The bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place."

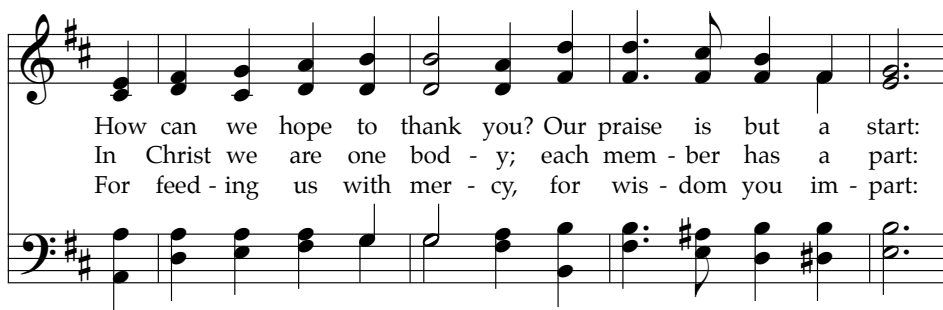
## 694 Great God of Every Blessing



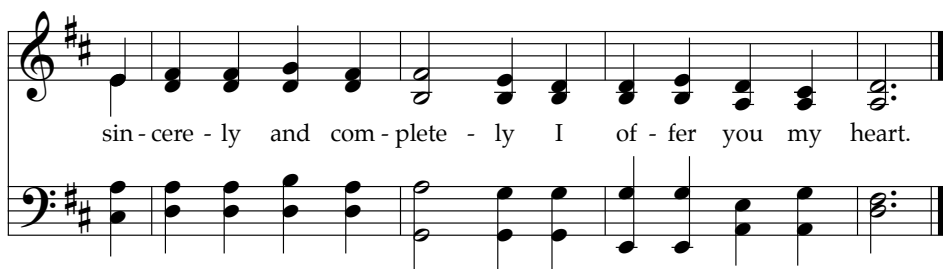
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

## 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 dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-B2-E3, A2-B2-E3, B-flat2-C3-E3, and C3-E3-G3.

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

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes on D5, E5, and F5, followed by a dotted quarter note on G5. The piano accompaniment features chords: D3-F3-A3, E3-G3-B3, F3-A3-C4, and G3-B3-D4.

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

The third system continues with quarter notes on E4, D4, and C4. The piano accompaniment has chords: E3-G3-B3, D3-F3-A3, G3-B3-D4, and F3-A3-C4.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has quarter notes on B-flat4, A4, and G4, followed by a dotted quarter note on F4. The piano accompaniment has chords: B-flat2-D3-F3, A2-B2-E3, G2-B2-E3, and F2-A2-C3.



## We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures

here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Or "God"

## Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure 42

(Psalm 145)

1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in  
 2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by  
 3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and  
 4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my

all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all  
 you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is  
 kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you  
 soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing

bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.  
 boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.  
 stand to hear and help all those who call on you.  
 join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

This paraphrase of verses from the latter part of Psalm 145 celebrates God's providential care for all creation, especially for those in any need or trouble. This anonymous German tune was apparently introduced to English hymnody by John Wesley in a 1742 music collection.