



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**November 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Commitment Sunday**

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Come All Christians, Be Committed

arr. J. Bennett

Proverbs 16:3: *Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

"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. 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 off'rings with you bring. In your work with Him find favor
and with joy His praises sing."

(words by B. White, 1958; music: Sacred Harp, various composers, 1958)
(renewed 1986; Broadman Press; admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

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**

L: The God of creation makes us one in body!

P: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

L: The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

P: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

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****Hymn - 412**

God, Reveal Your Presence

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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

*Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see announcement for special instructions*

Word in Music

He's Always Been Faithful
Trinity Choir

arr. T. Fettke

Psalm 117: 1-2: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

(“traditional” text by T. Chisholm, 1923; music by W. Runyan, 1923; words and music are public domain)
(contemporary text by S. Groves, Hope Publishing Co., 2000; this arrangement, Hope Publishing Co., 2017)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 7:7-9
Matthew 25: 14-29

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faithfulness Received. Faithfulness Returned.

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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!

Commitment of Gifts to the Future

Members are invited to bring forward their pledges at this time

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. J. Wilson

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!”
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(this organ duet: Hope Publishing Co., 1988)

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

****Hymn** – 741

Guide My Feet

****Benediction**

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. E. Broughton

Philippians 4:20: *Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

"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!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday Experience Returns TODAY

Calling all parents of children preschool through second grade: Sunday Experience will return on November 21st!

1. After the Moment with Children, parents will need to escort their child/children downstairs to the area below the sanctuary. Classroom LOVE will be for preschoolers and Classroom FAITH will be for Kindergarten through Second grade.

2. Each parent will be asked to answer COVID-19 questions when checking in their child/ren.

3. After the worship service, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their child/ren.

* Masks will be worn the entire time.

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

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

As of October 31, 2021 (83% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$388,193 - 78% of budget

Actual Expenses \$384,199 - 76% of budget

Summary of the Nov. 15, 2021 Session Meeting

The Session passed three motions:

- To conduct a second Congregational Survey, with a goal of emailing it to church members by the end of the week.
- To maintain current covid-19 protocols in the church building for the time being - including the mask mandate and social distancing measures - with a commitment to ongoing review of CDC guidelines for Howard County as we approach Advent season.
- To resume passing the offering plates in the pews, dependent upon availability of volunteers to serve as ushers.

In other business, the 3rd capital campaign tally of lead gifts and advanced commitments - which was announced during worship service Nov. 14 - was restated: 36 households have pledged \$1.053 million thus far. The rest of the congregation is asked to submit their pledges on Commitment Sunday, Nov. 21, and the final total will be announced during worship service on Dec. 5.

Cold Weather Shelter seeks volunteers

CMPC will be supporting the CWS program this year from December 27th through January 3rd. We would like to be able to provide 2 volunteers per day and meals for the program guests residing at the hotel. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with meals or just want more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com, or call 520.266.9276. More information can be found on our blog on the church website (www.cmpcusa.org/blog).

Faithfulness Received, Faithfulness Returned – Annual Operating Budget (AOB)

God's word promises us in Numbers 23:19 that God is perfectly faithful, steadfast, and true. Our God is wholly faithful to us. No matter what we do, the Lord will be there for us...that's faithfulness received. Likewise, it is important to be faithful to God...i.e. faithfulness returned. Faithfulness requires us to realize that we are in need of a Savior and that God is in control of our lives. We are to be faithful to God, because God is faithful to us.

As we embark on our third and final capital campaign, I would like to remind everyone that we also have a need to increase our Annual Operating Budget over the next few years in order to cover the costs of our monthly mortgage debt. To that end, I kindly ask each of you to pray on how to grow in your faithfulness and consider a small increase in your pledge to the Annual Operating Budget, knowing that each increase "received" will be "returned" to the glory of God through the expanded and faithful ministry of CMPC in years to come.

In Christ,
Jennifer Weinel
Annual Operating Budget Campaign Leader

Online Pledging Comes to CMPC

The capability to pledge online through the CMPC Bridge will be available beginning November 14th. Online pledging will be available for the annual Operating Budget, also known as the General Fund, and the "Faithfulness Received, Faithfulness Returned" ministry expansion capital campaign. Please complete only one of the online "pledge card" or a paper pledge card; do not complete both. Detailed instructions on how to pledge online are available on the CMPC blog. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Danzig at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Greening of the Church

The Fellowship Committee and Shelley Clemens will be hosting the Greening of the Church on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 9:00am. We are looking for volunteers to assist or just join in for some Advent fellowship!

If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Shelley by text/call at 443-756-2345.



Shawl Ministry

Did You Know-

that the Prayer Shawl Ministry has existed for over 15 years, that we have met via Zoom throughout the pandemic to knit and crochet shawls, baby blankets, hats and pocket prayers while supporting each other and adding prayers for those who receive them?

Did You Know-

that hundreds of members or friends have received shawls for joys, sorrows, or celebrating life events and have sent us notes to tell us what they have meant to them?

Did You Know-

that you could join us on Thursday mornings, 10am to 11:30 via the Zoom link that you can obtain through the office (office@cmnpcusa.org) or contact Laura Frantz (franz4ever@gmail.com) for more information.



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).

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 Wiggernhorn'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.

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

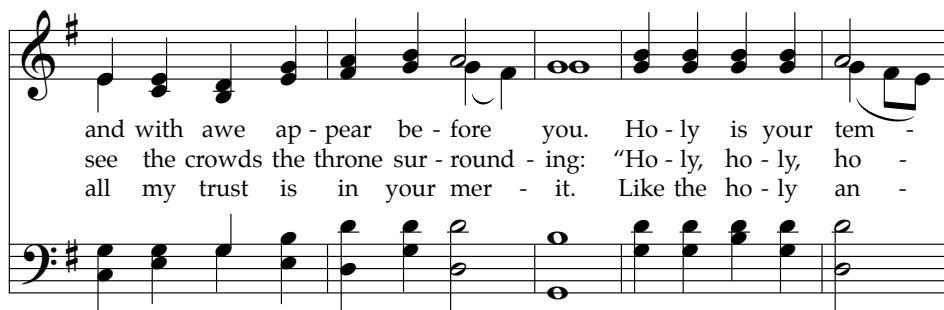
11 Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

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

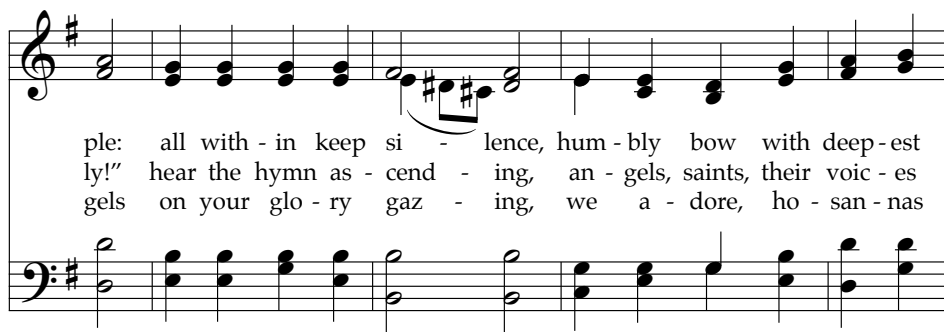
412 God, Reveal Your Presence



1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;



and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -
see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -



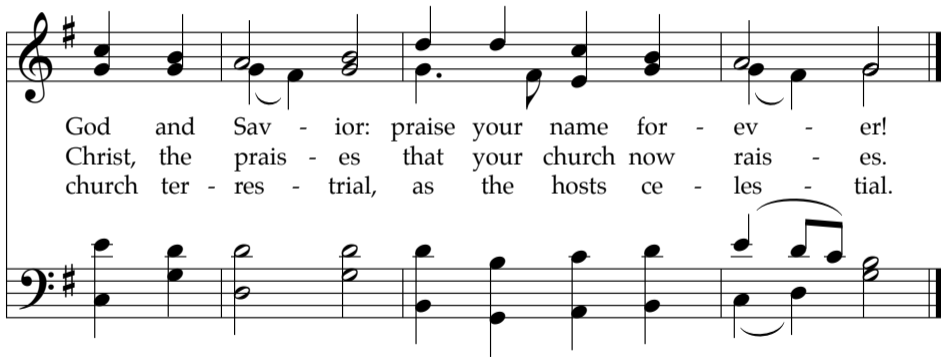
ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est
ly!' hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es
gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas



rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our
blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O
rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your

Despite multiple layers of translation and revision, this text embodies the mystical piety of one of the German Reformed Church's greatest hymnists and spiritual leaders of the early 18th century. It is set here to a slightly earlier tune from that tradition.

GATHERING



God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er!
Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

Glory Be to the Father

581

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

The first system of the musical score 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 accompaniment consists of chords: a dotted quarter note on G3, a quarter note on B-flat3, and a quarter note on D4.

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 accompaniment features chords: a dotted quarter note on G3, a quarter note on B-flat3, and a quarter note on D4.

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

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes on G5, A5, and B-flat5, followed by a quarter note on C6. The accompaniment features chords: a dotted quarter note on G3, a quarter note on B-flat3, and a quarter note on D4.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has quarter notes on D6, E6, and F6, followed by a dotted quarter note on G6. The accompaniment features chords: a dotted quarter note on G3, a quarter note on B-flat3, and a quarter note on D4.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

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^b (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^b (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^b (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.

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"

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.