



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. L. Larson

Psalm 26:3: *(for) I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.*

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower; raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power."

(words are from an Irish poem, translated by M. Byrne, 1905; music (*Slane*) is from an Irish ballad, harmonized by D. Evans, 1927)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2007)

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**

Liz Perraud

L: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

P: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

L: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

P: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 452**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

Special Music

Hymns of Grateful Praise
Bells of Joy

arr. D. R. Edwards

Psalm 136: 3-5: *Give thanks to the Lord of lords, His love endures forever; to Him who alone does great wonders; His love endures forever; who by his understanding made the heavens; His love endures forever.*

(tunes included in medley are *Royal Oak (All Things Bright and Beautiful)* and *Dix (For the Beauty of the Earth)*)

(*Royal Oak* was composed by W. Monk in 1887; words and music are public domain)

(*Dix* was composed by C. Kocher, 1838; words and music are public domain)

(this handbell arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2006)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

1 Kings 8: 22-30

1 Peter 2: 1-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Praying Over the Church

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn - 45

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

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

I Lift My Eyes Up

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 121: 1-2: *I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

"I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from You, maker of heaven, creator of the earth. Oh how I need You Lord. You are my only hope. You're my only prayer. So I will wait for You to come and rescue me. Come and give me life."

(words and music by B. Doerksen, 1990; Mercy Vineyard Publishing; admin. by Integrity Music)
(this piano solo: Mercy Vineyard Publishing, 1990)

**Doxology - 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Introduction to VisionFest Prayer Stations

**Hymn - Insert

More Than Bricks
(Congregation to sing chorus)

**Benediction

Thank you to Neil Danzig and Allen Exner for providing audio support this week!
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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 "Faith Received, Faith 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.

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

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!

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.

More than Bricks

Words and Music by Jennifer Sharp Seinfeld

CHORUS:

**She's more than bricks, more than stone.
More than a building that we've outgrown
More than walls and paint, and chairs and rooms...
She's more than a kitchen, more than a hall
She's doors wide open, welcoming all!
A special place where God's kingdom blooms.**

She sits up on Amherst Avenue, been there for fifty years
Held many events, for ladies and gents, heard lots of laughter and tears.
But time rolled on and took its toll, her needs began to expand
Fellowship Hall is packed wall to wall, so her members came up with a plan.

CHORUS

Her classrooms are grungy, her bathrooms are small, her kitchen is so out of date
The meetings began, and they worked on the plan, 'cause her members did not want to wait!
The concepts were easy, the ideas were flowing, make her pretty and new and bright
Move the old walls, and build some new stalls, put in sprinklers and add some new lights.

CHORUS

New office and nursery and classrooms and tile, an entrance that makes a big splash
To teach the theology, we'd need new technology, an internet that's lightning fast!
The Youth need new couches, babies new beds, and the preschool needs a new look.
We'd roll up our sleeves, and always believe, and do whatever it took.

CHORUS

But prices went up, and problems arose, and members had worries and doubt
There were many delays, it was a difficult phase, could the plan still be carried out?
We worried and wondered, and fretted and pondered, and turned to God in despair
He said remember your Vision and make your decision, I'll always be here through prayer.

CHORUS

While pretty is nice, and updates are good, that's not the total objective.
Not what we deserve, but how we can serve should really be our directive.
So pack some more meals, and make some new friends, and help our neighbors in need
Let's build some unity within our community, and follow our dear Savior's lead.

CHORUS

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.

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

D A/C#

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 2
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes 45

(Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
 2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
 3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your
 4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -

whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
 guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all you need. Your go - ing out, your

Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Although the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 121 draws heavily on 17th-century Scottish psalters, most of this version dates from the early 20th century. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned for use with a specific psalm.

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"