



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 12, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

relude *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* by M. Hayes

Luke 2:13-14: *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace . . ."*

(this piano solo was composed as an instrumental piece: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2019)

Introit *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
(see insert)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles Mike, Amy, Anna, and Emily McMillion

Response -insert *Emmanuel*

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship** Mollie Thomas

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Trust and do not be afraid.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

****Hymn - 103** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you have been in our midst, and we have not been faithful. We fail to acknowledge your presence, living as if we can do whatever we want. We ignore the needs of others, we ignore your commands, and we wonder why we aren't aware of your presence. Please forgive us for our inattentiveness toward you and your ways. Please help us to see you in our midst. This we pray in the name of the One Who Is Coming. 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 – 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(verse 1)

Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

Prayer for Illumination

Riley Jackson

Scriptures

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Luke 3:7-18
(FISH Freeze Frame)

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In Our Midst

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Invitation to Offering

Kylee Hoffman

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews and then 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

Angels Sing Gloria
Bells of Joy

arr. S. Eithun

(hymn tunes included in this medley are *Ding Dong Merrily on High* and *Gloria*, Lorenz Publishing 2013)

Isaiah 55:12 *You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*

“Ding dong, merrily on high! In heav’n the bells are ringing; ding dong, verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing. “Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!”
(words by G. Woodward, 1924; music by J. Tabourot, 1589; words and music are public domain)

“Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains; and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo!”
(traditional French carol, 18th century; words translated by J. Chadwick, 1860; words and music are public domain)

****Doxology - 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old
(verse 3)

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)

The Lord’s Prayer (video)

FROG Children

****Hymn – 105**

People, Look East

****Benediction**

Benediction Response

Angels and Shepherds
ROCK Chimes
(Liz Perraud, narrator)

arr. L. Hollander

(medley includes *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks/Hark!* and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*; Alfred Publishing, 2005)

Luke 2:8: *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. "While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, an angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around."*
(words by G. F. Handel, 1815; words and music are public domain)

Luke 2:10: *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."*

"Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
(words by C. Wesley, 1739; music by F. Mendelssohn, 1840; words and music are public domain)

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

People Look East

arr. L. Larson

Luke 13:29: *People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

"People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today, love, the Guest, is on the way."
(words and music by E. Farjeon, 1928; song is public domain)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting

Today, Following Worship

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship today for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

Mission and Local Outreach Committee Donation Drives

It's time to start thinking about Christmas giving and gifting! The Mission and Local Outreach Committee (MLO) has started up two different donation drives, and we are asking that you consider donating to both.

We are collecting **food donations for the Maryland Food Bank**. Collection bins have been placed in several locations around our Church with one in the Narthex, one in the Stairwell, and one by the Preschool. By donating food, we can ensure that our brothers and sisters receive adequate nutrition, especially the children who may struggle to get a full meal. The Food Drive will conclude on December 18th at the annual Luminary Walk at CMPC. Final food donations and monetary donations can be made at that time.

Be Someone's Christmas Angel!

Gifts need to be delivered by today, but there are still many ornaments unclaimed on the tree. If you would like to participate, we will be collecting financial donations online on the website or by mail (note Angel Tree on a check memo line). These donations will be used to purchase gift cards for the families or to finish purchasing any final gifts.

Thank you in advance for helping make this a special Christmas for others!



Cold Weather Shelter seeks volunteers

CMPC will be supporting the CWS program this year from December 27th through January 3rd. As we draw nearer to our Cold Weather Shelter week we are still in need of volunteers to provide lunches as well as two volunteers per day to distribute catered dinners at the hotel (from 5:30-7pm). Information and the signup can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CAAAA2EA6F85-cold>

Please consider supporting this local mission by donating online at cmpcusa.org or by check (Cold Weather Shelter in the For line). Please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com or 520.266.9276 if you have any questions. More information can be found on our blog on the church website (www.cmpcusa.org/blog).

Advent Luminary Walk

Join us on Saturday, December 18 from 6:00-8:00pm (rain date 12/19) for Christ Memorial's Advent Luminary Walk on the grounds of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk and pause at stations to read, pray, and respond with some simple art supplies provided. The walk includes paved areas and more challenging grassy areas. Ushers will be there to help. You may want to bring a flashlight. Pick up instructions and a glow stick from our greeting table (near the church playground). Enter the parking lot from Amherst Avenue only. This event will also benefit people in our community who are food insecure. Monetary donations can be made through the church website, onsite at the walk, and by bringing non-perishable food items--all to benefit the Maryland Food Bank.

Questions? Please contact Liz Perraud at (443) 255-8492 or htebazile3@verizon.net.

Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 19th at 7 p.m.

"The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. The service will also be livestreamed on the church Facebook page.

Christmas Eve Services

We will have two services - a 5:00 family friendly service and an 8:30 traditional service. Please note that COVID protocols remain in place (masks required and every other pew blocked off) and that seating in the sanctuary will be on a first-come, first-seated basis with overflow seating set up in fellowship hall. Both services will also be livestreamed on the church Facebook page.



Online Pledging Comes to CMPC

The capability to pledge online through the CMPC Bridge is now 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.

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).



Missing music stand

Joy's beloved music stand (gifted to her on the 25th anniversary of her employment at CMPC) has gone missing in the last weeks. If you have borrowed it or seen it, please return it ASAP.

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@cmpcusa.org) or contact Laura Frantz (frantz4ever@gmail.com) for more information.

LOGOS is CMPC's Wednesday evening ministry for preschoolers through high schoolers and a lot of adult leaders--making this an intergenerational experience. Parents, grandparents, and other adults volunteer based on their gifts and interests. Each week, all young people participate in Bible Study, Recreation, Family Time (dinner), and Worship Arts. They have been preparing for this LOGOS Sunday worship service during their Worship Arts time. For more information about LOGOS, contact our Directors Ryan and Elyn Thomas (logos@cmpcusa.org).

BUGS (Bringing Up God's Servants) (Preschool)

Alexandra Dowgiewicz
Jacob Graybeal
Robert Millard
Violet Thomas
Joey Trodden

FROG (Fully Rely on God) (Elementary)

Paxton Baca
Zyler Baca
Evie Bis
Marie Bis
Nathan Board
Quentin Cogswell
Veronica Dowgiewicz
Lucy Dowgiewicz
Colin Fieldsend
Eileen Fieldsend
Ian Fieldsend
Ally Gallagher
Grace Gill
Moses Gill
Victoria Gliptis
Alex Gliptis
Molly Graybeal
Luke Jenkins
Evan Kim
Zoe Kim
Nicholas Kitt
Olivia March
Christopher Mackin
Lachlan McGillivray-Stubbs
William Millard
James Neary
Zoe Neary
John Richarson
Adam Rizvi
Katie Schreiber
Sam Thomas
Oliver Thomas
Riley Trodden
Colin Thornhill

**ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom)
(Middle School)**

Remy Aquino
Pearson Cogswell
Abby DelFavero
Emma Gallagher
Mary Gill
Neera Gill
Natalee Hoffman
Abby Jenkins
Meghan Jenkins
Callum McGillivray-Stubbs
Maren McGillivray-Stubbs
Anna McMillion
Emily McMillion
Ryan Nienhuis
Chase Nienhuis
Evan Richardson

**FISH (Fellowship In Senior High)
(High School)**

Kofi Akuoko
Aaron Aquino
James Board
Maddie DelFavero
Ben Gallagher
Kylee Hoffman
Russell Hong
Riley Jackson
Peter Nienhuis
Amos Saudager
Jesse Stewart
Mollie Thomas



Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

♩=66

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.

Emmanuel

Words and Music by
Bob McGee

♩=80

C/E F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B \flat

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics 'Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,'. The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the staff: C/E, F, F/E, Dm⁷, G⁷, C, and Gm⁶/B \flat . The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The accompaniment features a steady bass line with some chords.

5 A⁷ A⁷/C \sharp Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C E⁷

His name is called Em - man - u - el: God with

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef staff has lyrics 'His name is called Em - man - u - el: God with'. The bass clef staff continues the accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the staff: A⁷, A⁷/C \sharp , Dm, Dm/C, G⁷/B, G, C, and E⁷. The melody includes a half note and a quarter note.

10 F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B \flat

us, re - vealed in us!

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef staff has lyrics 'us, re - vealed in us!'. The bass clef staff continues the accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, F/E, Dm⁷, G⁷, C, and Gm⁶/B \flat . The melody includes a half note and a quarter note.

13 A⁷ A⁷/C \sharp Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C

His name is called Em - man - u - el.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The treble clef staff has lyrics 'His name is called Em - man - u - el.'. The bass clef staff continues the accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the staff: A⁷, A⁷/C \sharp , Dm, Dm/C, G⁷/B, G, and C. The melody includes a half note and a quarter note.

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.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

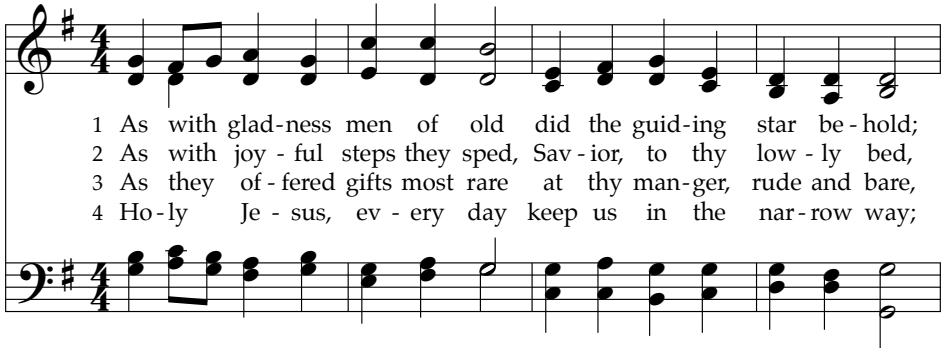
Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

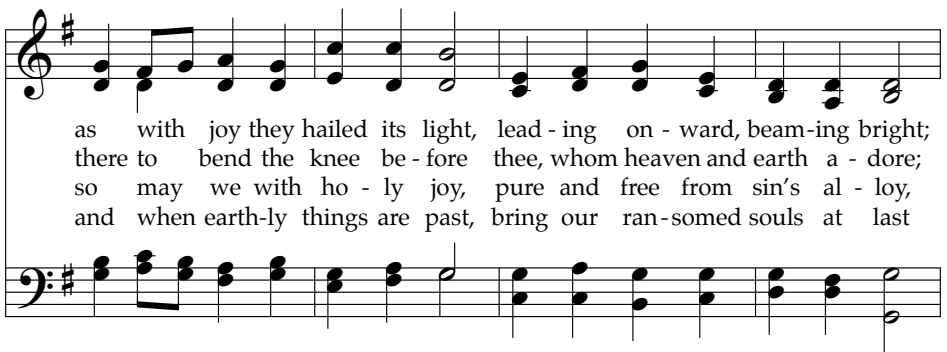
to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

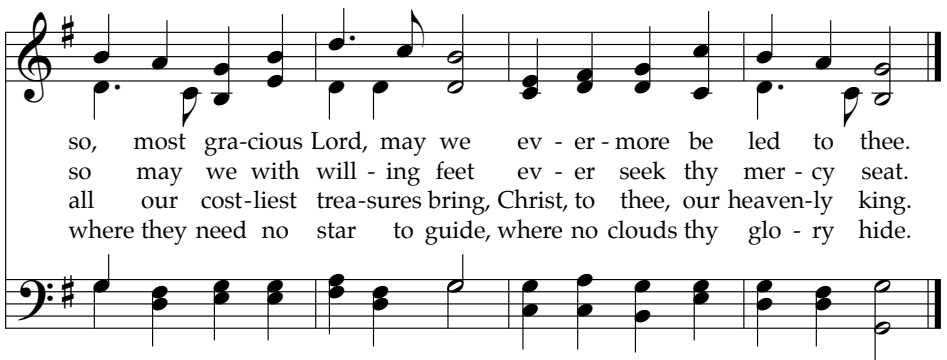
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

105

People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)

