



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***December 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday of Advent***

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*African Noel/The First Nowell*

arr. L. Shackley

Luke 2:8: *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

"Sing noel, sing noel, noel; noel, noel. Sing noel, sing noel; noel, noel."

(music is from a Liberian Folk Song, Banuwa; Hal Leonard Corp., 2011; words are public domain)

"The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel."

(words are anonymous; music is from an English carol; 17th century; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2015)

### **Introit**

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Jeff and Eleanor Orndorff

### **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**

Liz Perraud

L: Has not the one God made you?

**P: We belong to God in body and in spirit**

L: And what does the one God seek?

**P: To be on our guard and to be faithful.**

L: The Lord will send his messenger,

**P: The Lord, whom we desire, will come. O Lord of Hosts, prepare us for that coming.**

L: Let us worship God!

### **\*\*Hymn** - 106

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

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

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

**Holy God, we claim to be without fault, meanwhile we neglect the orphan, the widow, the destitute, and the stranger. Like the people of Judah, we care only of justice when it impacts us. We assume that your covenant faithfulness allows us to live however we want. Refine us, O Lord. Mold us and shape us. Purify us through the saving power of your Son, Jesus, as we confess our self-centered ways to you now. 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**

Liz Perraud

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

## **Word in Music**

*African Advent Carol (Get Ready for the King)*

by M. Barrett

Luke 1: 14: *He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth . . .*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scriptures**

Malachi 2:17-3:6  
Luke 3:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

The Messenger

Rev. Scott Hoffman

## **\*\*Hymn - 96**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

## **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**

*Comfort, Comfort Now Ye People*

arr. L. Shackley

Isaiah 40:1: *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

*"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" so says our God.*

*"Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load.*

*To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!*

*Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over."*

(words by J. Olearius, 1671; music is from the Genevan Psalter, 1551; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 2012)

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

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

**Sharing of Bread and Cup**

**Music during Communion**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. J. Southbridge

Hebrews 11:3: *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command,  
so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

"Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be; he is Alpha and Omega;  
he the source, the ending he; of the things that are, that have been; and that future years  
shall see, evermore and evermore!"

(words by A. Prudentius, 5th century; translation by J. Neale, 1854)  
(music is Plaingsong, Mode V.; harmony by W. Douglas, 1940; words and music are public domain)  
(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1971) based on 17th century plainsong Divine Mysterium)

**Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn – 102**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Noel En Musette*

arr. S. Scott

Psalm 98:4: *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth; burst into jubilant song with music . . .*  
(by Louis Claude Daquin (an early 18th century composer)  
(one of 12 Noels written for organ and published during medieval times.)  
(The word "noël" was used during that period as a kind of "hurrah" cry.)

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

## **Congregational Meeting**

December 12th, Following Worship

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on December 12th for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

## **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.



### **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@cmnpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmnpcusa.org)) or contact Laura Frantz ([frantz4ever@gmail.com](mailto:frantz4ever@gmail.com)) for more information.





### **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!**

We are collecting Christmas gifts for needy children and families this year through our Angel Tree program. Please help us fulfill the Christmas wishes by taking an "ornament" off the Angel Tree in the lower lobby entrance. Purchase the gift and return it on Wednesdays or Sundays to the donation box (or the church office). Gifts should be returned by December 12, **unwrapped**, with the ornament tag attached. It is important that you tape the paper ornament to the unwrapped gift! If you are unable to come to the church but would still 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!

Proverbs 19:17 says: "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

Please consider giving generously to both of these donation opportunities. With your help, we can assist our brothers and sisters in Christ and give them a very Merry Christmas! If you have questions, please contact either Kylee Hoffman (tuckylee05@gmail.com) or Sue Ashman (ashmanmom@gmail.com), Holiday Drive Coordinators.

### **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](http://www.cmpcusa.org/blog)).

# thank you

Thank You!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to those who served on the leadership team of our Faithfulness Received. Faithfulness Returned capital campaign. Thank you for all of your hard work and leadership!

Administrative Leader: Patricia Wilder

Advance Commitment Gathering Leaders: Ashlee Hoffman and Shelley Clemens

Campaign Leaders: Ashlyn Sowell and Don Mitchell

Celebration Event Leaders: Theresa Akuoko and Andrea Raid

VisionFest Leader: Liz Perraud

Children's Leaders: Kaleigh Thomas and Kylee Hoffman

Financial Reporter: Joyce Danzig

Follow-Up Leader: Chad Board

Information Distribution Leader: Colleen Hughes

CARE Team Leaders: Cindy Pettit, Markita Garner and Sandi Chapasko

Lead Gifts: Hyiwot Teshome and Tiffany Carmean

Operating Budget Campaign Leader: Jennifer Weinel

Prayer Leader: Pam Mitchell

Print Leader: Missy Sullivan

Small Groups Leader: Debbie ONeal

Video Leader: Allison Miller

Web Team Leader: Kathleen Smith

Youth Leaders: Sarah and Tom Trodden



### **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](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com).

### **Sunday Experience has returned**

Calling all parents of children preschool through second grade: Sunday Experience has returned! 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.

### **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](mailto:jtmillerj@verizon.net) or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or [bapetro@aol.com](mailto:bapetro@aol.com) for more details.

### **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

### **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)).





# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

## November

We have so much to be thankful for at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool!

Our children focused on learning about all the things that God has blessed us with; our families, our friends, our food, and our homes.



Pastor Scott visited the children this month to share about being thankful. He talked with the children about all the things we have in our lives to say thank you to God for including his favorite holiday,



In our classrooms, the children began the month learning about Harvest by creating scarecrows and "planting" patterns on paper. Our children also pretended to be chefs as they baked pumpkin muffins together.



As we finished the month, our children took the time to think about their families and all that makes them special. They also made a unique turkey to display at their Thanksgiving tables.

The teachers of Christ Memorial Christian Preschool are thankful for this wonderful community of families to serve each day!



*Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good. Psalm 107:1*

# Emmanuel

Words and Music by  
Bob McGee

♩=80

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is called Em - man - u - el: God with us, re - vealed in us! His name is called Em - man - u - el."

**System 1:** Chords: C/E, F, F/E, Dm<sup>7</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, C, Gm<sup>6</sup>/B $\flat$ . Lyrics: Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

**System 2:** Chords: A<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>/C $\sharp$ , Dm, Dm/C, G<sup>7</sup>/B, G, C, E<sup>7</sup>. Lyrics: His name is called Em - man - u - el: God with

**System 3:** Chords: F, F/E, Dm<sup>7</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, C, Gm<sup>6</sup>/B $\flat$ . Lyrics: us, re - vealed in us!

**System 4:** Chords: A<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>/C $\sharp$ , Dm, Dm/C, G<sup>7</sup>/B, G, C. Lyrics: His name is called Em - man - u - el.

# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by  
Lanny Wolfe

♩ = 66

## 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

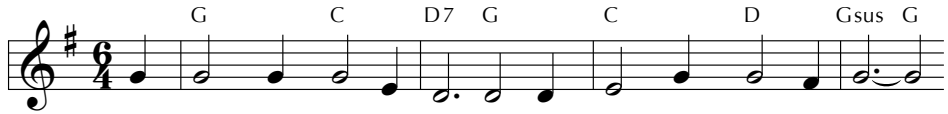
6 A<sup>7</sup> D G/D A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

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

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; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

# Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



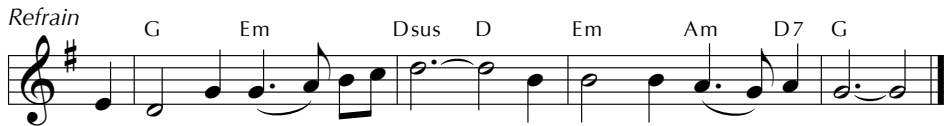
- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3–5 and Psalm 24:7–10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

## 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.



## 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

## 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.

## Savior of the Nations, Come 102



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's



son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.