

## **Christ Memorial**

## Presbyterian Church

January 23, 2022 10:30 a.m.

#### **Order of Worship**

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

**Prelude** 

#### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. L. Shackley

John 15:13: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear; all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"

(words by J.J. Scriven, 1855; music by C.C. Converse, 1868; words and music are public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2017)

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

Todd Stubbs

L: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

P: God calls us to be builders as well.

L: God calls us to build our lives:

P: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

L: God calls us to build our faith:

P: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

L: God calls us to build our community:

P: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

L: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

P: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

\*\***Hymn** - 409

God Is Here

\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession

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

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. 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** – 515

I Come with Joy
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Moment with Children Liz Perraud

**Word in Music** 

Jesus Is the Friend Who's Always There

by D. Besig/N. Price

John 15:15: I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

(GlorySound, 2004; Shawnee Press, Inc.; arrangement includes What a Friend We Have in Jesus; info above)

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures** Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4: 14-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** The Word of God Rev. Scott Hoffman

\*\***Hymn** - 459 O Word of God Incarnate

#### **Invitation to Offering**

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be 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** Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners arr. J. Bennett

Romans 5:8: But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

"Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul. Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole. Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end."

(words by J. Chapman, 1910; music by R. Prichard, 1831; words and music are public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

\*\*Doxology - 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

#### \*\*Benediction

#### **Postlude**

#### Take the Name of Jesus With You

arr. B. Burroughs

Psalm 72:19: Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Amen and amen.

"Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe. It will joy and comfort give you, take it then where'er you go. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven."

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#### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

#### **Sunday Experience**

Sunday Experience will be on hiatus until further notice.



**Mission & Local Outreach activities for December**Please see our blog post to read about the many
M&LO activities



#### **Child Protection Training**

Sunday, January 30, 2022 @ 12:00

Mark your calendars! This training is for all adults who work with children and youth, but have not yet attended the Child Protection training at CMPC. If you attended and were trained at the January 2020 child protection training, you do not need to attend this unless you'd like a refresher. This will be an in person and virtual training. We will switch to entirely virtual if needed. Zoom link to come. Questions: please contact Lindsey Kim at lindseyathorne@yahoo.com. RSVP here:

#### Talks on Race & Racism

In 2020 the Christian Education committee hosted a discussion of Race & Racism for our congregation. Approximately 48 people participated in at least one discussion with an average of 25 people attending each time. After this series ended, CE polled participants to determine the next steps in moving forward with this discussion. Participants indicated a preference for an outside speaker. Pastor Scott pursued a few possibilities for organizations to facilitate this formal discussion and then recommended The Center, a mission organization of the Baltimore Presbytery. The CE committee has arranged for The Center to provide a program that will lead the next part of this discussion. All members of our congregation are invited to participate in this program.

The Center will lead sessions on January 23, January 30, February 20, and February 27 by Zoom. Each of the four sessions will meet from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The purpose of the program is to learn how to engage responsibly in our community, with a particular focus on antiracist practices.

Register in advance for this meeting:



Contact Debbie ONeal (oneal04@aol.com) if you have questions.

#### **Summary of January 15, 2022 Session Meeting**

The Session voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Budget as prepared by the Finance Committee and to set Feb. 6 as the date of the annual congregational meeting following worship service. The budget will be presented that day, and the congregation will vote on the 2022 Pastor's Terms of Call.

In other business, the Session elected the following persons:

Bob Ashman and Joyce Danzig as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively;

Judy Brown as Nominating Committee chair;

Don Mitchell as Personnel Committee chair;

Janene Holzberg as Clerk of Session;

and as the Board of Trustees, as stipulated in church bylaws: President, Jeff Bloom; Vice President, Rick Mills; Secretary, Janene Holzberg; and Treasurer, Bob Ashman.

The session also decided to maintain the current COVID protocols and to revisit the matter at the February meeting.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

The session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, February 6 following worship. The 2022 Budget will be presented and the Pastor's Terms of Call will be brought for vote. All members are encouraged to attend.

#### **2022 Giving Envelopes**

If you are planning to make contributions to CMPC via cash or check and would like a box of giving envelopes, please contact Joyce Danzig at Joyce.Danzig@gmail.com.



#### **Investing in Our Future**

In addition to the tremendous support from the congregation through our capital campaigns, the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion is being financed by borrowing from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). In order to qualify for the best interest rate, we need to have \$300,000 invested in the PILP program by members and friends of CMPC. Many of our members and friends are already participating, but our investment total recently fell below the \$300,000 minimum. If you have investments that you could transfer to PILP, or if you could add to your existing PILP investment, it would greatly benefit CMPC by keeping our interest rate low. PILP offers term notes (like CDs) and money market type accounts. If you have a self-directed IRA, those funds can be invested in PILP as well. For more information about how to invest and the benefits of investing with PILP, please visit their website at https://pilp.pcusa.org/. If you would like to speak to someone who has already invested please contact Bob Ashman (rta3512@gmail.com) and he will be happy to connect you with someone. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Valentines for College Students**

The Care & Wellness Committee likes to keep in touch with the college students in our congregation. We would like to send them a Valentine's card to let them know that we are thinking of them. If you have a student in college, graduate school, technical school, or professional school, please send their name and address to Kris Bloom (kcbloom@verizon.net), even if they are living at home, by Sunday, January 30, 2022. If you sent their names in the Fall, please send again to verify that they are still at the same address. Please help us to stay in touch! Thank you!



#### **Request for Greeting Cards**

The Care & Wellness Committee sends Birthday Wishes, Thinking of You, Get Well, and Sympathy cards to members of the church on a regular basis. We use 40+ birthday cards almost every month and 10-20 other cards. If you have any cards listed above or plain blank cards that you would like to donate to this worthwhile ministry, please drop them off to the church office. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

#### **Campaign Updates**

On December 5 we were able to announce good news about our third capital campaign. The numbers have increased since that Sunday, and so we are sharing them below. Thank you again to everyone who participated. Your leadership, pledges and prayers will enable Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church to continue sharing its mission and ministry with the community and the world. We are so blessed!

2022 Operating Campaign 86 households pledged \$361,026

3rd Capital Campaign 83 households pledge \$1,385,810

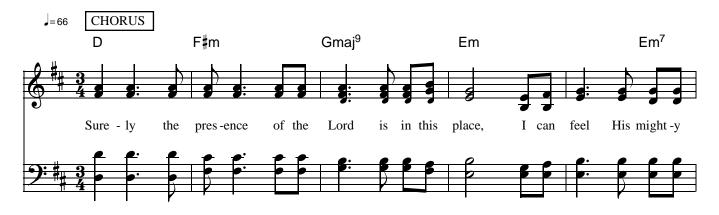
If you would still like to participate, please contact the church office for a pledge card or pledge online (see below for more information).

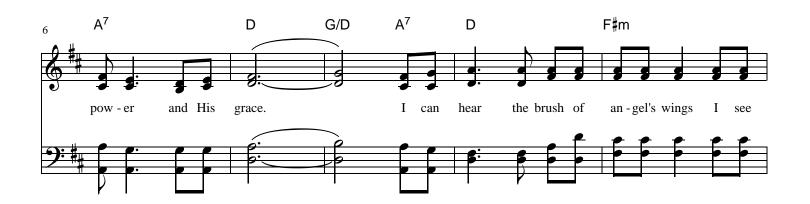
#### Online Pledging Comes to CMPC

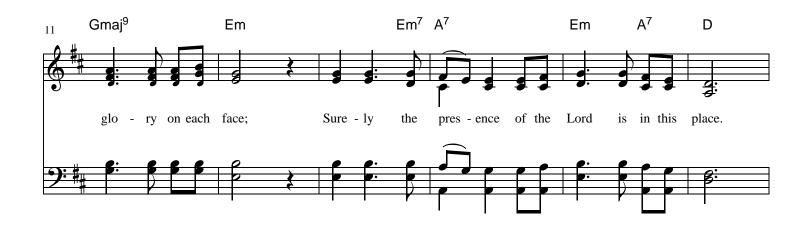
The capability to pledge online through the CMPC Bridge is now available for the annual Operating Budget, also known as the General Fund, and the "Faithfulnesss Received, Faithfulness Returned" ministry expansion capital campaign. Please complete only one of the online "pledge card" or a paper pledge 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.

## Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe





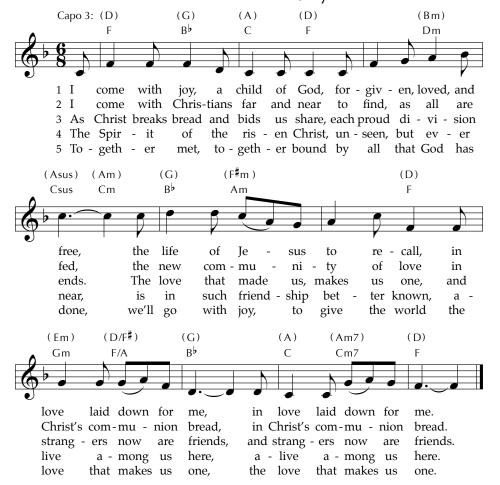




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Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.





Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

#### O Word of God Incarnate Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high, 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine; make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold Truth un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky: still that light all the earth to shine. lift - ed on is bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old; ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page, we praise you for the the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through, teach your wan-dering pil-grims by this our path to lan - tern our foot - steps, shines on from age age. a - mid the rocks and quick-sands still guides, O Christ, to you. till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, see you face to we face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

### 606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

## 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.