



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**February 20, 2022 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

arranged by M. Hayes

John 8:12: *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

"I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back."  
(words are anonymous; music is a folk melody (*Assam*) from India; song is public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013)

### **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**

Kofi Akuoko

L: Our God welcomes sinners

**P: Thanks be to God**

L: Our God loves unconditionally

**P: We praise this loving God**

L: Our God is merciful

**P: We praise God for this free gift**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

### **\*\*Hymn - 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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

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

Gracious, loving, and merciful God, we continue to run away from your commandment to love everyone. We do not forgive others and we do not love unconditionally. Hate seems to unite us more than your love. Forgive our misdeeds and excuse our reluctance to engage each other as brothers and sisters. Continue to love us as we ourselves struggle to love. Change our hearts and minds so we may be like you, relentlessly forgiving, unconditionally loving, and openly accepting of others. We ask all this in the name of your holy Son, Jesus the Christ. 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 – 447**

*We Are Forgiven*

**Moment with Children**

Lindsey Kim

**Word in Music**

*I Will Follow*

arr. J. Rouse

Ruth 1:16b: *Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.*

(words and music by C. Tomlin/R. Morgan/J. Ingram, 2010)  
(worshiptogether.com Music; SixSteps Music; Vamos Publishing 2010)  
(this arrangement: Alpha Praise, 2011)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Luke 15:11-32

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Undoing Death

Hyiwot Teshome

**\*\*Hymn - 435**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**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**

*Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*

arr. T. Beaney

John 10:27: *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

*"I can hear my Savior calling; I can hear my Savior calling; I can hear my Savior calling,  
Take thy cross and follow, follow Me. Where He leads me I will follow; where He leads me I will follow;  
where He leads me I will follow. I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way."*

(words by E. Blandly; music by J. Norris, 1890; words and music are public domain)  
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2011)

**\*\*Doxology - 710**

*We Lift Our Voices*

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

**\*\*Hymn – 649**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

arr. M. Hayes

*Colossians 2:6: Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.*

"I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me."

(traditional African American spiritual, first published in 1927; words and music are public domain)  
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2011)

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rta3512@gmail.com)) and he will be happy to connect you with someone. Thank you for your continued support.

## CMPC Giving Statements

We just completed our first full year tracking our contributions in the donor module of CMPC Bridge. We are pleased to announce that 2021 contribution statements are now available for download by logging into Bridge through the church website. Givers should have received instructions on how to access statements from Assistant Treasurer Joyce Danzig. If you did not receive the instructions or have any questions about this new process please contact Joyce at [joyce.danzig@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com)

## Helping Hands

Need help? Want to lend a hand? We have set up a new email alias for folks to use to solicit assistance and/or to offer a helping hand. The email alias is [cmpchelpers@cmpecusa.org](mailto:cmpchelpers@cmpecusa.org). If you have a need you think your CMPC family can address, this is the new way to reach out. If you would be willing to help whenever you can, this is the new way to learn of the needs. The intent is for this email group to serve as a place for members and friends to solicit help with things like rides to appointments, small household repair needs, grocery pick-ups, etc. So, if you think you may benefit from being able to reach out more easily AND if you would be willing to help when your schedule and skillsets allow, then please contact Kathleen in the church office ([office@cmpecusa.org](mailto:office@cmpecusa.org)) and request to be added to the email chain.

## Gun Violence Discussions

Gun violence continues to be its own pandemic in our community, our country, and our world. Peruse any news source these days and you will likely see a story of tragedy involving guns: be it a school shooting, a suicide, an altercation with law enforcement, or any number of other tragic situations. About two years ago, a small group from CMPC gathered to talk, pray and think about what we might do as a congregation to engage with this issue and encourage peace. Unfortunately, after a few meetings we moved into the COVID-19 pandemic and those conversations took a back seat. Now we feel it is time to re-engage. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Scott at [pastor.hoffman@cmpecusa.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@cmpecusa.org). We hope to gather in late February or early March to revive the conversation and think about our role as Christians to make our world a safer place for all.

## Sunday Experience

Sunday Experience plans to resume in March. Watch for specific details in the weekly enews.



## VBS RETURNS!

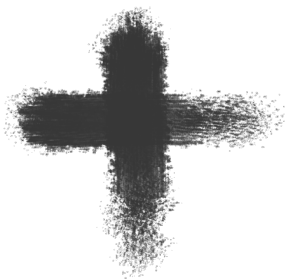
We are excited for Vacation Bible School to return to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church this summer. Join us on a Monumental Adventure as we learn about the Greatness of God! Mark your calendars for the week of July 25th. Registration will be opening in early March. To make this a successful week for the kids of Christ Memorial and the community, we need volunteers. Please consider participating in this great church event. We need adult leaders and teen leaders (middle school, high school and college). Please reach out to Heather Gallagher (heathergallagher@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping! -Heather Gallagher, Cordelia Lamb and Julie Nienhuis (VBS 2022 Co-Directors)

## 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 two more sessions, this evening and February 27 by Zoom. Each of the 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. Contact Debbie O'Neal (oneal04@aol.com) if you have questions.

Register in advance for this meeting:



## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Please join us as we begin the Lenten season with a service on Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary. Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to attend. The imposition of ashes will be offered. Please note that this service will not be livestreamed.

# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by  
Lanny Wolfe

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

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

FORGIVENESS

447

We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C  
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.



## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joo bá diits' a'  
 yisdáshíítinígí,  
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.