

## **Christ Memorial**

### Presbyterian Church

# February 27, 2022 10:30 a.m. Scout Sunday

### Order of Worship

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

\*\*Posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

Members of Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Scout Pack 371

**Prelude** 

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus with Open Our Eyes, Lord

arr. L. Mayfield

Ephesians 1:18: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

(words and music by H.H. Lemmel, 1922; words and music are public domain)

"Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus."

(words and music by R, Cull, 1976)

(Maranatha! Music/CCCM Music; admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

(this organ solo: Benson Music Group, 1995)

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.

Allen Exner

#### \*\*Call to Worship

- L: The Mighty One speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- P: Keep not your silence before us, O God, but let the heavens declare your righteousness.
- L: "Gather to me my faithful ones, all you who have made a covenant with me."
- P: We offer you our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving as we call on your name.
- L: Let us worship God!

\*\***Hymn -** 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession

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

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your Word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from your truth. Speak to us again from beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ's love. Restore and forgive us. 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**

**Word in Music** Shine on Us arr. J. Schrader

Psalm 80:3: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

(words and music by D.D. and M.W. Smith, 1996; Deer Valley Music/admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) (this choral arrangement: Sony/ATV Tunes LLC and Deer Valley Music, 2007)

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Scriptures Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-43a

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.** 

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

\*\***Hymn** - 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#### **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** Be Thou My Vision arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 17:15: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

"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; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. 2007)

\*\*Doxology - 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

\*\***Hymn** – 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

\*\*Benediction

**Postlude** 

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. L. Shackley

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

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise; in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days; almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, the angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee."

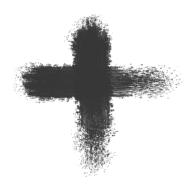
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(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1993)

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### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**



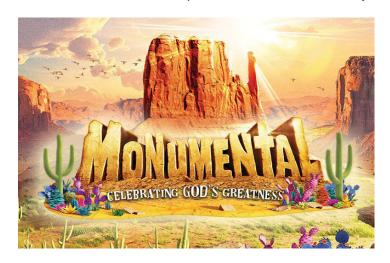
#### **Ash Wednesday Service**

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 this service will not be livestreamed.

#### **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)

#### **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@cmpcusa.org. We plan to meet on **March 8th at 5:00 pm via zoom** to revive the conversation and think about our role as Christians to make our world a safer place for all.

#### Summary of the Feb. 21, 2022 Session Meeting

The Session voted unanimously to maintain the church's current COVID protocols for the time being – including a mask requirement and keeping every other pew cordoned off, among other policies – while committing to actively monitoring the rapidly evolving trends in Howard County data in the interim, with an eye toward quickly updating our protocols to align with positive news as it develops. The session has committed to meeting as needed to respond to the ever-evolving situation in order to make changes as the situation allows.

The Session also approved:

- Pastor Scott's request to offer communion at the small worship service he conducts on the second Thursdays of the month at Brightview Senior Living in Columbia (the new facility opened across route 29).
- An organ renovation proposal recommended by the Worship and Music Committee, under which the inner
  workings of the church's 1974 organ would be overhauled this spring at a total cost of less than \$10,000. The
  balance after deposit would be payable in monthly installments without interest over five years, and include
  any service calls during that time.

#### **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@cmpcusa.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@cmpcusa.org) and request to be added to the email chain.

#### **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**

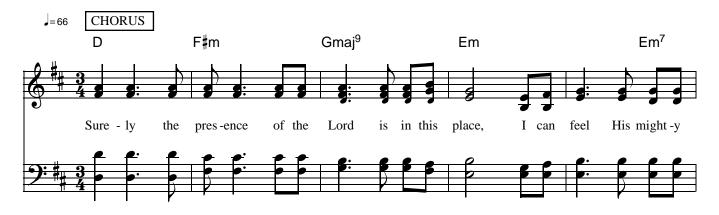
In addition to the tremendous support from the congregation through our capital campaigns, the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion is being financed by borrowing from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). In order to qualify for the best interest rate, we need to have \$300,000 invested in the PILP program by members and friends of CMPC. 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/. Thank you for your continued support.

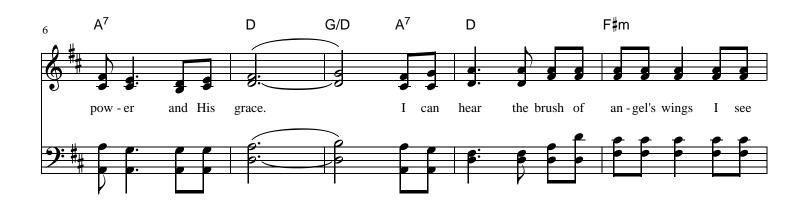
#### **CMPC Giving Statements**

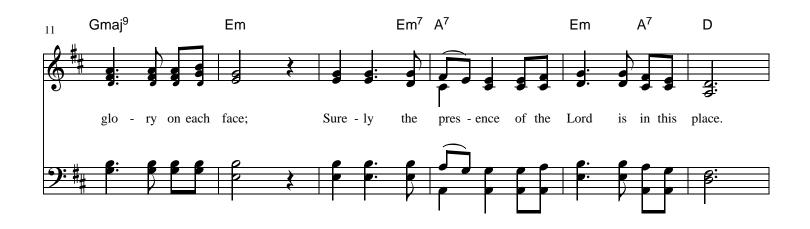
We just completed our first full year tracking our contributions in the donor module of CMPC Bridge. We are pleased to announce that 2021 contribution statements are now available for download by logging into Bridge through the church website. Givers should have received instructions on how to access 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

## Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe





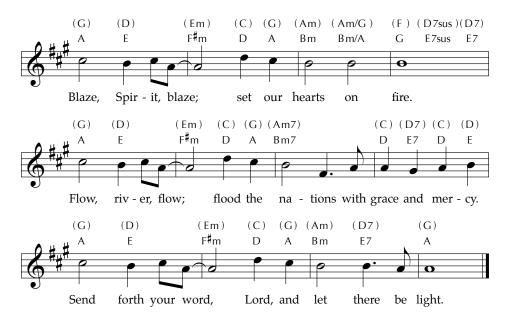


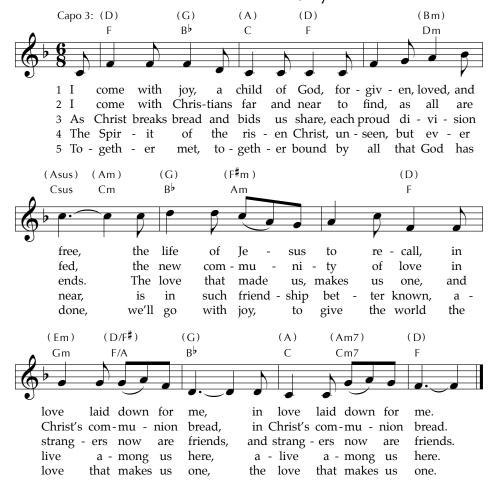
# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

#### Shine, Jesus, Shine



While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8/Mark 9:2–8/Luke 9:28–36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.





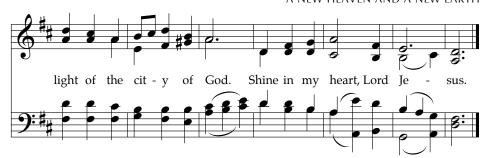
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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.

## 377 TWant to Walk as a Child of the Light



The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1–2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.



## 606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.