

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 6, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude The Lord's My Shepherd arr. D. Hustad

Psalm 95:7: For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

"The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie. In pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, the quiet waters by."

(text is from a Scottish Psalter by F. Rous, 1650; tune (*Crismond*) is by J. Seymour, 1872) (words and music are public domain) (this organ solo: Hymn Sketches by Hope Publishing Co., 1971)

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

Bob Clemens

L: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

P: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

L: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

P: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

L: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

P: We worship the Lord our God alone.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn** - 264

At the Name of Jesus

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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!

Moment with Children Liz Perraud

Dedication of Communion Table Runners

Word in Music Communion Meditation arr. D. Wagner

Bells of Joy

1 Corinthians 11:24-25: And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

medley tunes include:

Let Us Break Bread Together, an African American Spiritual published in 1925 by A, Dvorak; public domain Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness, by J. Franck, 1649; public domain Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring; words by H. van Dyke, 1907; music by L. van Beethoven, 1842; public domain

(this handbell arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1990 and 2008)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Luke 4: 1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Bread from Stones Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** - 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights

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 The Lord's My Shepherd arr. J.S. Irvine

Psalm 100:3: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

"My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make, within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake. Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. And in God's house forevermore, my dwelling place shall be."

(publishing information shown above)

(this organ solo: Triune Music, Inc.., 1989)

****Doxology -** 710 We Lift Our Voices

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 23: 1: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

"My Shepherd, will supply my need, Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways; and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace."

(words and music by I. Watts, 1719; words and music are public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2006)

Prayer

**Hymn - 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

**Benediction

Postlude At Calvary arr. T. Wilson

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

"Years I spend in vanity and pride, caring not my Lord was crucified. Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary. Mercy there was great and grace was free, pardon there was multiplied to me. There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary."

(gospel hymn composed by D.B. Towner, 1865; words and music are public domain) (this organ arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1975)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Changes to CMPC COVID Protocols

At a special called meeting on February 28 the Session of CMPC (prompted by national, state, school system, and other changes to COVID guidance and protocols) voted to change some of our current protocols while keeping others in place.

Here are the updated COVID protocols at CMPC:

- Masks: Masks are welcome but no longer required within the building. However, as the nursery program resumes, masks will be required in that space when children are present and specific programs/ministries/events of the church (the Preschool, LOGOS, etc.) may still require their participants to wear masks when attending.
- Serving food and drink: The moratorium on food and drink service has been lifted. Any groups serving food and drink are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing.
- Contact tracing: The use of sign-in cards for contact tracing for worship will be discontinued.
- Blocked off pews and moving during passing of the peace: For the time being, every other pew will remain blocked off in the sanctuary and we will remain stationary during the passing of the peace. These measures will be revisited at the March Session meeting (March 20).

As always, we appreciate your patience and mutual forbearance as the pandemic continues to play out. It goes without saying, but we encourage and expect that everyone who enters this sacred space will feel welcome and not judged by their choice to mask or not mask and that all will respect one another's varying comfort levels with regards to social distancing.

Let us be a model to others as to how to love and care for one another and (as our LOGOS folks would remind us) to treat one another as the children of God we all are.

Sunday Experience

Sunday Experience will resume today.

Nursery

The nursery will resume today. Staff and children 2+ still need to wear masks while in the nursery.



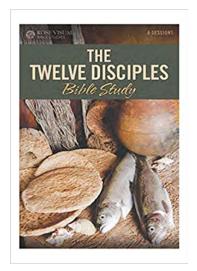
VBS RETURNS!

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.



The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

Join the CMPC women for the study of "The Twelve Disciples" – Rose Bible Study. We meet at 9:30 am in the Trinity Room of CMPC on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month through May 23rd. Please contact Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 bapetro@aol.com or Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528 jtmillerj@verizon.net for the book and more information.

Lent at Home

The Christian Education Committee is providing a way to further our Lent experience at home. God's World Lent—weekly activities at home for people of all ages—includes a session for Ash Wednesday, five weeks of Lent, and Good Friday. Explore with a short Bible passage, a storytelling prompt, options for simple hands-on activities, and a blessing. Sessions can be done by individuals or with others in the same home. You may do one, some, or all sessions. Choose your own Lent at Home day!



Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 2:00 pm.

Pine Springs Summer Camp—Director here March 20th

"To provide all campers with a vital encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship" is the mission of Pine Springs Camp—a Presbyterian summer camp located in Jennerstown, PA. Pine Springs, beloved by the Hoffman family and a favorite of more and more families of the church and community, is the place where you should consider sending your children or grandchildren for an incredible week of fun and faith development. To provide an introduction to the camp and answer any questions you might have, Summer Camp Director Mike Hurley will be at CMPC on Sunday, March 20th. Mike will speak briefly in worship and then have a fuller presentation in the afternoon at 1:00 pm in the Trinity Room. Please plan to attend if you have interest.



Rebuilding Together Howard County

The annual National Rebuild Workday is April 30, 2022. CMPC has participated each year since 2013. Volunteers can be as young as 14 years although volunteers under 18 will need a parental/guardian permission slip signed by April 25th. Josh Gliptis and Wes Millard will be our co-house captains. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Josh Gliptis (jbgliptis@gmail.com) or Wes Millard (wesmillard@gmail.com) for more information.



Fellowship Hour Returns

Fellowship Hour will resume on Sunday, March 13th, following worship. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Please contact Tom Trodden if you are able to help (ttrodden@howardcountymd.gov).

Christ Memorial Christian Preschool



February

For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life. John 3:16

What a special month February is at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool! We emphasized with our children the importance of love in our world.



We began the month exploring the joy of winter by celebrating Winter Fun Day! The children explored stations in the preschool including indoor ice skating, snowmen making, ice building and penguin races.



The month ended by learning about Jesus' time on Earth and many of the parables He shared. Pastor Scott visited the children for monthly Bible Time to share the parable of the lost sheep.



Our children spread their love for their peers by exchanging valentines in their classrooms. Students made a special valentine for their families.

To show God's love to others the children participated in a food drive this month. We collected over 200 pieces of food to give to Howard Community College food bank.



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

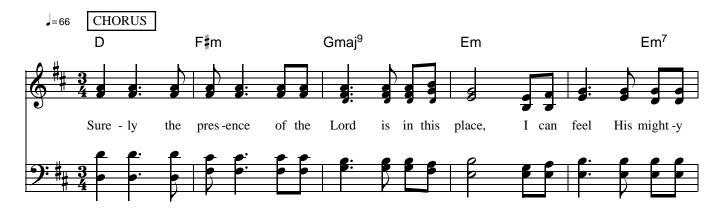
In addition to the tremendous support from the congregation through our capital campaigns, the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion is being financed by borrowing from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). In order to qualify for the best interest rate, we need to 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.

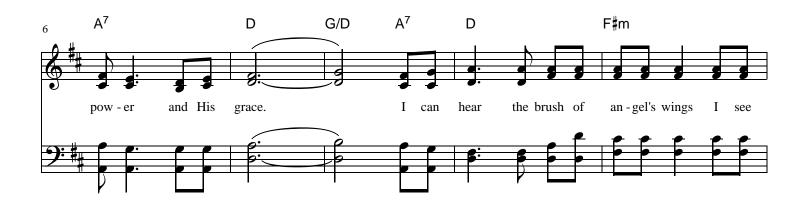
CMPC Giving Statements

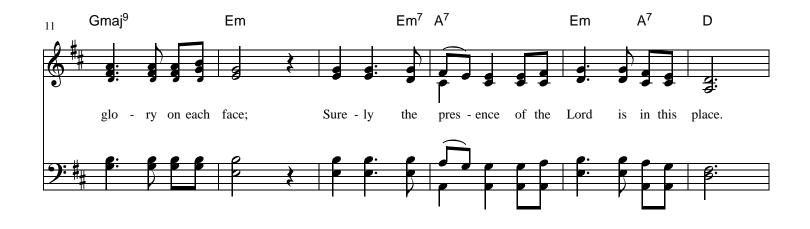
We just completed our first full year tracking our contributions in the donor module of CMPC Bridge. We are pleased to announce that 2021 contribution statements are now available for download by logging into Bridge through the church website. Givers should have received instructions on how to access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







At the Name of Jesus 264



This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

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We Are Forgiven



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.

167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



- 1 For ty days and for ty nights you were fast ing in the wild;
- 2 Shall not we your sor-row share and from world-ly joys ab-stain,
- 3 Then if Sa tan on us press, flesh or spir it to as sail, 4 So shall we have peace di vine: ho lier glad ness ours shall be;
- 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav-ior dear, ev-er con-stant by your side,





for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed. fast - ing with un - ceas-ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain? vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail! round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly. that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.



This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.



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).

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O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.