

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 3, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude What Wondrous Love Is This arr. C. Curry

John 15:13: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

"What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,

for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!"

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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 Liz Perraud

L: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;

P: approach our God, who is full of mercy.

L: We will praise God with all our heart

P: and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

L: Let us worship God!

**Hymn - 720 Jesus Calls Us

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. 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
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Moment with Children Lindsey Kim

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Please see announcement for special instructions

Word in Music Guilty of Innocence by P. Choplin

2 Corinthians 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin to be for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures 1 Timothy 1: 12-15
John 8: 1-11

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

Sermon Hypocrites Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** - 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory 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 What Wondrous Love Is This arr. J. Bennett

1 John 3: 1: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!

"When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!"

(text: American folk hymn, c. 1811; music: W. Walker, 1835; hymn is public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2010)

We Lift Our Voices

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

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 (Please eat and drink when you are served.)

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

Music during Communion

Were You There?

arr. L. Larson

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

African American spiritual, first printed in 1899; song is public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013)

Prayer

****Hymn** – 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**Benediction

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. D. Phillips

Ephesians 1:5: He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

"And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on."

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting, TODAY

The session has called a special congregational meeting for this morning, Sunday, April 3rd. The meeting will take place immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect two more at-large members to the 2022 Nominating Committee. All members should plan to attend if possible.

Palm Wavers needed

If your child(ren) (age preschool to second grade) would like to participate in the palm waving processional for worship on Palm Sunday, April 10th please bring him/her/them to the Narthex that morning at 10:05. After they participate in the processional they will return to the pews with you. Thank you!



Property Clean Up Day April 9th 8:30 - noon

Mark your calendars to help the property committee care for the building and grounds of the church. Many hands make light work!

Fellowship Hour

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting Fellowship Hour every other Sunday. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Please contact Tom Trodden if you are able to help (ttrodden@howardcountymd.gov). It will be held on the following, upcoming Sundays:

April 10 April 24 May 8

The Stewardship Committee presents - Did you know?

Greetings! Once a month the Stewardship Committee hopes to share some interesting information about the work of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church that is made possible by your gifts. We thank you for your financial support and hope that you can see God at work in our congregation.

This month we focus on music. Did you know that the beautiful music speaking to us each week could not happen without your support? The message is what matters. Through the instrumental music we can hear God's Word, even without any words. With singing, the music amplifies the Word's meaning. These messages must be in tune, on time, phrased correctly, and in a genre we all can appreciate. Buying well-arranged music, practicing each piece to perfection, tuning the instruments, repairing the instruments, hiring outside musicians for special services, and conducting extensive rehearsals all must come together to produce the inspiring music you hear each week, every week. We are so blessed with the dedicated and continuous, 7 days per week, efforts of our Music Director, Music Accompanist, and Handbell Choir Director, and all the participants in the two choirs.

But the effort alone is not enough. The venerable church organ, an electronic synthesizer whose aging electronic components and switches are failing, is almost unplayable, It's like a car with loose steering and failing brakes: so unpredictable while "driving". A \$10,000 complete overhaul has begun, thanks to your donations. The superb Steinway piano, having 12,000+ different parts, requires continual tuning and upkeep, again supplied through your generosity. Every sheet of music used by the Trinity Choir must be an original copy, one per person. Although the Bells of Joy Handbell Choir can copy individual ringer's parts, it must purchase the entire package of all the parts. Your donations defray the \$80 cost per title of music performed each service. The special services at Christmas and Easter require \$1200 to \$1500 each for the "guest" musicians who make the services very special. These are just a few examples. Many other incidental expenses also add up and your donations have paid for them. For all of this we thank you so very much.

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

An update on some details about our finances. Thank you for your generosity to CMPC! As of February 28, 2022 (17% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$117,583 - 25% of budget

Actual Expenses \$92,928 - 18% of budget

Nominating Process

As the Nominating Committee begins its discernment process in the coming months we believe it is imperative for the entire congregation to understand that currently our board of Deacons is operating with the minimum number of deacons allowable by our bylaws (12) and the Session is operating with only one elder more than the minimum (13). This means that without full slates (and then some) this year we risk being in violation of our own bylaws and seriously hampering the work of our two leadership boards. So, we ask each and every member of the congregation to seriously and prayerfully consider accepting a call to serve if it should come from the nominating committee and to also prayerfully consider self-nominating or nominating others when the time arises. These are exciting times in the life of CMPC and we need willing and faithful leaders to guide us in and through them. Thank you in advance for seriously considering the call to serve!



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!

Dates: July 25th – July 29th

Times: 9 am – 12 pm

Ages: 3-years old – entering 5th Grade

Cost: \$40 for first child, \$35 for second child (\$75 family maximum cost)

Volunteers: We need lots of volunteers to make this week successful! We need adults, college students, high

school students and middle school students.

Registration is NOW OPEN! Visit the VBS website (www.cmpcusa.org/vbs) to register today! Please reach out to Heather Gallagher (heathergallagher@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

-Heather Gallagher, Cordelia Lamb and Julie Nienhuis (VBS 2022 Co-Directors)

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.



Pine Springs Summer Camp

"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. For more information, contact Pastor Hoffman (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org) or check out the camp website at pinesprings.org .



Mission Committee Collection

In response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee invites the congregation to participate in a special offering for Save the Children (STC). M & LO will match up to \$2,000. Meeting the needs of children is STC's primary mission and program focus. STC was already on-the-ground when fighting started and is scaling up operations quickly in neighboring countries. Our donation will support an emergency fund that provides food, hygiene supplies, and housing to Ukrainian children. Thank you in advance for you generosity and compassion.



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! https://cmpcusa.org/ministries/christian-education-resources/

Now Hiring!!

CMPC Nursery Attendant Sunday Mornings10:00 am – Noon \$15.00/hour Additional hours possible

Position requires a person who enjoys caring for children ages 0-2 in our church's nursery while working with different adult volunteers on a weekly basis. Must be available a minimum of 3 Sundays per month. Opportunities for additional hours on Wednesday evenings October – March and other special events. Experience in childcare related activities and/or training is preferred but not required. References and a background check will be necessary before being hired. Must be 21 or older.

For more information and to apply, please contact Debbie ONeal at oneal04@aol.com or 410 908-2355.









March

Let the little children come to Me.

Matthew 19:14

We are so excited to welcome spring to preschool at Christ Memorial! Our March was a month learning about so many wonderful things in our world. We began the month discovering all about outer space. The children loved pretending to be astronauts, making star constellations with marshmallows and exploring moon craters in sensory trays! We also learned about the fun of rainbows and the signs of spring. The children were scientists as they explored the wind and clouds in science experiments. We ended the month investigating the different types of animals God created for the land and sea. We even welcomed family pets to school for a special Pet Day! We were excited to take our 4 year-old classes on their first field trip of the year to The Robinson's Nature Center on the last day of the month. Pastor Scott visited the classes this month to share the story of Jonah and the Whale. He is always a big hit with the preschool children!

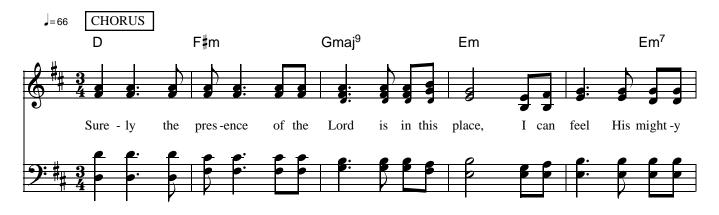


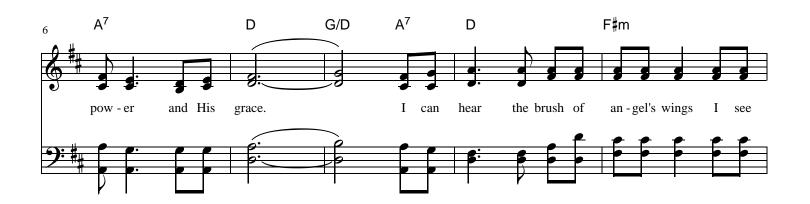


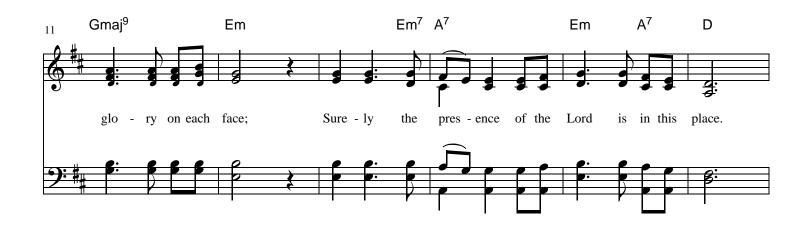


Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe









Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

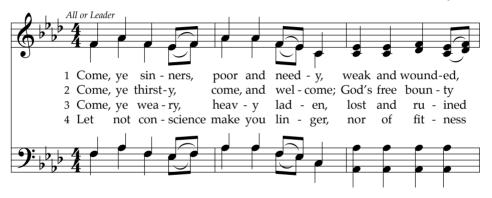
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We Are Forgiven



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.

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).





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).

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my self in thee.
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands can ful-fill thy law's de-mands.
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I cling;
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed Could my zeal no res-pite know, could my tears for-ev-er flow, na-ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace; when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

