



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 17, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Holy Ground

arr. L. Smith

Matthew 18:20: *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

"This is holy ground. we're standing on holy ground; for the Lord is present, and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground; for the Lord is present, and where He is is holy."
(words and music by C. Beatty, 1982; Universal Music/Brentwood Benson Publishing)

(this organ solo: BMG Songs, Inc./Birdwing Music, 1994)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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**

Josh Gliptis

L: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

P: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

L: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

P: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 364**

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. 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 - 288**

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Reception of Confirmands

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see opposite page for special instructions

Word in Music

Beautiful Savior arr. D. Zschech (from her *Kiss of Heaven* album)
John McPherson, solo

Isaiah 33:17a: *Your eyes will see the king in His beauty.*

(Beautiful Savior (Fairest Lord Jesus) is an anonymous German hymn; text composed in 1677, music in 1842; public domain)
(this vocal solo: Extravagant Worship Publishing, 2002)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 15
Luke 10:38-42

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Better Part

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – 697**

Take My Life

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

How Can I Keep From Singing with Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Psalm 147:1: *Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant,
 and a song of praise is fitting.*

arr. V. Labenske

"There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring. And though the storms may come,
 I am holding on, to the rock I cling. How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough
 how amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name? I know I am loved by the King,
 and it makes my heart want to sing."

(words and music by C. Tomlin/E. Cash/M. Redman, 2006; SixSteps Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Psalm 150:1: *Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.*

"Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing O earth His wonderful love proclaim!
 Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a
 Shepherd, Jesus will guard His children; in His arms He carries them all day long. Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Tell of His excellent greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

(words: F. Crosby, 1869; music (*Joyful Song*): C. Allen, 1869; words and music are public domain)

(*this piano solo: ThankYou Music/WorshipTogether.com songs/SixSteps Music, 2006*)

****Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")****Hymn –724**

O Jesus, I have Promised

****Benediction****Postlude**

Shout to the Lord

arr. E.B. Elwell

Psalm 98: 4: *Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!*

"My Jesus my Savior, Lord there is none like You; all of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your
 mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let every breath, all that I am never
 cease to worship You. Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing, Power and majesty, praise to the King.
 Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your
 hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You."

(words and music by D. Zschech, 1993; Wondrous Worship/admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

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The Sacrament of Baptism

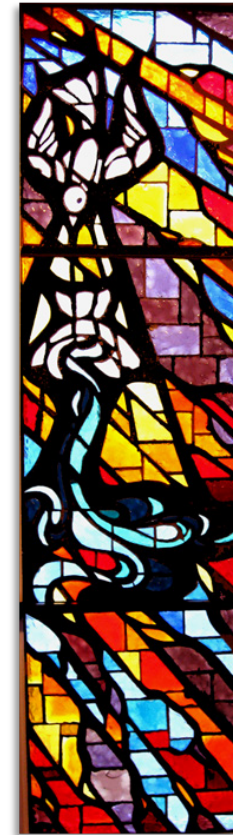
Since water was such a precious and scarce commodity in the Middle East, it is easy to see how frequently it became a symbol of life, death, and hope for many religious ceremonies. Such was the case for Christians.

Baptism can be performed by immersing a person in water, or by pouring or sprinkling water on one's head. It can be done in a stream or pool, or by using a bowl or a font. More and more, throughout the ecumenical Christian world baptism is mutually honored no matter what the method.

The method may vary but the symbolism remains the same; it is by the grace of Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven (washed away); and, as the apostle Paul says, "If we have been buried (immersed) with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be raised (lifted) in a resurrection like his." Baptism reminds us that we can have a living relationship with Christ, by which we can become "new creatures" in Him (reborn spiritually). All those who are baptized are welcomed into "the household of God" (the church).

From the moment of our birth, sin (rebellion against and separation from God) is part of our nature. While the physical act of baptism, in and of itself, does not cleanse, it is a firm reminder that God's grace in Jesus Christ is able to conquer sin and redeem and cleanse our sinful nature. Therefore, it is never too early to baptize our children and to claim by the vows taken by their parents the promise that God can and does cleanse us, save us, and make us new. In adolescence, we invite young people to confirm the vow taken by their parents and to pledge their full participation in the community of faith.

As those who ourselves have been baptized in the name of the God who created us, Jesus who redeemed us, and the Spirit who sustains us, we join together in welcoming, by his baptism, Ian Thornhill into the life and ministry of the Risen Christ.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Ian Thornhill

July 17, 2022



10600 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Words of Gathering

Words of Presentation

Prayer

**Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Question to the Congregation

Debbie ONeal

Our Lord Jesus Christ orders us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to tell Ian the good news of the gospel, to help him know all that Christ commands, and, by your fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the household of God? Please answer, "We do."

Congregation: **We do.**

Question to the Children

Riley Trodden

Do we, the children of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, promise to be Ian's sisters and brothers in Christ as he grows up in our church family, showing him God's love as we learn together, play together, grow together, and worship together? Please answer, "We do."

Children: **We do.**

Congregational Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Kingdom

Child of blessing, child of promise

Baptized with the Spirit's sign,

With this water God has sealed you

Unto love and grace divine.

The Baptism

Words of Charge

**Those who are comfortably able may stand.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;

For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the

Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

And Jesus took them up in his arms,

Laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- Mark 10: 13-16

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Share Your Musical Gifts This Summer!

Trinity Choir is now on break until September. Please consider offering special music for worship during those weeks. Vocal and instrumental music are welcome additions to our summer services. Please contact Music Director, Joy Exner (joyousmusic@yahoo.com) to sign up. There is a date just for you! Please share your gifts with us!

CMPC to host Presbytery of Baltimore

Christ Memorial will have the distinct privilege of serving as the host for the Presbytery of Baltimore's Gathering on Thursday, **September 8th** (approximately 9:00 am to 3:00 pm). This is the first time CMPC has hosted a Presbytery meeting in many years. To make the day run smoothly we will need a small army of volunteers. We will need help setting up the building the day(s) before. We will need people to help direct parking. We will need folks to serve as guides around the building. We will need volunteers to help serve lunch. And we will need even more. Please mark your calendar now and plan to help us make CMPC as hospitable as possible on September 8. More details to follow.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Time: 2:30-7:30 PM

Place: Fellowship Hall

Sign Up using the QR code above, or on our events page (cmpcusa.org/events)



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

There is always a shortage of blood in August because of vacations and high schools and colleges not being in session. Since Covid, the shortage has been even greater. Please consider donating. We have a goal of 25+ units. We need YOU!

VBS Wish list

Our Amazon wish list for VBS still has items remaining. If you are able to help us purchase these items, please use the QR code below. Thank you for your support!





Fifth Sunday offering

Christ Memorial Christian Preschool has been blessed to be a mission of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church since 1978. During the past 44 years the love of God has been shared with many children of the church and the community through the work of the preschool. The staff of Christ Memorial Christian Preschool feel blessed to receive the support of the Mission and Local Outreach Committee by choosing us to be the recipient of the 5th Sunday Offering on July 31, 2022. We look forward to continuing our service to God's children through our partnership with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

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CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

6 A⁷ D G/D A⁷ D F#m

pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

11 Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal

(Psalm 24)

Refrain



Lift up the gates e - ter - nal; lift up your voic - es;



the King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;

2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?

3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;

4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?

5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;

6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.

Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)

the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.

We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)

the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.

Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

Gradually increasing tempo can heighten the sense of joy and power in this psalm.

This engaging paraphrase of Psalm 24 gains much of its energy from the Israeli folk song for which it was written. This territorial connection adds another dimension to a many-layered text that speaks both to the themes of Advent and to those of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.