

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Built on the Rock

arr. R. Wilson

Ephesians 2:19-22: Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

"Built on the Rock the Church shall stand, even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling; calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed, longing for rest everlasting. Grant, then, O God, your will be done, that, when the church bells are ringing; many in saving faith may come where Christ his message is bringing. "I know my own; my own know me. You, not the world, my face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen." (words by N F.S. Grundtvig, 1854; translated by C. Doving, 1909) (music (*Kirken*) by Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1840; words and music are public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1972)

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**

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 –** 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

John Salkeld

****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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Moment with Children

Liz Perraud

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

Word in Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand Jennifer Weinel, solo by T. Dorsey

Isaiah 4: 13: I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "do not fear; I will help you."

(words by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938; music (*Precious Lord*) by George N. Allen, 1844; arr.by T. Dorsey; Alfred Publishing Co.).

Prayer for Illumination

ScripturesGenesis 18: 1-8L: The Word of the Lord.Hebrews 13: 1-2

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Hospitality	Rev. Scott Hoffman
** Hymn - 300	We Are One in the Spirit (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)	

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!

OffertoryJesus, Keep Me Near the Crossarr. M. McDonaldKathi Weinel, piano solo

Galatians 6:14a: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; 'til my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river." (words by F.J. Crosby, 1869; music (*Near the Cross*) by W.H. Doane, 1869; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

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** –296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

****Benediction**

Postlude

You Never Let Go Deuteronomy 31:8: It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

arr. V. Labenske

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear. And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near. And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low. Oh no, You never let go. Lord You never let go of me." (words and music by M. and B. Redman, 2005; ThankYou Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2005; administered Worldwide at EMICMGPublishing.com)

Sunday Experience Policy

Calling all parents of children preschool through second grade planning to have children attend Sunday Experience during worship:

1. After the Moment with Children, parents will need to escort their child/children downstairs to the area below the sanctuary. Classroom LOVE will be for Preschool through second grade.

2. Each parent will be asked to answer COVID-19 questions when checking in their child/ren.

3. After the worship service, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their child/ren.

Thank you to Jeff Bruce and Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week! Thank you to Kevin Wilson for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



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.

Mission and Local Outreach

In response to the severe flooding in Eastern Kentucky in late July, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee has pledged \$1,000 to support relief efforts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Affected Presbyteries will be offered grants and resources to help cope with this catastrophic flooding that caused millions of dollars in damage and the tragic loss of life. Members of the congregation are invited to join in the effort by contributing to relief efforts by putting" KY Floods" in the memo line of their checks or donating online.

Nominating Process

As the Nominating Committee continues its discernment process 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. 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!

CMPC Visioning

It is very clear those of us who call CMPC our faith home and family have been abundantly blessed—especially in recent years. The hard work and dedication of our fellow sisters and brothers of faith (those who have come before and those here now) is inspiring. We clearly have a story and history of which we can be exceedingly proud—as we boast in the Lord. AND we all share in the desire for that to continue.

To that end, the session has formed an Ad Hoc Visioning Committee that has been hard at work over the last few months developing a process by which we can prayerfully discern God's will for our future here at CMPC and beyond. We are now ready to engage the rest of the congregation in this process. Over the next few weeks and months we will be contacting member households to conduct listening sessions so that we can get your feedback on where you think we should focus our attention and energies in the near term and long term future. Please participate as you are able as we hope to get input from everyone. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements, phone calls, letters, and other forms of contact so you can be engaged in this process with everyone else.

And, most Importantly, please join us in praying for God's will to be made clear to all of us as we seek what is best for our congregation and how we, as a faith family, can best serve the Kingdom of God in the world.

Congregational Depression Awareness Program

CMPC is teaming up with the Congregational Depression Awareness Program (CDAP) run out of Johns Hopkins by Dr. W. Daniel Hale, a world-renowned psychologist, and fellow presbyterian. Dr. Hale is the author of a wonderful book, "Depression: Out of the Darkness and Into the Light", a first-hand account of the tragedy of undetected and unacknowledged depression chronicling his personal struggles with his own depression and the depression that took the life of his daughter at the tender age of 36.

We here at CMPC are cognizant of the prevalence and high cost of depression in our communities. Depression is now the 2nd leading cause of death in the 10-34 year-old age group and the 4th leading cause of death among adults aged 35-54.

On Sunday, September 18, we have the great fortune of having Dr. Hale join us for a presentation for after worship. The Care and Wellness committee will provide a light lunch. Registration is now open: please check the link in the e-news or scan the QR code below. We have purchased twenty copies of Dr. Hale's book. The first twenty registrants will each receive a book free of charge and Dr. Hale has also graciously agreed to sign each book for us on that Sunday.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Hyiwot Teshome at hyiwot@gmail.com or 240-535-6577.



Summary of the Aug. 15, 2022 Session Meeting

The Session voted to make masks optional in the church building until further notice to align with Howard County government and school system policies, while pledging to respond to any pertinent updates to covid-19 guidance that may occur. Masks will still be required in the nursery.

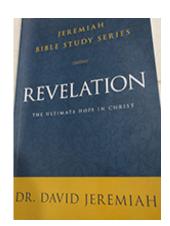
In other business:

- The Christ Memorial Christian Preschool board recently voted to support optional masking for the 2022-2023 school year since their students are eligible for vaccines this summer, a move the Session's updated policy supports.
- Talks continue with contractors and consultants on identifying the cause of high humidity in the Sanctuary that forced removal of Bibles from the pews and the ongoing use of dehumidifiers. Bible readings are being printed in the worship service bulletin in the meantime.
- Households will soon be asked to participate in one-on-one interviews as part of the first phase of the churchwide visioning process to determine CMPC's current and future priorities by year's end. Details to come.

The Women's Monday Morning Bible Study Group

Monday, September 12th at 10:30am

All women are invited to join the CMPC women's bible study group for a kick-off potluck lunch at Jan Keister's home. At this time, we will have a short introduction to our study book, *Revelation The Ultimate Hope in Christ* by Dr. David Jeremiah. The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9:30 to 11:15 am during September through May. Come be a part of a Christ-centered, Bible-loving group of ladies. All ladies of the church and community are welcomed. Please contact Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com



New Scout Troop 75G

CMPC parents and girls interested in joining our new Troop 75G at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, you are invited to the 1st meeting of the forming Troop 75G at the Troop 75B Picnic on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

We are still recruiting to fulfill the charter requirements before we can be officially acknowledged as a new girl Troop. We'd like you to fill out and turn in your Scout paperwork to me that evening if your daughter is interested in joining. If all goes well, Troop 75G will meet on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm starting Sept 27th. PLEASE email or text if you are coming to the PICNIC and are interested in signing up for our new Troop75G! Calibercarvings@yahoo.com or 937 409-1419

2022 CMPC Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will take place immediately following the outdoor worship service on September 11, 2022. Please RSVP below or on our events page (cmpcusa.org/events). Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

Sign up Here!





CMPC GIFT: Generations In Faith Together

Holy Hike Sunday, October 16 at 1:30pm

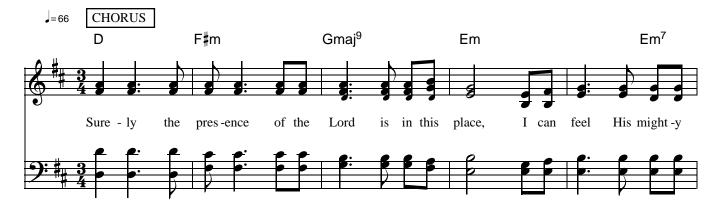
All ages are invited to join us for a holy hike to enjoy God's creation. We'll leave the church at 1:30pm to caravan by car to the trail off Guilford Road, Columbia. We'll walk 1.5 miles on a flat, mostly shaded, crushed gravel path and 1.5 miles back. Hike what feels manageable and turn around to head back when you need to (always with a walking buddy). Bring your own water. If you like, extend the fellowship by bringing your own picnic lunch to enjoy outside at church after worship and before we leave for the hike.

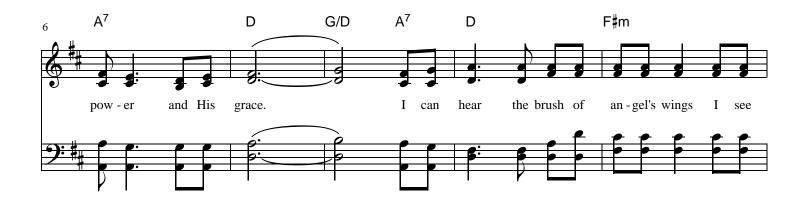
SIGN UP HERE to attend to receive any updates (including weather issues) and address of the trailhead.

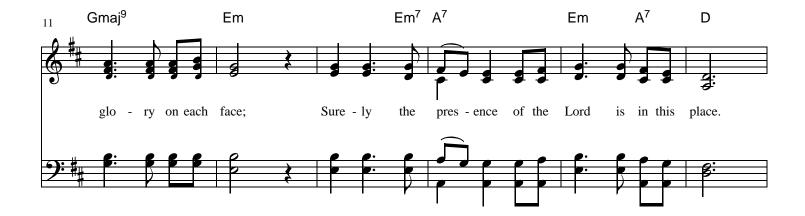


Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe







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In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

THE CHURCH



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.