



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***October 2, 2022 10:30 a.m.***

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. C. Rice

Psalm 103:19: *The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.*

"This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King:  
let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!"

(words: M.D. Babcock, 1901; music (*Terra Beata*): F.I. Sheppard, 1915; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Clumsy Fly Music, 2001; admin. by Word Music, Inc.)

### **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**

Elyn Thomas

L: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

**P: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.**

L: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

**P: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.**

L: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**P: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still—O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

L: Let us worship God!

### **\*\*Hymn – 310**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

### **\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

**Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait on you, O God. We hope in you. You alone can restore all things, even us. We pray in Christ's name. 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**

Liz Perraud

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

**Word in Music**

*One World, One Communion*

by P. Choplin

Galatians 3:28: *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

(this choral arrangement: Hope Publishing Company, 2017)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Psalm 37: 1-9  
Luke 17: 5-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Mustard Seeds and Gratitude

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn - 706**

*Commit Your Way to God the Lord (Psalm 37)*

**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**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

arr. J. Carter

1 John 1: 7: *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

(words: O. Westendorf, 1976; music (Bicentennial): R. Kruetz, 1976)  
(Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 1977, International Liturgy Publications)

(this piano solo: Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 1977 and 1998)

**\*\*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.

**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**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

arr. J. Innes

Job 12:10: *In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.*

"He's got the whole world in his hands; He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands."

2) He's got the sun and the moon in his hands, etc.

3) He's got the little tiny baby in his hands, etc.

4) He's got everybody here in his hands, etc.

**Prayer****\*\*Hymn – 838**

*Standing on the Promises*

**\*\*Benediction****Postlude**

*Shout to the North*

arr. C. Tornquist

Luke 13:29: *People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

"Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King. You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete. Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth."

(words and music: M. Smith, 1995; Curious? Music, UK)

(this piano solo: Curious? Music UK, 1995; admin at EMICMGP Publishing.com)

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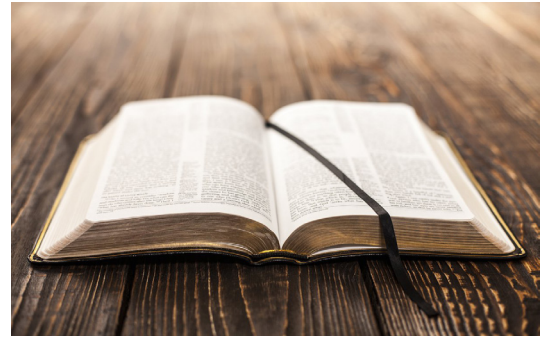
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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Third Grade Bibles

We will recognize our third graders' transition into full worship at Christ Memorial by presenting them with their very own, brand new Bible during worship on Sunday October 23rd. If you have a third grader, please notify the church office at [office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org).



## 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.



## Summary of the Sept. 19 Session Meeting

The Session received an update to the ongoing humidity issue in the Sanctuary that led to the removal of pew Bibles and the use of dehumidifiers. While other in-house steps have been taken and are helping to mitigate the problem, proposals from two contractors detailing how they would resolve the issue were sought and one has been received. Pastor Scott Hoffman noted the fast-approaching drop in outdoor humidity as fall weather nears may offset current investigation efforts as we await the second proposal, pushing any potential resolution into spring 2023.

In other business:

- Pastor Hoffman reported that 20 church volunteers are currently reaching out to CMPC households to pose a set of thought-provoking questions to help the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee zero in on what the church's priorities should be, now and into the future.
- Stewardship Sunday has been set for Nov. 20. Details to come.
- The Presbytery Gathering held at CMPC on Sept. 8 was a huge success, with 50 to 60 attending in person and a similar number watching virtually. Pastor Hoffman reported that hybrid meetings of this sort are challenging for some churches to handle and surmised that CMPC may enter regular rotation as a site for future gatherings.



# Trunk or treat!



October 29th, 4:00 pm

Rain date: October 30th, 4:00 pm

## **Trunk or Treat**

Please join the church, the preschool and the Allview neighborhood at this Halloween event! If you plan to decorate a car, please arrive by 3:30 so that your trunk is ready for trick or treaters by 4:00.

## **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.

## **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 highlight the work of the Missions and Local Outreach Committee:**

Did you know...that the Missions and Local Outreach Committee is responsible for overall benevolence, special offerings, and support for local, national, and global missions. It looks for ways to match congregational members' interests and skills with various projects and for ways to work ecumenically.

Our annual combined budget (Missions and Special Offerings) for 2022 of \$54,400 is largely spent on responding to God's call that we care for those in need in our community and around the world. Last year the work was especially challenging due to the ongoing pandemic. Although some hands-on mission work was restricted, we did participate in the Cold Weather Shelter. This year we were also able to help a family in need through Rebuilding Together Howard County.

Your donations support many ministries and therefore many people including:

Bridge of Hope, Baltimore Chapter  
Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders, North Carolina site  
Pine Springs Summer Camp, Jennerstown, PA  
Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan  
American Friends of Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem - Ahli Hospital in Gaza

Just to name a few! Profiles of all of the missions we support can be found at the Community tab on the CMPC website <https://cmpcusa.org/community/>

The Missions and Local Outreach Committee also responds in real time to crises that need our attention. You may note the recent call to collect funds for victims of the catastrophic flooding in Kentucky. Due to the generous nature of our members at CMPC and our special fifth Sunday offerings, our actual financial support outweighs our annual pledges.

The Stewardship Committee would like to send a special thanks to the Missions Committee members: Sue Ashman, Pete Berlowitz, Gil Burkart, Susan Crabb, Philip Davies (Chair), Linda Lange, Todd Stubbs, and BJ Walworth.

## **CMPC Hand Bell Choir**

The CMPC hand bell choir, Bells of Joy, will begin our rehearsals later this fall and we invite YOU to join us!!! We are looking for new members. Experienced ringers and those interested in learning how to ring are invited to join. For more information, contact Joyce Danzig at [joyce.Danzig@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.Danzig@gmail.com).

## **Mission and Local Outreach**

In response to the recent record monsoon floods in Pakistan, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee will donate funds to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance relief efforts in the country. The unprecedented disaster has affected an estimated 33 million people and caused \$30 billion in damage to homes, roads, railways, livestock, and crops. The floods inundated one-third of Pakistan and displaced half a million people. We pray for relief to the many people affected.

# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by  
Lanny Wolfe

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

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G/D

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

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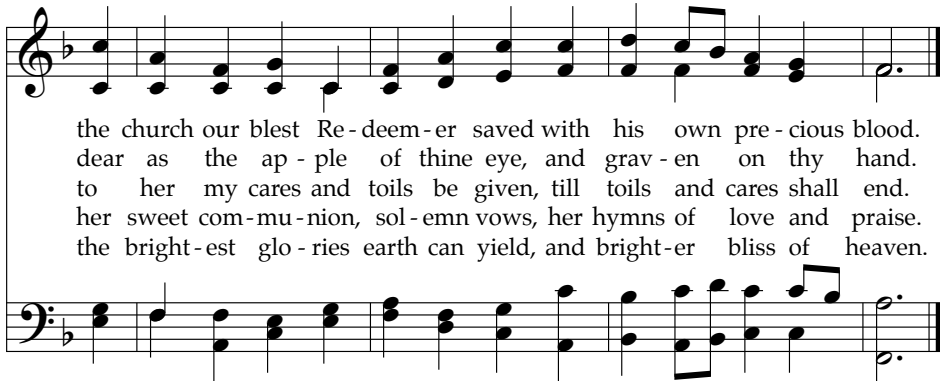
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glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,  
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;  
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.



## Commit Your Way to God the Lord 706

(Psalm 37)

1 Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will  
 2 Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not  
 3 Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful  
 4 Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and

shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's  
 fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,  
 know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our  
 truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be

ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.  
 turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.  
 needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.  
 your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

John Calvin summarized Psalm 37 by saying, "It enjoins us to confide in the providence of God." This compact paraphrase maintains that perspective by drawing mainly on the psalm's promises and assurances rather than on its descriptions of the activities of the wicked.

## 838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

## Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.