



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Jesus, Our Friend

arr. A. Whitworth

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

This organ medley includes three hymns/tunes: *Jesus Is All the World to Me*, 1904; *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, 1855, and *I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend*, 1866; all are public domain.

(this organ solo: Triune Music, Inc., 1983; Van Ness Press, Inc./Genevox Music Group)

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**

Jeff Bloom

L: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.

L: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

P: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

All wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace. 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

Hannah Miller

Word in Music

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Allen Exner, solo

arr. A. Exner

John 15:15: *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

(words by J.J. Scriven, 1855; music by C.C. Converse, 1868; words and music are public domain)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 127
Matthew 18:1-5

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lessons from Children

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 46**

Unless the Lord the House Shall Build

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

Beautiful Savior adapted by C.W. Cassler
Isaiah 33:17: *Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar.*

"Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown."

(words (from 1677) are anonymous, translated from German by J. Seiss in 1850)

(music is a Silesian folk melody from 1847; both are public domain)

(this organ solo: from the choral works of F. Christiansen; publication date not stated; Augsburg Publishing House)

****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** – 188

Jesus Loves Me!

****Benediction**

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. J. Barr

John 15:15b: *I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear;
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

LOGOS Volunteers

Are you looking for a new and special way to become more connected with your church family and especially our amazing children and youth? The LOGOS program is looking for additional volunteers this year to support the program by participating as Family Time Table Parents. As a Table Parent you would join a group of youth each Wednesday night to enjoy an amazing meal and have meaningful conversations. When asked many of our children say the conversations they have around the dinner table at LOGOS are their favorite experiences. LOGOS will meet most Wednesdays from October 5th – March 29th. Table time parents are needed from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. If you are interested in learning more about being a LOGOS Table Parent please reach out to Heather Gallagher at heathergallagher@yahoo.com.



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.

LOGOS Registration Now Open!

Are you ready? LOGOS is just around the corner! From pre-school through 12th grade everyone is welcome! This year LOGOS will begin at 5:15 PM and we will be finishing up every night from 7:45 to 8:00 PM. Remember LOGOS is from October through March. We can't wait to get this year started and the first step in the process is REGISTRATION! Registration will be open from September 1st through September 21st. Please fill out the registration form for your family. The second step in the process is collecting our VOLUNTEERS! Don't forget to fill out the volunteer form. Both of these forms will help us make sure we have enough food for everyone as well as find a place for all of our volunteers. Please reach out to LOGOS directors, Ryan or Elyn Thomas (logos@cmppusa.org) with any questions about LOGOS this upcoming year.

REGISTER HERE



VOLUNTEER HERE



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 CPMC website <https://cmppusa.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.

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.

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.

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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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.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

46 Unless the Lord the House Shall Build

(Psalm 127)

1 Un - less the Lord the house shall build, the
 2 In vain you rise at morn - ing break, and
 3 Like ar - rows in full quiv - ers stored are

wea - ry build - ers toil in vain; un - less the Lord the
 late your night - ly vig - ils keep, and wea - ry days of
 chil - dren given in days of youth; for chil - dren are a

cit - y shield, the guards a use - less watch main - tain.
 toil par - take; for God's be - lov - ed there is sleep.
 great re - ward, a gift from God in ver - y truth.

As this paraphrase of Psalm 127 makes clear, human beings need to recognize both that our efforts will be in vain without God's help and that our blessings come from God. These enduring truths are linked to each other by this shape note tune that ends as it begins.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.