



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 16, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

arr. R. Hughes

Romans 8: 16-17a: *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.*

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long."

(words: F.J. Crosby, 1873; music (*Assurance*): P.P. Knapp, 1873; words and music are public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1977 and 1997)

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**

Todd Stubbs

L: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

P: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

L: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

P: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

L: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

P: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. 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

Lindsey Kim

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

Word in Music

Blessed Assurance

arr. B. Nix/J. Paige

(see insert – congregation is invited to sing when cued)

Hebrews 11: 1: *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

(this choral arrangement: Shawnee Press, 2019; Hal Leonard LLC/Hal Leonard-Milwin Music Corp.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 121
Luke 18:1-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Persistence

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 45**

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. J. Carter

Isaiah 40:11: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.*

"Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock, from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray."

(words: D. Thrupp, 1836; music (*Bradbury*): W. Bradbury, 1859; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1996)

****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 – 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

You Are My All in All

arr. J. Sandborn

Psalm 28:7: *The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.*

"You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all. Jesus,
Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
(words and music by D. Jernigan, Shepherd's Heart Music, 1991)

(this piano solo: Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc., 1991)

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

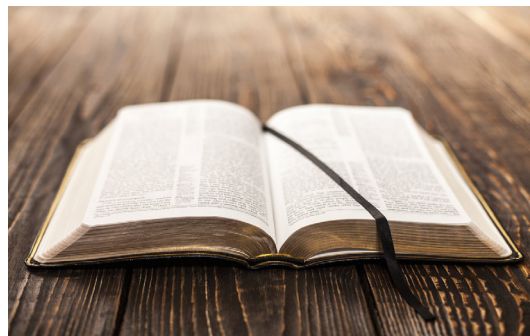
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.



Women for Women is back

Mark your calendars, ladies, and spread the word that we are bringing Women for Women back with a kick-off meeting at Jan Keister's home on Tuesday evening, November 15th, at 7:00 pm. We will gather in Christian friendship and fellowship to plan the future of this amazing group. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. Give me a call or send me a text and let me know if you can come at 410-707-4021. Can't wait!! ADULT WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

Mission and Local Outreach

In response to Hurricane Ian that has devastated Florida, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee will make a donation to support relief efforts by Hope Force International. They are a faith-based organization working as a first-responder doing clean-up and providing food to low-income families, the elderly, and disabled in and around Cape Coral and Coral Gables, FL. We partnered with Hope Force last year after the hurricane in Haiti.

Bible Basics is back!

Bible Basics, Pastor Scott's bible study, has returned for another season. The class meets at 11:00 am on Tuesdays in Classroom 3. All are welcome to join the class regardless of familiarity with the bible. Come learn and enjoy holy fellowship each week or whenever you can!

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle is open to all women of the church! Enjoy fellowship, snacks and a book discussion. Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 in the conference room. Next meeting is October 18th.



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.

Calling all college, graduate students, and their parents!

The Care & Wellness Committee wants our college students to know that their CMPC family is thinking about them by sending them cards twice a year, at Halloween and Valentine's Day. Please send your college or graduate school student's name and address (even if they are living at home and going to school locally) to: kcbloom@verizon.net by Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Thank you in advance for your help with this important ministry.

Grassroots Day Resource Center Meals

The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has received a call to serve from our partners at Grassroots. On the 4th Monday of each month we would like to offer a 2nd meal service for the Day Resource Center in Jessup, MD. We are seeking volunteers to both prepare casseroles (5) as well as those to deliver and serve the meal from 3:45-6pm (3 volunteers). The October date will be Monday the 24th. The M&LO Committee will provide details, salads and drinks. For more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com. Sign up below.



Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

♩=66

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

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A⁷ D G/D A⁷ D F#m

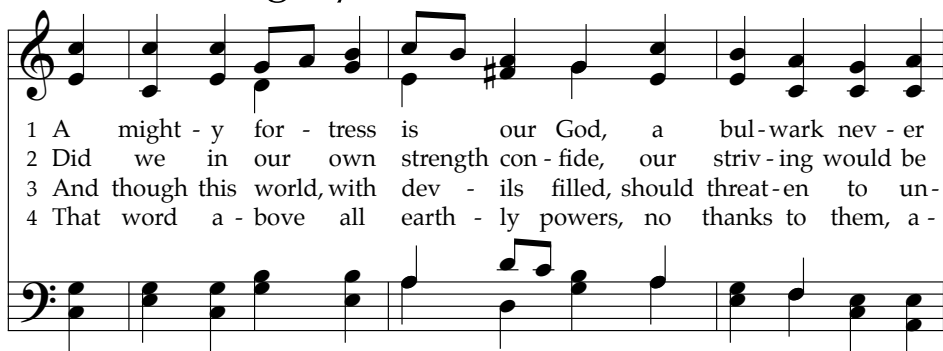
pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

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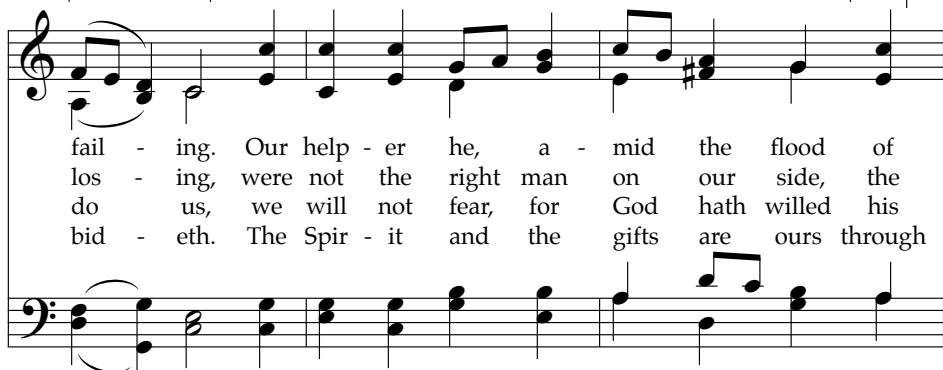
Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

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

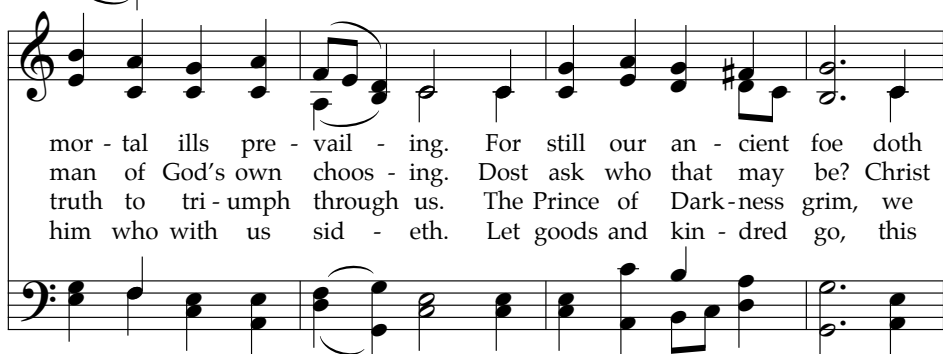
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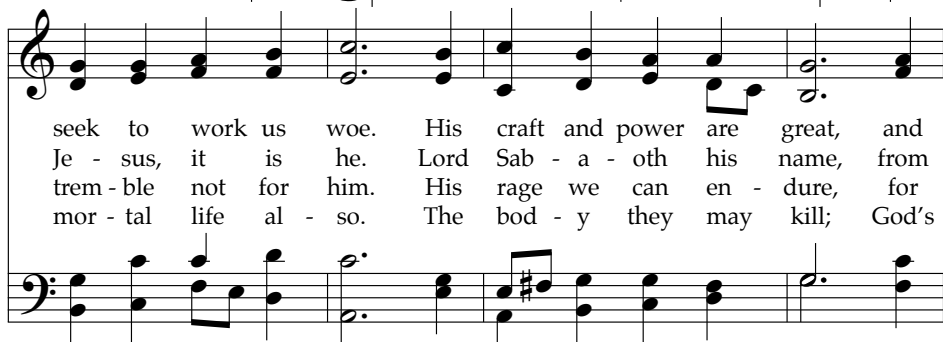
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score with two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."

FANFARE AND CONCERTATO ON "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

Words by
FANNY J. CROSBY (1820-1915)

Time: ASSURANCE
by PHOEBE P. KNAPP (1839-1908)
Arranged by BRAD NIX (ASCAP)
and JON PAIGE (BMI)

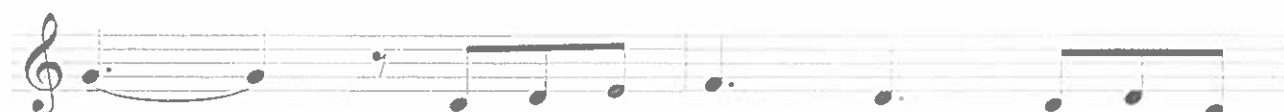
Congregation (sing vs. 1 & 3 only)



1. Bless - ed as - sur - rance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest: watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

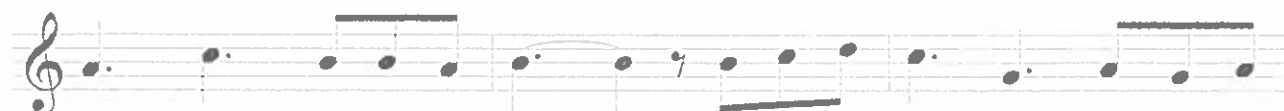


God, born of His Spir - it, washed in His
bove, filled with His good - ness, lost in His

Refrain



blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my
love.



Sav - ior all the day long; this is my sto - ry, this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes 45

(Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
 2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
 3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your
 4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -

whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
 guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all you need. Your go - ing out, your

Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Although the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 121 draws heavily on 17th-century Scottish psalters, most of this version dates from the early 20th century. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned for use with a specific psalm.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.