



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 13, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. D. Miller

Psalm 57:10: *For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"
(words by T. Chisholm, 1923; music (*Faithfulness*) by W. Runyan, 1923; words and music are public domain)

(this organ solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1993)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Maren McGillivray-Stubbs

L: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

P: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

L: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

P: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – insert**

Let There Be Praise

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. 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 - 447**

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

Sacrament of Baptism - insert

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

Word in Music

Come, All Christians, Be Committed with Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. L. Larson

1 Kings 8:61: *And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands, as at this time.*

(words by E. Lloyd, 1966; music (*Beach Spring*) by J. Wood, 1958; originally from Sacred Harp, 1844)
(this choral arrangement: Broadman Press, 1966/Hal Leonard Corp., 2006)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

1 Chronicles 29:1-16
Matthew 6:19-21

Mollie Thomas

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Dreaded 5-Letter Word

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Prayer of Remembrance

*These dear friends have moved from the church militant to the church triumphant since we last called this roll:
Shirley Bush, Mike Chapasko, Shirley Frantz, Alfreda Glll, Linda Lange and JoAnn Peek*

****Hymn - insert**

We Will Glorify

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

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 25: 1, 4, 5: *In you, Lord my God, I put my trust; Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose."

(words by F. Havergal, 1874; music (*Hendon*) by H. C. Malan, 1827; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing co., Inc., 2007)

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.	All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.
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Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

****Hymn** – insert

Mighty Is Our God

****Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

All members of CMPC are strongly encouraged to stay for the meeting. Non-members may depart in peace.

Postlude

Take the Name of Jesus with You

arr. B. Burroughs

Colossians 3:17: *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

"Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe. It will joy and comfort give you,
take it then where'er you go. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven."

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(this piano solo: Carl Fischer, LLC, 2003)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting

Today, Following Worship

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on November 13th for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

Women for Women is postponed

Unfortunately this event has been postponed. Please stay tuned for a new date!

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 November date will be Monday the 28th. 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.



Poinsettia Orders

Please help us to decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember and honor special people in their lives. Poinsettias are \$16.00 each and may be ordered until Monday, November 28th at 1:00 pm. Please make payment on the CMPC homepage or leave a check in the church office. Orders may be made online with the QR code or by using the insert in today's bulletin.



Greening of the church

This annual event will take place on December 3rd at 9:00 am. Many hands are needed to decorate the church for Christmas. Please plan to join us for decorating with lunch to follow. If you have questions, please contact Shelley Clemens at ShelleyClemens57@gmail.com or 443-756-2345.





Stewardship Campaign

As we continue the annual stewardship campaign with the theme "We are an Offering", we hope that you are considering your pledge and will join us on Nov. 20 for Commitment Sunday and a special luncheon.

LOGOS, the Preschool, the ministry with Grassroots, the message through music on Sundays, our church services, our Care and Wellness program, our outreach to the larger community, our support for missionaries – all these programs and many others give life to our church. They define who we are. They put our faith on display. They form the net of support for our community.

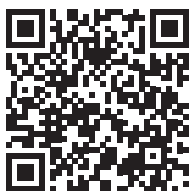
More than one family has come into this church through LOGOS. People experiencing homelessness have received shelter here; hungry people have been fed here; spiritually adrift people have found faith and purpose here; families have found guidance here.

These benefits have come only through your generous support -- your time and your money. It's a simple fact: money enables mission.

Now, in this time of commitment, we ask that you consider increasing your support to preserve and extend these essential missions. The increasing financial burdens we, our community, and the church itself all face make your commitment doubly important. Would a modest 10% increase in your giving this year be possible? It would make a significant difference for all these missions.

You should have received a letter and pledge card from the Stewardship Committee about the annual campaign, but you can also make a pledge on-line below:

Thank you!



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

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.

Let There Be Praise

Songs of Praise

Words and Music by
Melodie and Dick Tunney

1., 2. Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts. Sing to For - ev - the Lord, give him the glo - ry; er - more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

Let there be praise, let there be

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff begins with a first and second ending bracket. The second staff ends with a repeat sign. The third staff has a first ending bracket. The fourth staff has a second ending bracket. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#). The sixth staff begins with a repeat sign. The seventh staff ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to three sharps (F#, C#, and G#). The eighth staff begins with a repeat sign.

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F#m F#m2 F#m B
 joy in our hearts.

G#m G#m7 C#m
 Sing to the Lord, give him the

Dmaj9 D F#m7/B B
 glo - ry;

E B/D# E C#m
 Let there be praise, let there be

F#m F#m2 F#m B
 joy in our hearts.

G#m G#m7 C#m
 For - ev - er - more let his love

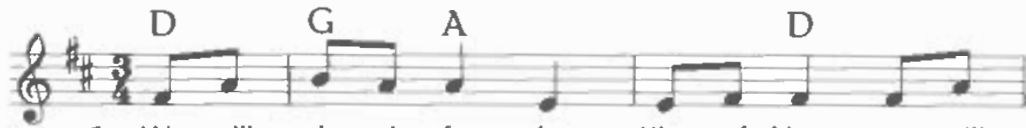
F#m E/G# A E/B B7 E A/B
 fill the air, and let there be praise.

2. E E/G# A E/B B7 E
 praise, and let there be praise.

We Will Glorify

Songs of Praise

Words and Music by
Twila Paris



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore his throne; We will wor - ship him in
Lord of all who live; He is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who _ is the great I AM.
right-eous-ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
u - ni - verse, all _ praise to him we give.
Lord of lords, who _ is the great I AM.

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Mighty Is Our God

Ps. 93:4
Songs of Praise

Words and Music by
Don Moen, Eugene Greco, and Gerrit Gustafson

Might-y is our God, might-y is our King;

Might-y is our Lord, —

rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing. : Glor-y to our God,

— glo - ry to our King; —

Glo-ry to our Lord, rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing.

— His name is high - er, high-er than an - y oth-

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Might-y is our God, might-y is our King; Might-y is our Lord, — rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing. : Glor-y to our God, — glo - ry to our King; — Glo-ry to our Lord, rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing. — His name is high - er, high-er than an - y oth-

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B \flat A \flat

- er name. His pow'r is great - er, for

E \flat /G E \flat maj7 F 1. E \flat /F F

he has cre - at - ed ev - 'ry - thing.

2. Gsus G C /E F /G G

Might-y is our God, —

C /E F /G G C /E

might-y is our King; — Might-y is our Lord,

Am Dm F/G G C F/G G

— rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing. —

C /E F /G G C /E

Glo-ry to our God, — glo-ry to our King;

F /G G C /E Am G/A Am Dm7 F/G

— Glo-ry to our Lord, rul-er of ev-

G C Am Dm F/G G C

- 'ry - thing, rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing.



The Class of 2025 Elders and Deacons

The following members are being brought forth by the Nominating Committee for election as Elders and Deacons.

ELDER

Jeff Bloom has been attending CMPC for over 30 years, and has been a member since his Confirmation in 1993. He has previously served as a Deacon, on the Nominating Committee, as the chairperson of the most recent Pastor Nominating Committee, and as current chair of the Finance Committee. You may also see him in the choir loft from time to time, trying to carry a tune. Jeff resides in Howard County with his wife Alexis, and sons Scotty (11), PJ (9), and Ty (5). He enjoys playing and watching sports, and getting involved in all of his kids' activities. Jeff is humbled to be nominated for the position of Elder at CMPC, the only church that he has every really called home.

Gilbert Burckart grew up in Western Pennsylvania in the Presbyterian Church. He eventually became a Deacon in the church that he grew up in before going to college in Pittsburgh and to graduate school in Kentucky. Gil eventually moved back to Pittsburgh, where his two children grew up and went to school. Gil's specialty has always been pediatrics, and he has been the leader of a church youth group along the way. His wife Mae is originally from Beijing, China, and is also a pharmacist. Gil has five grandchildren in Connecticut and North Carolina, ages 8 to 20 years. Gil and Mae moved to Columbia in 2008, and have been coming to CMPC since then. Gil has served as a Deacon at CMPC, and served on the Membership and Hospitality Committee during that time. As an Elder in CMPC, Gil has served on the Missions Committee and the Worship and Music Committee, currently serving as the chair of the latter.

Jim Cardea was born and raised in New Jersey where he was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill. Shortly after graduating from McDaniel College, Jim moved to Columbia, Maryland. He has been attending CMPC since the early 1990s. Jim and his wife, Frances, currently reside in Fulton, Maryland. All three of their children, Jaimie, Katie and Kelly, have participated in CMPC's Sunday Experience and/or LOGOS programs. Jim graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law and is a partner with the law firm of Baird Mandalas Brockstedt Federico & Cardea, LLC. When not practicing law, Jim is an avid sports fan who has coached various youth sports. He enjoys traveling and spending time with his family in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Jim is very much looking forward to serving as an Elder and taking on a more active role at CMPC.

Josh Gliptis has been attending CMPC since 2015. Josh has served on the Property Committee, the Kitchen Committee, and on the Leadership Team for LOGOS since 2019. Josh lives in Howard County with his wife Licia, son Alexander (9) and daughter Victoria (7). Josh is a licensed Professional Engineer and works at the Howard County Department of Public Works in the Utilities Bureau which oversees the County's water and wastewater infrastructure. Josh originally grew up in Western Pennsylvania north of Pittsburgh and was raised in the Presbyterian Church. He has remained a Presbyterian during and after college at Penn State University and looks forward to contributing to the mission and leadership of CMPC.

Janene Holzberg began attending CMPC in 1961 with her parents, the late John and Mildred Zacharias, and her three siblings, one of whom is Karen Hawker. She and her husband Peter were married by the Rev. James Salango in 1976 and have two adult children, Jessica and Tim. A retired Baltimore Sun journalist, Janene has been Clerk of Session since 2015 and previously served as a deacon for 5 years and as an elder. Janene is looking forward to a second term as she continues to serve as Clerk.

John Kim grew up in Salisbury, MD where he met his wife, Lindsey; together they have two children, Zoe and Evan. He has been a member of CMPC since 2012 and has previously served as an Elder. John has been on the Christian Education Committee, the Membership & Hospitality Committee, volunteers for LOGOS and assists with the Sunday service audio livestream. He is a fan of golf, Terps, Ravens and the O's hon. He also likes hiking, long walks on the beach, and cozy campfires. John is honored to be asked to serve as Elder and to be part of the CMPC family.

Allison Miller moved to Maryland in 1994 and soon found her new church home at CMPC. She grew up in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Johnstown, PA, where she was an active member of her church youth group, choir, and a camper at Pine Springs Camp. She graduated from Westminster College with a degree in English and got her Master of Arts in Teaching from Towson University and her Administration and Supervision Certificate from Johns Hopkins School of Education. Since joining CMPC, she has participated in LOGOS, the Trinity Choir, VBS, and was a Nursery Attendant for many years. She also served as an Elder. She and her husband, Tim, are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Hannah and Emma, who were baptized at CMPC and participated in LOGOS and VBS. Allison has been an educator with HCPSS for the last 25 years. She is looking forward to seeing where God is leading her as a member of Session.

Jennifer Weinel joined CMPC in November 2019. She has served on CMPC's Stewardship Committee for the last two years and is proud to be a member of CMPC's Trinity Choir. She transferred to CMPC from Havenwood Presbyterian Church in Timonium, MD, where she grew up singing in the Youth and then adult/Chancel Choirs. She was also a Youth Group mission trip leader, Deacon and Elder at Havenwood. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a Minor in Business Administration from the North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Baltimore, School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland. Jennifer is a Corporate Director and Assistant General Counsel for a major defense contractor where she leads a team of attorneys who support the company in meeting the national security and foreign policy objectives of the United States. Jennifer is also a Past President and now Advisor to the Society for International Affairs (SIA), a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the international trade community on all aspects of technology transfer by providing a forum for the exchange of information on the export and import process. In her free time, she loves to travel and spend time relaxing at her Deep Creek Lake, MD house.

DEACON

Natalie Dowgiewicz was born and raised in Columbia, MD. She attended OLPH (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) Catholic church and school. In high school she became involved in FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools). Natalie and Kevin have 4 children, Tyler (21), Lucy (10), Veronica (7) and Alexandra (4). The girls attended/attend Christ Memorial Christian Preschool and that is how they were introduced to the church. In 2019, the family became members. Natalie has enjoyed volunteering with the homeless shelter, at VBS, LOGOS and during Sunday experience. Natalie is a physical therapist and is looking forward to returning to work. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors, reading, and coaching her daughter's soccer team. She looks forward to serving the church.

A lifelong Presbyterian, **Tom Engle** has resided in Howard County with wife Meg since the mid 1970s. Tom retired in 2006 from a 34 year Federal career, the last 20 years of which were spent as a budget analyst with the USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service in Riverdale, MD. Parents of three grown children (Meaghan, Bruce, and Ben), Tom and Meg now enjoy the blessings of grandchildren (Lindsay, Bennett, Miles, Kadri, and Erika) and endeavor to spoil them at every opportunity. In recent years, Tom has operated a small used vinyl record shop in Historic Ellicott City. A former member of CMPC, Tom rejoined the church in 2016 with the encouragement of longtime friend Joy Exner who welcomed him back "home" to the Trinity Choir, continuing a tradition of both his father and grandfather who also sang in their church choirs. Since reaffirming membership in this congregation, Tom continues to sing in the Choir, serves on the Care & Wellness Committee, is part of the Visioning Group, and enjoys volunteering in LOGOS and VBS. Tom looks forward to continuing these activities and actively working to further the mission of our congregation and grow in faith.

Laura Frantz Laura is a lifelong Presbyterian, originally from suburban Atlanta, GA. She married her high school sweetheart, Bob, in 1985. They are blessed to have an adult daughter, Liz, son-in-law Adam and grandson Eli, who live in Germantown. While the family was living in NJ in the 1990s, Laura finished her masters degree and became a certified special education teacher (taught at Pointers Run Elementary School in Clarksville from 2002 until retirement in 2018). She was ordained as an elder shortly after Liz was born and served as clerk of session at Hope Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, NJ. When the family moved to Clarksville, Maryland in 2001, Laura transferred her membership to CMPC. Over the years, Laura has been active in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fellowship Committee, Care & Wellness Committee, LOGOS, and the Women For Women group. She served as a Deacon at CMPC 2017-2019. Laura has been singing in the Trinity Choir for over 20 years and considers music, especially singing, an integral part of worship. She is looking forward to serving again as a Deacon, trusting that God will equip her with the spiritual gifts needed for this new role.

Peter Gallagher grew up in Bethesda, Maryland where he was a member of 4th Presbyterian Church. During his time there he served as a counselor for both middle school and high school age youth. After graduating from The University of Georgia, Peter and Heather lived in Cincinnati, Ohio where Peter began his career as a corporate insurance broker. After the birth of their first child, Ben, Peter and Heather moved back to Maryland and settled in Columbia. Peter became a member of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2005. He has enjoyed watching his three children Ben (18), Emma (14) and Ally (7) grow up within this amazing church community. Peter serves on the LOGOS kitchen committee and there sees first hand the good work the church does with the youth at CMPC. Peter looks forward to serving the church and community in the role of Deacon at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Jan Keister has been a member of CMPC for about 25 years. After enrolling her young children in LOGOS, she and Dave both fell in love with CMPC and decided to join. She has served two previous terms on the Board of Deacons but took several years off to provide daycare for her granddaughters, Riley and Joey. Jan, Dave and their son John live in the Maple Lawn community in Fulton. Her daughter, Sarah Trodden lives right down the street with her husband Tom and their two daughters, Riley and Joey. Jan is a graduate of the University of Maryland and has spent most of her adult life as a volunteer, housewife, stay-at-home mother and grandmother, as well as caregiver to her mother, father and father-in-law. She is so grateful to be part of such a warm and welcoming church community and feels it is an honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Deacons.

Laura Michels-Graybeal grew up in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia, PA where she attended and was confirmed at Media Presbyterian Church. Laura Jean earned her masters degree in Occupational Therapy at Elizabethtown College and it was there that she met her now husband, Drew Graybeal. Following completion of her graduate internships, Laura Jean relocated to Howard County in 2009 where she began her professional career at Children's National Medical Center before eventually transitioning to school-based practice at the Katherine Thomas School in Rockville. She has two children, Molly and Jacob and together they began attending CMPC in 2018 after trying out the Vacation Bible School program earlier that summer. She was part of the new members class that joined in November of 2019. Laura Jean and her kids have enjoyed being a part of LOGOS since 2019 and she is currently serving on the LOGOS leadership board. Laura Jean is grateful to the CMPC community for the warm and family centered welcome the church has provided and she looks forward to supporting this community and growing within her own faith journey while taking on the new role of Deacon.

My name is **Mary Lyman Ray** and I have been a member of CMPC since I moved to Columbia over forty years ago. I grew up in Garden City, NY, and attended a Baptist church until we moved to Stony Brook where I was a member of a nondenominational Christian church. My mother and both of my grandmothers were very instrumental in my faith journey. I was blessed with wonderful role models. I am a retired Howard County middle school science teacher. My adult children, Meredith, David, and Kevin, all live in the area. They all attended CMPC preschool and church. I am blessed to have two grandsons, Will and Henry French; and three granddaughters, Emma, Kirsten, and Mia Ray. I spend my free time traveling, playing with my grandkids, getting together with friends, and exercising. I have taken up pottery at HCC which I love. I have spent my years at CMPC being active in the choir, working at VBS and LOGOS, attending Circle groups and Bible Basics, and being both a Deacon and an Elder. I am honored to be serving as a Deacon once again and look forward to being more actively involved in CMPC.

Bill Ryder and his wife Sally have been members of CMPC since 1978. Their children attended preschool here and grew up in this church. Bill has sung in the Choir, served on the Nominating Committee twice, the Care and Wellness Committee, and as a Deacon. He is currently on the Stewardship Committee. Having retired from government service as an engineer, Bill enjoys cycling, making things from wood, and cooking. He looks forward to serving the Church as a Deacon for the second time.

Tom Trodden was born and raised in Lanham, Maryland. He was brought up in the Catholic Church and attended DeMatha Catholic High School. Upon graduation from the University of Maryland in 2004, Tom joined the Howard County Police Department. Tom began attending services at CMPC in 2008 with his now wife Sarah. He instantly felt at home and connected to the Church. Tom and Sarah were married at CMPC in 2010 and both of their children, Riley and Josephine, were baptized here. Tom has volunteered with LOGOS for the past several years and serves on the LOGOS leadership team. In his free time, Tom plays ice hockey and manages Howard County's police and fire hockey team. Tom is honored to have the opportunity to further serve God and all His children here at CMPC.

2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

The following people have accepted the nomination to serve as at-large members of the Nominating Committee for 2023:

Chip Garner, Liz Perraud, Ashlyn Sowell, and Nancy Walworth

The Sacrament of Baptism

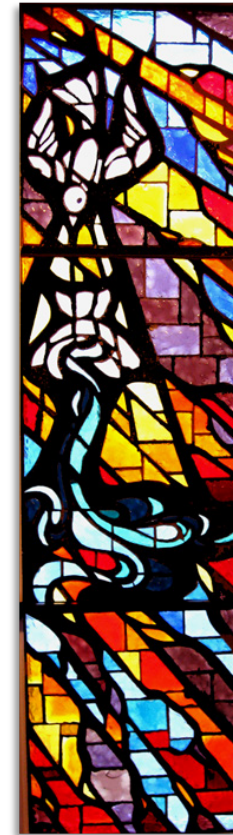
Since water was such a precious and scarce commodity in the Middle East, it is easy to see how frequently it became a symbol of life, death, and hope for many religious ceremonies. Such was the case for Christians.

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, Everett Davies into the life and ministry of the Risen Christ.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Everett Ramsey Davies

November 13, 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

Philip Davies

Our Lord Jesus Christ orders us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to tell Everett 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

Colin Fieldsend

Do we, the children of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, promise to be Everett'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.**

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Child of blessing, child of promise
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.

Kingdom

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