

# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 27, 2022 10:30 a.m.

## **Order of Worship**

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

Prelude

Improvisation on Divine Mysterium

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

"Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be; he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he. Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!" (this organ solo: H.W. Gray Publications, 1990)

Introit - insert

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Noah Teshome

arr. D. Lasky

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** 

Lucas and Noah Teshome

**Response** - insert

The Candle of Hope Verse 1

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: "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together.

P: To it the tribes go up, and the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

P: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

**ALL: Amen!** 

\*\***Hymn** – 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

### \*\*Common Prayer of Confession

Holy God, remind us that you have formed us with your own hands, made us in your own image, and placed us in this world to be stewards of your good creation. Made for generous relationships, we have retreated into ourselves. Created for the purpose of making your goodness known, we allow lesser tasks to occupy our time. Forgive our failure to live in the way you made us to live. Renew within us the knowledge of your love so that we may live joyfully and gratefully, sharing what we have. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us, and opens to us the way of eternal life. 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** 

Hannah Miller

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

**Word in Music** 

Joy of Every Longing Heart

arr. M. McDonald

Luke 1:32-33: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.

(words by C. Wesley, 1744; music (*Warrenton*) from The Sacred Harp, 1844; words and music are public domain) (this choral arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2018)

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Scripture

Mark 5:21-43

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Knowing Anticipation

Hyiwot Teshome

\*\***Hymn** - 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#### **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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. L. Larson

Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.

"O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel; that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel. O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in its ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel."

(words are pre-9th century Latin prose; music (Veni Emmanuel) by T. Helmore, 1852; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2011)

#### \*\***Doxology** - 710

#### We Lift Our Voices

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.

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

\*\*Hymn - 105

People, Look East

#### \*\*Benediction

**Postlude** 

#### Emmanuel

arr. V. Labenske

Isaiah 9:6: For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Emmanuel. Wonderful counselor! Lord of life, Lord of all. He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One. Emmanuel, Emmanuel." (words and music by M.W. Smith, 1983; Meadow Green Publishing Company)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2017)

The words for the candle lighting response, sung to the tune of *O Worship the King*, were written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, who gives permission for churches to use them during worship.

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## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

#### **Service of Ordination for Hyiwot Teshome**

CMPC has the distinct honor and privilege of hosting a special service of ordination for our brother Hyiwot Teshome as he enters into the ministry of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The service has been scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. All are strongly encouraged to attend. A celebratory reception will follow in fellowship hall. Please join us as we surround Hyiwot with our love and support as he embarks on his journey in ordained ministry!



#### **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.

#### **Tree Trimmers Needed**

We are in need of "patient" tree trimmers (12 years old and older) for the sanctuary Christmas tree and the foyer tree. As you know these are large trees and are decorated in layers (that's where the patience is needed). Large ladders are involved so we need four people that don't mind climbing plus others who can trim the lower tree layers and supply ornaments to the climbers. If interested, contact Shelley Clemens, 443-756-2345 or shelleyclemens 57@gmail.com. The greening date is Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 9am. Thanks!!

#### **CMPC Annual Holiday Drives**

The holiday season is quickly approaching and with that comes the CMPC annual Holiday Drives. The Mission and Local Outreach committee will soon begin collection for the Food Drive and Angel Tree. We are asking for you to prayerfully consider donating generously to both drives.

Last year, the Food Drive collected nearly 800 pounds of non-perishable food and supplies for the Maryland Food bank. This year, we are hoping to meet and exceed that number. Collection Bins will be spread throughout the Church building with one in the main lobby, one in the Preschool, and one in the Narthex. By donating food, we can ensure that our brothers and sisters receive adequate nutrition, especially the children who may struggle to find a full meal.

The Angel Tree will be up in the main entry way with paper ornaments of wants/needs ready to be filled. In case you are unaware of what the Angel Tree is, it is a program through which families receive donations, monetary or gifts-in-kind, in order to receive items to make for a very merry Christmas. You can take as many ornaments as you desire, purchase the items listed, then return the items UNWRAPPED to the Trinity Room. This year our donations will go to families from North Bend Elementary/ Middle School.

**Final collection for the Angel Tree will be December 11** after worship, as the Women's Bible Study group has generously offered to wrap the gifts during their final meeting of the year on December 12. **The final Food Drive collection will be the following Sunday, December 18,** following worship. Monetary donations can be made through the Church website for both drives.

Proverbs 19:17 says: "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

Please consider giving and giving generously to both of these donation opportunities. With your help, we can assist our brothers and sisters in Christ and give them a very Merry Christmas!

Thank you all so much for continually donating to the Church, the MLO, and the community.

In Christ, Kylee Hoffman Holiday Drive Coordinator

#### **CARE Group Ministry**

CMPC has been incredibly blessed by the addition of our CARE Group ministry that launched a few months before the pandemic began. Over the past couple of years our CARE Group leaders have done a wonderful job reaching out to our members and connecting those in need with those who could help. We are grateful to those who have made this important ministry possible—especially our CARE Group ministry coordinators Cindy Pettit, Markita Garner, and Sandi Chapasko. If you receive a phone call or email from one of our CARE Group leaders we strongly encourage you to reply even if just to acknowledge that you received the message. Conversely, if you have a need please don't hesitate to reach out to your CARE Group contact as they are more than happy to connect you to those who can help.

If you are a member of CMPC and have not been contacted at any time in the last year by one of the CARE Group leaders please contact the church office at office@cmpcusa.org. It may be that we do not have the proper contact information for you or that there was an unintentional oversight. Also, if you would be willing to serve as one of our CARE Team members please let us know. We are always looking for good folks to join the team!

#### **CMPC's All-age Christmas Pageant**

It's back! Our all-age Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 11 in worship at 10:30am. ALL ages are invited to participate. No lines to memorize. There is one mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30-11:30am.

We're looking for sheep (age 5 and younger, parents must be a shepherd), shepherds (age 5 and older and parents of young children), and angels (age 5 and older). The more the merrier! Sign up by December 2 so that we have plenty of costumes. Looking for costume helpers too!

Sign up here (parts and costume helpers): https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CACAF2FA13-cmpc



Questions? Contact pageant director Carrie Jenkins at carrie915@yahoo.com

#### **BOH Fundraiser**

The fundraising event for Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore originally scheduled for DECEMBER 3 at CMPC is being postponed until the Spring. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of our mission efforts!

#### **Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work**

An update on October 31, 2022 (83% of calendar year): Actual Income \$391,386 - 84% of budget Actual Expenses \$403,379 - 76% of budget

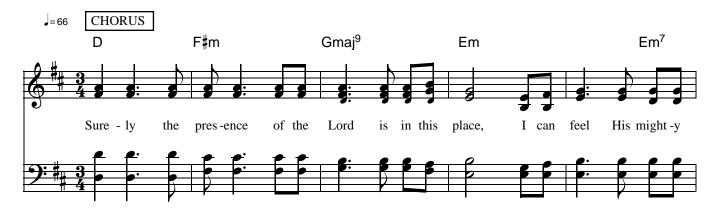
#### **Women for Women Ornament Exchange**

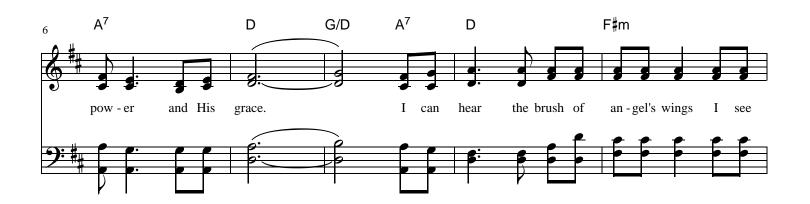
Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 am in the Trinity Room. Bring a wrapped ornament and a dish or dessert to share. Friendship, fellowship and fun for all adult women! An opportunity to get this group of amazing women up and running after too long of a hiatus. Any questions contact Jan Keister at 410-707-4021.

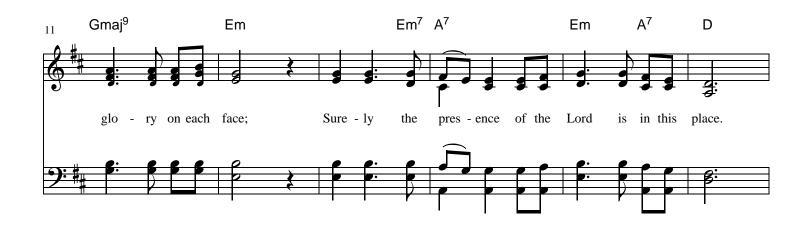


# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe









Biblical References: Hope: Matt. 24:36–44, Mark 13:24–37; Peace: Isa. 11:1–10, Luke 1:68–79, Isa. 2:4; Joy: Luke 1 46b–55; Love: John 3:16–17, Luke 1:26–38, Matt. 1:18–25; Christ: Luke 2:1–20, John 1:1–14, Titus 3:4–7
Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"); Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.
Alternate Tune: HANOVER ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"); attr. William Croft, 1708.
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## Savior of the Nations, Come 102



Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

