



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

arr. D. Lasky

Psalm 24: 7-8: *Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy."

(words by G. Weissel, 1642' music (*Truro*) by T. Williams, 1789; words and music are public domain)

(this organ solo: The H.W. Gray Company/Warner Bros. Publications U.S., Inc., 1996)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Zoe and Evan Kim

Response - insert

The Candle of Hope

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

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: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

L: Let us worship God!

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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.

Word in Music

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Bells of Joy

arr. S. Eithun

Luke 2:8: *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

“While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around. All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease, begin and never cease!
(words by N. Tate, 1700; music by G.F. Handel, 1728; both are public domain)

(this instrumental arrangement published by Choristers Guild, 2014)

Christmas Pageant - insert

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, Little Children with O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. D. Torrans

Matthew 19:14: *Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*

“O come, little children, O come, one and all. To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small.
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this day; to be your redeemer, your joy and delight.”

(words by C. von Schmied, year unknown; translated by H. Bruckner, 1916; music by J. Schulz, 1840; both are public domain)

(words and music for *O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)* are by J. Wade, 1840; both are public domain)

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 – insert**

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

****Benediction**

Postlude

Episode on "*Turro*" (*Lift Up Your Heads You Mighty Gates*)
Luke 21:28: *When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

arr. L. Smith

"Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal."

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(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1989)

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 TODAY, 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!



Cold Weather Shelter

Greetings in Christ,

This month, CMPC once again joins with local churches and partner organizations to support the Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) program.

Last year, the CWS program kept many families housed and fed in a local hotel during the winter season. This year, Grassroots will once again use local hotels to accommodate their guests. Grassroots plans to have staff onsite 24/7 and is asking congregations to supply meals for about 25 people as well as a few volunteers to support Grassroots staff each day.

CMPC continues the tradition of supporting the CWS program this year from December 26th through January 2nd. We would like to be able to provide 3 volunteers per day and 30 breakfasts, 30 lunches, and 30 dinners for the program guests residing at the hotel each day. If you are interested in volunteering and/or donating meals, please visit the SignUp Genius page below. If you have questions, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com, or call 520.266.9276.



Each year, Grassroots helps individuals and families find permanent housing in the area. The work this organization does is critical and often times transformational. CMPC has been a faithful partner in this work for years and will continue to support for years to come. Let us come together and share a portion of ourselves in support of this transformational ministry.

Many blessings,
CMPC Mission & Local Outreach

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD 21044

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 TODAY 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!

Cast & Crew

Baby Jesus

Theresa Carol Roscoe

Mary

Caitlin Roscoe

Joseph

Chris Roscoe

Narrators

Lindsey and John Kim

Child

Evan Kim

Innkeeper

Ryan Jenkins

Angel of the Lord

Liz Perraud

Gabriel

Heather Barham

Wisemen

Jeff Bloom, Tom Engle, and
Scott Hoffman

Organist

Joy Exner

Pianist

Lorri Yawney

Soloist

Haley Barham

Sheep

Robert Millard, Alex Dowgiewicz, Baker Pettit,
Everett Davies, Mackenzie Roscoe, Ian Thornhill,
Kirsten Thornhill, Julia Schreiber

Shepherds

Maha Davies, Cindy Pettit, Gene Thomas, Ben
Wade, Wes Millard, Carla Rizvi, Kerri Holderman,
Natalie Dowgiewicz, Mollie Thomas,
Callum McGillivray-Stubbs, William Millard,
Oliver Thomas, Adam Rizvi, Jacob Graybeal,
John Richardson, James Neary, Will Roscoe,
Sam Thomas, Lucas Jenkins, Colin Fieldsend,
Ian Fieldsend, Zylar Baca, Paxton Baca, Alex
Gliptis, Colin Thornhill, Bethany Thornhill,
Lachlan McGillivray-Stubbs, Katie Schreiber

Angels

Kim Wade, Becky Zordan, Natalee Hoffman,
Abby Jenkins, Meghan Jenkins, Zoe Kim, Evie
Bis, Marie Bis, Ally Gallagher, Molly Graybeal,
Veronica Dowgiewicz, Victoria Gliptis, Zoey
Neary, Riley Trodden, Joey Trodden, Violet
Thomas, Eily Fieldsend

Props

Bob Jenkins, Ryan Jenkins, Marilyn Newman

Costumes

Jackie Jenkins, Marilyn Newman,
Howard Newman, Debbie O'Neal, Janice
Ramirez

Sound and Camera

Neil Danzig and Kofi Akuoko

Director

Carrie Jenkins



CMPC Presents
A Traditional Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 11, 2022

The congregation is encouraged to sing
the verses of the following hymns as directed.

O Come, O Come 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 thee, O Israel!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, Holy night! Shepherds quake, at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Away in a Manger

(Pageant participants sing verse 1, congregation sings verses 2-3)

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

What Child is This?

Solo by Haley Barham

We Three Kings

Men's Trio, featuring Scott Hoffman, Tom Engle and Todd Stubbs

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

(Hymn is sung to the tune of *St. George's Windsor, Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*)

Watchman, tell us of the night,
what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night;
higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight;
doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way;
hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today,
for Emmanuel has come!

Helping Children Worship

Worshipping with others of all generations is an act of spiritual formation. When we worship God together, young people learn they belong to Christ and are welcome in Christ's church. At the same time, it provides opportunities for adults to practice welcoming children in Christ's church.

The following observations are drawn from several books (Formational Children's Ministry by Ivy Beckwith; Parenting in the Pew by Robbie Castleman) and a website (Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, VA).

Why is it important to have young people in worship?

Worship and opportunity for reflection slows us down and, in this slowing down we can be spiritually formed. Children need to slow down and have time for reflection too. When they do this with parents and other loving adults, they not only practice this, they see it modeled.

When families attend church and worship services together, the children see their parents live out a priority of faith.

Children understand far more than we know, and the presence of children in worship is far more important than whether they understand everything that is said and done.

Worship provides opportunity to practice hospitality and generosity in community. When children are involved in congregational, communal worship, they have a front-row seat for these regular practices.

What might help young worshippers engage?

Through repetition, even very young children come to know the Lord's Prayer, the creeds, the responses, and the songs of our faith.

When children can read even a few words, ask them to read the ones they recognize in the Call to Worship, prayers, and songs.

When they can read well, they can hold their own bulletin or hymnal. They can mark the hymnal pages ahead of time. They can stand and sit at appropriate times.

During the reading of the scripture, a bit of creativity can help children listen well. If it's a story, they can be asked to imagine they are there where the action took place. On the way home or over lunch, discuss what they imagined. What did they see? What did they hear? What did you see? What did you hear?

If children practice participating at a young age, their sense of belonging and paying attention is more natural.

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What do young people gain by participating in worship?

They build memories of shared experiences of Christian community.

They are enriched by music and art as creative expressions of praise and as responses to God.

They begin to see Christian worship as one place where God may speak to them and be with them.

They witness the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper—both visible signs of God's grace, kindness, and favor.

They feel affirmed that they are valued as people by God and by God's people.

Engaging in worship and being more than a passive observer takes time and practice. It's a gradual learning experience for all ages. If you need a little more help for parenting during worship, in the narthex we have Worship Bags (labeled as pre-readers and readers) for the youngest children. And for about age 9 and older, we have Bible Infographic books on the shelf. Please return them to the narthex as you leave worship.

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