



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

I've Got Peace Like a River/Standin' In the Need of Prayer

arr. V. Labenske

Romans 5:1: *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

"I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river in my soul. I've got joy
like a river, I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river in my soul."
(traditional African-American spiritual, year unknown; public domain)

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer; It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer; not my brother, not my sister,
but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer."
(traditional African-American spiritual, year unknown; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing, 2018)

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

Liz Perraud

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: It is good to praise the LORD

P: and make music to your name, O Most High,

L: to proclaim your love in the morning

P: and your faithfulness at night.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 386**

Come, Worship God

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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

**Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

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

Word in Music

Standing in the Need of Prayer

arr. E. Rentz

Philippians 4:6: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

(traditional African-American spiritual, year unknown; public domain)
(this choral anthem: Glory Sound/Shawnee Press, Inc., 2005)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 6:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Community of Compassion

Rev. Dr. John Schmidt

****Hymn - 372**

O For a World

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

Prayer

arr. A. Whitworth

Colossians 4:2: *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

medley includes:

Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer (F. Crosby, 1880)

Sweet Hour of Prayer (W. Walford, 1845)

Near to the Heart of God (C. McAfee, 1903)

(all are public domain)

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

****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 – 378**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

****Benediction**

Postlude

Lord, Listen to Your Children

arr. J. Schrader

Psalm 17:6: *I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.*

“Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.”
(words and music by K. Medema, 1970; Hope Publishing Co., 1973)\

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1973 and 2001)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome Rev. Dr. John Schmidt

In Pastor Scott's absence today, we welcome Rev. Dr. John Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt was most recently the Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore Presbytery, and served there for 17 years. Before that, he and his wife, Debbie, were PCUSA missionaries to Japan for 10 years, serving as evangelistic missionaries with the United Church of Christ in Japan. He is now honorably retired and living in Towson. He currently serves as a Trustee of Baltimore Presbytery, and on the Administration Committee.



Fifth Sunday Offering - TODAY

The January Fifth Sunday Offering will go to support Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center which sponsors the Cold Weather Shelter and offers hot meals to those using the Route 1 Day Center. CMPC volunteers play an important role in sustaining both programs which provide vital services to the homeless in the area. Grassroots has been a mission partner with CMPC for many years. The Mission and Local Outreach Committee will match funds raised. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity.

New Member Class

If you feel that CMPC is a place where you would like to put down roots and become more fully involved in the life of the church, we have great news. We are planning to hold a New Members Class sometime after worship one Sunday in the next few months. During the class you will have the opportunity to learn about our church and our tradition, get to know some of the leadership of the church, and form bonds with others who have decided to move into membership as well. If you would like to join us for the class, please RSVP by calling the church office at 410-997-8011 or emailing Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org). A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available upon request. When submitting your RSVP for the class, please indicate if you will need childcare.

2022 Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements will be available for you to download from CMPC Bridge between February 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023. Beginning February 1st, the "2022 Contribution Statement" button will appear on your giving record to allow you to download or print your statement.

As a reminder, you can view your giving history at any time in CMPC Bridge.

If you would prefer to have your 2022 giving statement mailed or e-mailed to you in February, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive

This year we are hosting two blood drives. Our first will be on Feb 27th from 12:30 - 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up here.



Summary of the Jan. 16 Session Meeting

The Session approved the 2023 budget and it will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22 after worship. The congregation will vote on the 2023 Pastor's Terms of Call following the presentation. All church members are urged to attend.

In other business:

- Finance Committee Chair Jeff Bloom reported the church exceeded its 2022 revenue goal and commended all Session committee chairs for the fiscal responsibility that resulted in a net savings of 5% of budgeted expenses. He also revealed that 45% of 3rd Capital Campaign pledges were received in the first year of the current 3-year campaign, which he called "awesome news" as those monies go toward paying down the principal on our Ministry Expansion Plan mortgage.
- The Session voted to re-elect the following officers to serve another year as the Board of Trustees: President, Jeff Bloom; Vice President, Rick Mills; Treasurer, Bob Ashman; and Secretary, Janene Holzberg.
- Also re-elected to one-year terms were: Bob Ashman and Joyce Danzig as church treasurer and assistant treasurer; Janene Holzberg as Clerk of Session; Judy Brown as Nominating Committee Chair; and Don Mitchell as Personnel Committee Chair.

2023 Giving Envelopes

Our shipment of giving envelopes for 2023 is delayed due to issues with our vendor. It may take several weeks before we receive the envelopes. A box of envelopes will be available for households who used them last year. If you did not use envelopes last year and would like to receive a box when they arrive, please contact Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please use the envelopes in the pews or a plain envelope to mark your contribution.

Investing in Our Future

In addition to the tremendous support from the congregation through our capital campaigns, the renovation and construction work for our Ministry Expansion was financed by borrowing from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). In order to continue to qualify for the best interest rate, we need to have \$300,000 invested in the PILP program by members and friends of CMPC. If you have investments that you could transfer to PILP, or if you could add to your existing PILP investment, it would greatly benefit CMPC by keeping our interest rate low. PILP offers term notes (like CDs) and money market type accounts. If you have a self-directed IRA, those funds can be invested in PILP as well. For more information about how to invest and the benefits of investing with PILP, please visit their website at <https://pilp.pcusa.org/>. Thank you for your continued support.

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. This month, the FISH youth will be cooking the casseroles but we still need volunteers to deliver and serve the meal from 3:45-6pm (3 volunteers). The February date will be Monday the 27th. The M&LO Committee will provide details, salads and drinks. For more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com. Sign up coming soon!

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Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;

2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;

3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;

4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!

held in your hands are the depths of the earth.

you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.

o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion

Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,

Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;

Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.

God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.

great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!

trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

O for a World

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- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
- 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

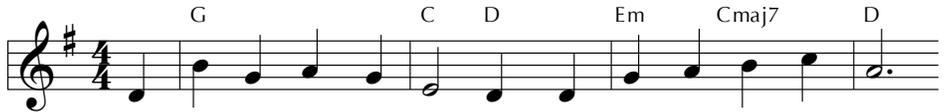


where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

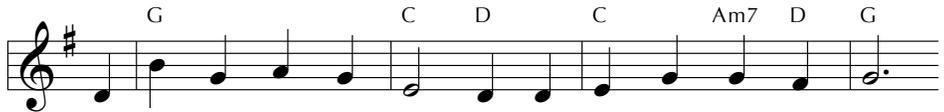


Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



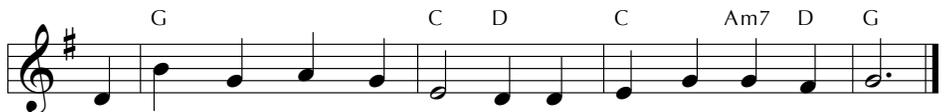
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6-9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.