



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Baptized in Water (A Morning Song)

arr. M. Parks

Ephesians 4:4-6: *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

"Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing."

(words: M. Saward. 1981; music: traditional Gaelic tune, 1888)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2015)

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

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Kylee Hoffman

L: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

P: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

L: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

P: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

L: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

P: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

L: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

P: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

****Hymn – 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

****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

Liz Perraud

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

Ordination and Installation of New Officers - insert

Word in Music

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. J. Carter

Psalm 46:4: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

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(anthem also includes a verse of Deep River; a traditional spiritual, words by H. Burleigh, 1917; public domain)

(this choral anthem: Beckenhorst Press, Inc., 1981)

Prayer for Illumination

Emma Gallagher

Scriptures

Isaiah 40: 1-8
Matthew 3: 11-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Things Change

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 484**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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

Down to the River/Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. P. Choplin

Revelation 22:1: *Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

“As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way! O brothers let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down; come on brothers let’s go down, down in the river to pray.”

(words: attributed to G. Allan, 1867; music: American Folk Song; public domain)

“Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.”

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(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co./Lorenz Corporation, 2010)

****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 – 482**

Baptized in Water

****Benediction**

Postlude

Raise Now Your Song on High

arr. L. Smith

Psalm 68:4: *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!*

(lyrics unavailable; from *Oratorio de Noel*, Op. 12 (*Christmas Oratorio*), by C. Saint-Saens, 1858)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1976)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Stewardship

Thank you to all who have participated in the annual Stewardship Campaign. Over 70 households have made a commitment so far. We would love to reach our goal of 95 households (or more!) making a pledge to CMPC to support our mission in 2023. If you have not pledged, please use the QR code below to make your pledge on-line, or contact the church if you need a new pledge card. And remember, even if you already give electronically, you have to make a new pledge each year. With gratitude, The Stewardship Committee.



Congregational Meeting

The Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, Jan. 22 for the purpose of presenting the 2023 budget and voting on the terms of call for Pastor Hoffman. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Reverend Hyiwot Teshome Installation

Our beloved brother in faith Hyiwot Teshome, recently ordained into ministry during a beautiful service here at CMPC, will be installed into his new call as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, PA on Sunday January 29th at 4:00 pm. Our own Pastor Scott will be preaching during the service. All are welcome to make the trip and attend the service!

Men's Breakfast

All men of the church are welcome to join us for breakfast on Saturday, January 14th at Bob Evans (8325 Benson Dr, Columbia, MD 21045) at 8:30 am. RSVP to Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmnpcusa.org) by Thursday, January 12th if you plan to attend.

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.



Star Words

In 2020, we began a new tradition at CMPC of receiving star words for Epiphany. Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas and the visit of the Magi recorded in Matthew 2:1-12. The wise men followed a bright heavenly body (usually represented by a star) and traveled great distances to offer their gifts to the newborn Christ-child. The Magi received God's gift, and then offered their gifts to God. We are also seeking Jesus, trusting that God uses many signs (or stars) to guide us closer to the Divine presence.

In addition to the Children's Message this morning, we are handing out star words after worship today and January 15. Place your star where you will see it daily and reflect on the word for the coming year. You are invited to ponder the significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through that simple message. A word that seems unclear at the beginning may gain new meaning as the year goes on.

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.

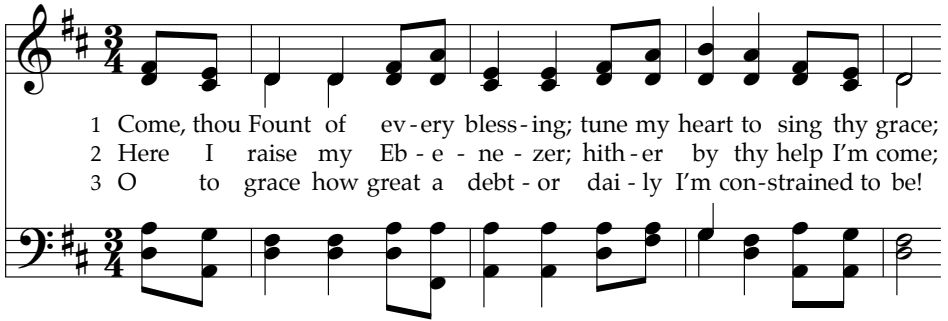
If you would prefer to have your 2022 giving statement mailed or e-mailed to you in February, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Grassroots Day Resource Center Meals

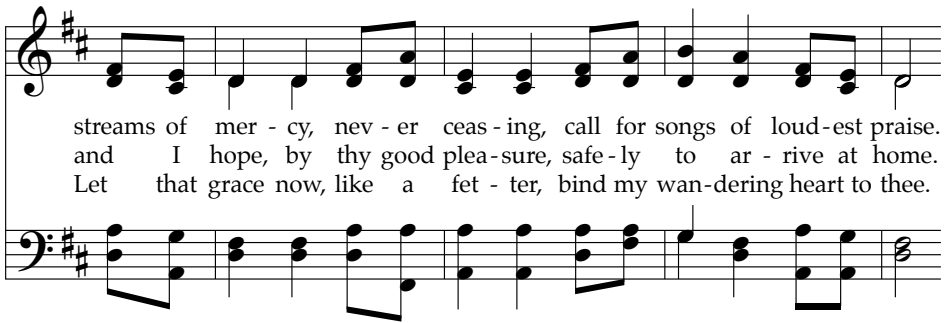
The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has received a call to serve from our partners at Grassroots. On the 4th Monday of each month we would like to offer a 2nd meal service for the Day Resource Center in Jessup, MD. We are seeking volunteers to both prepare casseroles (5) as well as those to deliver and serve the meal from 3:45-6pm (3 volunteers). The January date will be Monday the 23rd. 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.



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



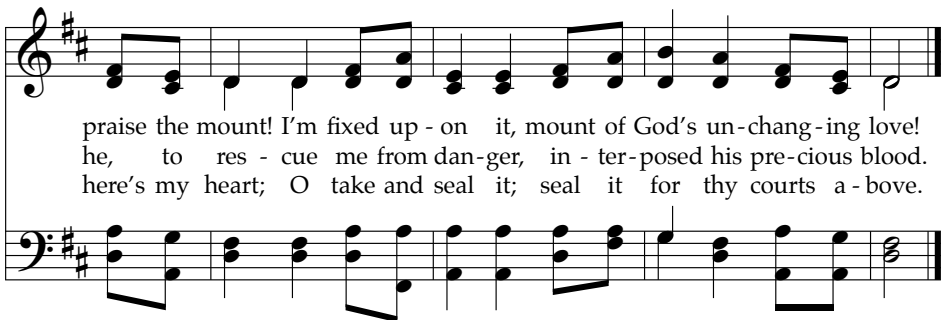
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
of the love of God, is the sign of death and the
He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

By connecting the water in the font with the waters of creation, the parted waters through which the Israelites were set free, and the rivers that sustain life everywhere, this hymn reminds us that baptism incorporates us into God's creative, redemptive, and sustaining activity.

BAPTISM

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

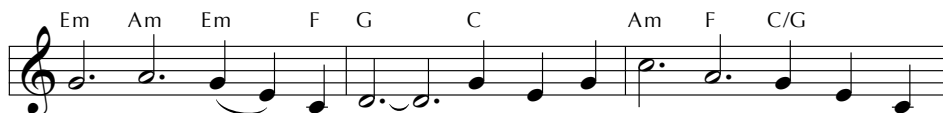
The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "BAPTISM". It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Sentences of Scripture

L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them

P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished

P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it

Profession of Faith

L: Trusting in the Gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

P: I will, with God's help

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions of the Congregation

L: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

P: We do.

L: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

P: We do.