



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

I Will Follow

arr. J. Koerts

Psalm 119:105: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

“All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone, higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone. (chorus) Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay, when You move I'll move, I will follow You. Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve, if this life I lose, I will follow You.

In You there's life everlasting, in You there's freedom for my soul. In You there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow. (chorus)

(words and music by C. Tomlin/J. Ingram/R. Morgan, 2010; Rising Spring Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Music)

(this piano solo: Shout! Publishing/WorshipTogether.com Songs/SixSteps Music/Vamos Publishing, 2010)

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**

Allison Miller

L: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

L: But who can detect one's own errors? May God clear us from hidden faults.

P: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to the Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 837**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. 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

I Will Follow

arr. J. Rouse

Ruth 1:16b: *Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.*

(words and music by C. Tomlin/R. Morgan/J. Ingram, 2010)
(worshiptogether.com Music; SixSteps Music; Vamos Publishing 2010)

(this arrangement: Alpha Praise, 2011)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Christ's Love

Rev. Bob Culp

****Hymn - 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

arr. M. Hayes

John 8:12: *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

"I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back."

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(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013)

****Doxology - 710***We Lift Our Voices*

We lift our voices;	All that we have,
we lift our hands;	all that we are,
we lift our lives up to you:	all that we hope to be,
we are an offering.	we give to you,
Lord, use our voices;	we give to you.
Lord, use our hands;	We lift our voices;
Lord, use our lives;	we lift our hands;
they are yours:	we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.	we are an offering;
	we are an offering.

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")****Hymn - 738***O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*****Benediction****Postlude***I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

arr. J. Carter

Psalm 37: 23: *The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him.*

"The world behind me the cross before me, the world behind me the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back no turning back. Though none go with me still I will follow. though none go with me still I will follow. Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back no turning back."

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(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 2005)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome back Rev. Culp!

Stepping into the pulpit in Reverend Hoffman's absence today is Reverend Bob Culp. Rev. Culp is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1975 (in Biblical Studies) and his Master of Theology Degree in 1992 (in Homiletics). He served 5 different parishes in the eastern U.S. before his retirement in October, 2013. He and his wife Kathy now reside in Sykesville, MD. Rev. Culp and Kathy are parents to 3 grown daughters and grandparents to 3 grandchildren.

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 Contribution Statements are Now Available

Your 2022 year-end statements are now available for download from CMPC Bridge. From February 1 - April 30, you can click on the "2022 Contribution Statement" blue button to view and download your year-end giving statement.

If you have any questions about your statement or would like to request a statement be mailed or emailed to you, contact our assistant treasurer, Joyce Danzig, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your generous and continued support of the work of our congregation.

Red Cross Blood Drive

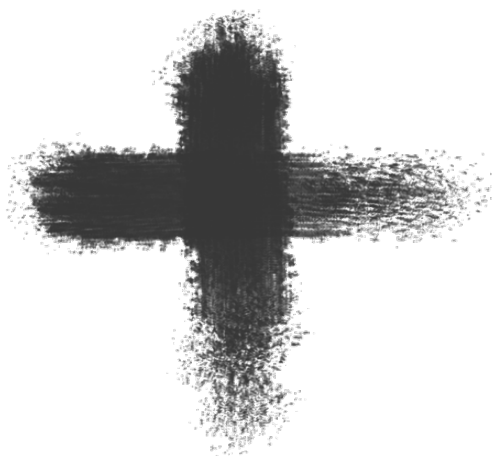
This year we are hosting two blood drives. Our first will be on Feb 27th from 12:30 - 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up here.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

Please join us as we begin the Lenten season with a service on Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary. Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to attend. The imposition of ashes will be offered.



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.

New Directory coming soon!

The Membership & Hospitality Committee has determined it's time to update the "CMPC Member Directory". Each Sunday following worship, starting today and running through March 26, from 11:30 - 12:30, photos will be taken by committee members at the lower entrance (near the elevator). No appointment necessary! If this time frame doesn't fit your schedule, please feel free to submit your own photo to chughes527@comcast.net.

We are asking \$5 per directory to cover the cost of printing. Please be prepared to pay when your photo is taken or submitted.

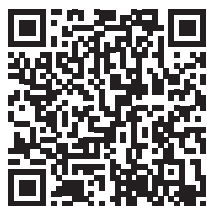
If you have any questions, you may contact Colleen at the email listed above.

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 Crisis Intervention. On the 4th Monday of each month we would like to offer dinners to those present at the Day Resource Center in Jessup. On February 27th, 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 M&LO Committee will provide details, salads and drinks. For more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com. Sign up below



Mission and Local Outreach - Earthquake relief

In response to the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake in northwest Syria and Turkey, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee is contributing \$2,000 to support Mercy Corps' emergency response efforts. Mercy Corps has been implementing significant relief programs in Syria and Lebanon for the past twelve years and is a leading global humanitarian non profit organization. It has an office and staff in Gaziantep, Turkey that have already been mobilized to provide urgently needed supplies to communities affected by the quake. M&LO is inviting members of CMPC to respond to this terrible tragedy by donating online or with a check with Earthquake Response in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your prayers, compassion, and generosity.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.