

# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.

## **Order of Worship**

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

**Prelude** 

God Himself Is Present

arr. M. Burkhardt

Matthew 18:20: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

"God himself is present: let us now adore him and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple, all within keep silence, humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence. He alone on his throne is our God and Savior; praise his name forever!"

(words by G. Tersteegen, 1729; music (Wunderbarer Konig) by J. Neander, 1680; public domain)

(this organ solo: Morning Star Music Publishers. 1989)

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

Sarah Trodden

- L: May our lips pour forth praise to the Lord, for his word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
- P: We will seek God with all our heart, so that we will not stray from his commandments.
- L: May God's face shine upon his servants and teach us his statutes.
- P: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord; may God accept our offerings of praise!

L: Let us worship God!

\*\***Hymn –** 749

*Come! Live in the Light!* 

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

#### \*\*Common Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You have called us out of darkness and into the light of Your love. You have redeemed us and made us whole in order to set us free from bondage. The challenge You place before us is to die to self, surrender our wills, and serve sacrificially. But we cling to our sinful humanity and to the trappings of this temporal life. Forgive us for being stubborn, selfish, and sinful. Set us free to embrace the values of Your Kingdom, transform our hearts to long for You, and empower us to live courageously as Your children. In Jesus' Name, 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** 

Sarah Trodden

\*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 back page for special instructions

**Word in Music** 

The Table of the Lord

arr. M. Parks

1 Corinthians 11:26: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(this choral anthem: Pilot Point Music, 2005; admin. by The Copyright Company)

**Prayer for Illumination** 

**Scriptures** 

Psalm 112:1-10

Matthew 5:13-20

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.** 

Sermon

Salt and Light

Rev. Scott Hoffman

\*\*Hymn - 504

We Come as Guests Invited

#### **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

#### In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)

arr. V. Labenske

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

"In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease; my comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand."

(words and music by K. Getty/S. Townend, 2001; ThankYou Music/Capitol CMG Music)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2002; admin. worldwide by EMICMGP Publishing.com)

\*\*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.

#### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table

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

#### Sharing of Bread and Cup (Please eat and drink when you are served.)

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

**Music during Communion** Word of God, Speak with Break Thou the Bread of Life 2 Timothy 3:16-17: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

arr. C. Tornquist

"I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it's okay. The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say. Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see, Your majesty; to be still and know that You're in this place? Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness. Word of God, speak"

(words and music by P. Kipley/B. Millard, 2002; Songs from The Indigo Room/Word Music Publishing) (this piano arrangement: Wordspring Music, LLC, 2002)

"Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!"

(words by M.A. Lathbury, 1877; music (Bread of Life) by W.F. Sherwin, 1877; words and music are public domain) (this piano arrangement: Word Music, LLC, 2004)

**Prayer** 

\*\*Hymn - 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

\*\*Benediction

**Postlude** O God, Our Help in Ages Past Isaiah 26:4: Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. arr. R. Parks

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

(words by I. Watts, 1719; music (St. Anne) by W. Croft, 1708; public domain)

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## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

#### **Attention College Students and Parents of College Students!**

The Care & Wellness Committee likes to keep in touch with our college students during the year. If you have a student in college, grad school, technical school etc., even if they are living at home, please send their name and mailing address to Kris Bloom (kcbloom@verizon.net) by Friday, February 10th. We would like to get Valentine's cards in the mail by Saturday, Feb. 11th. Even if you sent your student's address to Kris in October, please send again to verify that that address is still good.

Thank you in advance for helping us to keep our college students in our thoughts.

#### **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**

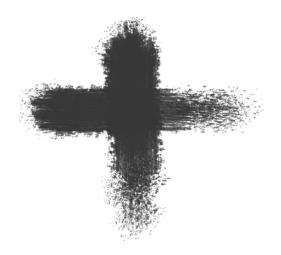
This year we are hosting two blood drives. Our first will be on Feb 27th from 12:30 - 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up here.



#### **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 February 12 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 chughes 527@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



# Come! Live in the Light!



The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

#### We Come as Guests Invited come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine, We 1 eat and drink, re - ceiv-ing from Christ the grace we need, 3 One bread is ours for shar-ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine, his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine; our hearts be - liev - ing on by him faith we feed; fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine: our the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured with won - der and thanks-giv - ing for love that knows no end. re - newed, sus-tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word. to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord. in sol - emn for us, er - pres-ent friend. liv - ing our ev find in Je - sus the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.

## 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.



## January

We have enjoyed a month filled with the wonders of winter! We welcomed a local nature program to share with us all about what animals do in the winter. The children had the opportunity to see some special winter animals in person . They met squirrels, bunnies, turtles and owls. We celebrated our fathers this month with a special snack Donuts for Dads! Our Superhero Dads played Bingo with us in Fellowship Hall.



We began learning about our neighborhood during January as well. We discovered all the interesting places around us and made our own map of the neighborhood.









Each class learned about the different community helpers that make our neighborhood special by working hard at their jobs. We also welcomed our preschool parents to visit the classrooms this month to share about their job in the community. Pastor Scott visited to talk to us about how Jesus was a helper in his community during his time on Earth.

Our 4-year-old classes welcomed our local fire fighters to the preschool this month as one of our very special community helpers. While our 3-year-old classes took their very first field trip to the Savage Fire Station. Both classes heard all about the important job of Fire Fighters, EMTs and Paramedics in our community. They toured the fire trucks and ambulances as well as learned about the special uniform they wear.

It was a busy month at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool!

"And Jesus Grew in Wisdom and Stature" Luke 2:52