



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.
LOGOS Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. V. Labenske

Romans 8:39: ... *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me He who died heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so."

(words and music by A.B. Warner, 1859; song is public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., 2007)

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**

L: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

P: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

L: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

P: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

P: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

L: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

P: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 612**

We Praise You, O God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Galatians 5: 22-26

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Jesus Loves Me
ROCK Chimes and Bells of Joy

arr. S. Eithun

John 15:9: *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*

(words and music by A.B. Warner, 1859; song is public domain; see lyrics above in prelude)
(this instrumental arrangement: Concordia Publishing House, 2003)

LOGOS Musical - insert

The Agape League by C. Semsen/D. Semsen
2 Peter 1:3: *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,
through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

(created and arranged by C. Semsen/D. Semsen, 2013; Word Kidz; Christy Semsen Music/CCLI)

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 support!

Offertory

Children of the Heavenly Father arr. A. Jordan
Isaiah 40:11: *He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*

“Children of the heav’nly Father, safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven,
such a refuge e’er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.”
(words by C. Sandell, 1855; traditional Swedish melody; public domain)

(this organ solo: Broadman Press, 1975)

**Doxology - 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)

**Hymn – 634

To God Be the Glory

**Benediction

Postlude

Lord of Hope by H. Livingston, Jr.
Romans 15:13: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

(this instrumental organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1980)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Vacation Bible School

We are excited for Vacation Bible School to return to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church this summer! Join us on a Stellar Adventure as we learn about Shining Jesus' Light! Mark your calendars for the week of July 10th. Registration will open for CMPC members on 2/17 and the general public on March 1st. To make this a successful week for the kids of Christ Memorial and the community we need volunteers. Please consider participating in this great church event. We need adult leaders and teen leaders (middle school, high school and college). For adult leaders, registration is free for the second child registered. Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal (vbs@cmpcusa.org) if you are interested in helping!

Pine Springs Summer Camp—Director here TODAY

"To provide all campers with a vital encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship" is the mission of Pine Springs Camp—a Presbyterian summer camp located in Jennerstown, PA. Pine Springs, beloved by the Hoffman family and a favorite of more and more families of the church and community, is the place where you should consider sending your children or grandchildren for an incredible week of fun and faith development. To provide an introduction to the camp and answer any questions you might have, Summer Camp Director Mike Hurley will be at CMPC on Sunday, March 26th. Mike will speak briefly in worship and then have a fuller presentation following worship in the Trinity Room. Please plan to attend if you have interest.

New Directory coming soon!

TODAY is the last Sunday to have your picture taken for the new church directory. Pictures will be taken following worship from 11:30 -12:30 on the lower entrance (near the elevator).

Pictures will also be taken on Wednesday, March 29 at 5 pm. 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 or by using the pull down menu on Bridge.

If you have any questions, you may contact Colleen Hughes at chughes527@comcast.net.

Men's Breakfast

All men of the church are welcome to join us for breakfast on Saturday, April 1st at Bob Evans (8325 Benson Dr, Columbia, MD 21045) at 8:30 am. RSVP to Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmppcusa.org) if you plan to attend.

Palm Wavers needed

If your child(ren) (age preschool to second grade) would like to participate in the palm waving processional for worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd please bring him/her/them to the Narthex that morning at 10:05. After they participate in the processional they will return to the pews with you. Thank you!

Session Summary from Officer's Retreat

The Session met as part of the Officers' Retreat on Sunday, March 19. The Session voted unanimously to express sincere gratitude to the members of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee for the hard work and dedication involved in designing and seeing the visioning process through to its conclusion—a report presented to elders and deacons at the retreat.

The Session is committed to continuing the significant and intentional conversation around the recommendations of the committee that was begun during the retreat. The report of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee may be found here



In other business:

- Finance Committee Chair Jeff Bloom gave an update on the 2023 budget, the progress of the 3rd capital campaign, and the current balance on the mortgage with PILP.
- Don Mitchell, Chair of Personnel, presented the results of the 2022 performance evaluation for Pastor Scott

Mission and Local Outreach

A HOME OF OUR OWN HOWARD, INC., also known as HOME OF OUR OWN (HOOO), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization in Howard County that was introduced to CMPC Mission Committee in December 2022. Learn more about HOOO using the QR code.



The following is an excerpt from their January Newsletter:

“In this past year, we helped 87 children, giving them a table to eat their meals at, a bed to get a good night’s sleep and a place to call home to have their friends come over to play. Besides these children we gave 118 individuals, families, and veterans a new beginning. Transportation picked up 226 donations this past year”.

Donations of furniture, beds, bedding, kitchen and household items are accepted. HOOO will pick up all donations. For a complete list of items accepted visit the website. To schedule a donation send an email to donate@homeofourownhoward.org.

Volunteers are needed for data entry and record keeping, client coordination, grant applications, fund raising, outreach to community and corporations, perform minor repairs and cleaning.

To volunteer visit the website and complete the Volunteer contact form (<https://forms.gle/f7DXYMdB2nWJdQVGA>).

Questions? Contact BJ Walworth 410.300.0242 bjwalworth@hotmail.com

Spring Clean Up

Our annual spring clean-up here at CMPC will be on Saturday May 13th from 8:30-1pm. We will work on various projects inside and outside the church. Some of our tasks include light gardening, window cleaning, painting, and organizing.

This is rain or shine, and please feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. Please contact Tito Baca via pm@cmpcusa.org if you have an interest in working with us or have questions.

We appreciate all those who volunteer their time and efforts! It does make a tremendous difference when we come together to invest in the upkeep of our church and work as one. Thank you!

Prayer Chain

Did you know CMPC has a Prayer Chain? There are two ways to participate...

1) Join the Prayer Chain group.

Each week, an email is sent to Prayer Chain members listing people who need our prayers. Being part of the Prayer Chain helps to focus on others in need and/or celebrate with praise and joy. Anyone can submit a prayer request. There is no age limit. The power of prayer restores our hope and reminds us of God's enduring love for us. If you would like to join our ministry, please contact Kathleen to have your name added to the list, office@cmpcusa.org

2) Submit a prayer request.

If you have a prayer request, there are forms located in the pews. Or if you prefer, you can email the request to colleenprayerchain@gmail.com Please ask permission of the person being prayed for before submitting your request.

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

Third Grade:

Marie Bis
Colin Fieldsend
Molly Graybeal
Lachlan McGillivray-Stubbs
James Neary
Riley Trodden

Fourth Grade:

Alex Gliptis
Greyson Guidinger
Evan Kim

Fifth Grade:

Lucy Dowgiewicz
Luke Jenkins
Chris Mackin
John Richardson
Sam Thomas
Trystan White

BUGS Choir (Preschool)

Alex Dowgiewicz
Nolan Goodson
Flora McGarity
Robert Millard
Julia Schreiber
Kirsten Thornhill

Choir Director...Todd Stubbs
Drama Co-Director...Heather Barham
Drama Co-Director...Liz Perraud
Accompanist...Lorri Yawney
Percussionist...Arielle Miller
Sound...Neil Danzig and John Kim
Camera...Kofi Akuoko
Scenery and Agape League logo...Lindsey and Devin Cogswell
Costumes: Lindsey Kim
Worship Arts Coordinator: Carrie Jenkins
LOGOS Directors: Elyn and Ryan Thomas

Choir Helpers:

Rachael Bis, Molly Fieldsend, Kerri Holderman,
John Keister, Lindsey Kim, Wes Millard, Laurie Stewart,
Debbie ONeal, Becky Zordan

Sound Equipment Rental: Drama Learning Center



The Agape League:
A Superhero Adventure about the Fruit of the Spirit

Created by Christy Semsen
Arranged by Daniel Semsen

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LOGOS is an intergenerational ministry designed to nurture children and youth into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to prepare them for a lifetime of Christian discipleship. Here at CMPC, our LOGOS program is a ministry that meets on Wednesday evenings from October-March and is open to all from preschool-12th grade. LOGOS consists of four parts: Family Time (where LOGOS participants share a meal with their 'table parents'), Bible Time (a time for Bible Study), Recreation (fun!), and Worship Arts (e.g., choir, handbells, sanctuary art).

Age groups include:

Preschool – BUGS (Bringing Up Gods Servants)
Elementary School – FROG (Fully Rely On God)
Middle School – ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom)
High School – FISH (Fellowship In Senior High)

Interested in participating in the fall? Please contact our LOGOS Directors, Elyn & Ryan Thomas (LOGOS@cmpcusa.org) for more information.

The Agape League

The Agape League is a story of superheroes uniting to help the people of Columbiana City. The whole town needs a reminder of the Fruit of the Spirit, vital in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. Sadly, one of the superheroes has forgotten her special identity due to the many distractions of the world. The Agape League must band together to help her remember. It's the only way to save the town. Agape League UNITE!

Scene 1

The Agape League superheroes, each with his or her own extraordinary ability, assemble at the Fortress of Virtue but (oh no!) one is missing.

The Agape League
The Fruit of the Spirit

Lucy Dowgiewicz, Lucas Jenkins, Trystan White

Scene 2

There's trouble in Columbiana City with everyone so absorbed in his or her own problems that the town is falling apart. They need to be reminded of the Fruit of the Spirit but not until one of the superheroes remembers her own special ability.

He Gives Me Joy

Lucy Dowgiewicz, Lucas Jenkins, Chris Mackin, John Richardson, Sam Thomas, Trystan White

Scene 3

Ironblade feels "strangely comfortable" and starts to remember her special ability, the more time she spends with the other superheroes.

Wait for the Lord

Colin Fieldsend, Molly Graybeal, Lachlan McGillivray-Stubbs, James Neary, Riley Trodden

Scene 4

The superheroes learn that if Ironblade's memory isn't restored, they will all also forget their own extraordinary abilities, preventing them from helping the people of Columbiana City. Their abilities function together as the Fruit of the Spirit.

The Joy of the Lord

Rapper: Chris Mackin

Rapper's Crew: Alex Gliptis, Greyson Guidinger, Evan Kim

The Peace of God

Sam Thomas

Scene 5

Ironblade remembers her extraordinary ability as she hears scripture from others in the Agape League and she begins to recite some scripture herself. Finally! Her extraordinary ability of self-control is restored, and the Agape League is off to Columbiana City to help.

Eye On It

Lucy Dowgiewicz, Alex Gliptis, Greyson Guidinger, Lucas Jenkins, Evan Kim, Chris Mackin, John Richardson, Sam Thomas, Trystan White

Scene 6

There's bad behavior throughout Columbiana City and the Agape League has arrived to remind them about how God wants us to treat each other, through the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Never a Reason

Lucy Dowgiewicz, Alex Gliptis, Greyson Guidinger, Lucas Jenkins, Evan Kim, Chris Mackin, John Richardson, Sam Thomas, Trystan White

Scene 7

The town has had a change of heart!

The Agape League (Reprise)

Cast (in order of appearance)

Announcer....Wes Millard
General Agape....Trystan White
Shadow....Sam Thomas
Jumper....Chris Mackin
Serenity....Evan Kim
Honeycomb....John Richardson
Freezer Burn....Lucas Jenkins
Lambswool....Alex Gliptis
Golden Boy....Greyson Guidinger
Ironblade....Lucy Dowgiewicz
Narrator 1....Liz Perraud
Narrator 2....Heather Barham

FROG Choirs (K-5th Grade)

Kindergarten:

Adaline Boncher
Jacob Graybeal
Violet Thomas
Joey Trodden

First Grade:

Quentin Cogswell
Eileen Fieldsend
William Millard
Forrest McGarity

Second Grade:

Veronica Dowgiewicz
Ally Gallagher
Victoria Gliptis
Griffin Guidinger
Olivia March
Zoey Neary
Adam Rizvi
Will Roscoe
Katie Schreiber
Oliver Thomas
Colin Thornhill

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1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Holy Week
at Christ
Memorial
Presbyterian
Church
10600 Shaker Dr.
Columbia, MD



Palm Sunday

April 2nd, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

With palms waving and voices raised, we will worship the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Come, bring your worship to the King!

Maundy Thursday

April 6th at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather together to break bread, enjoy a simple soup supper, and then share the sacrament of communion at our dinner tables. Please RSVP to the church office (office@cmpcusa.org). Childcare will be provided.

Good Friday

April 7th at 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for a special Tenebrae service—a service of light and darkness—as we mark the solemn holy day on which the Prince of Glory died.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9th at 6:30 a.m., Parking Lot

Bright and early on Easter Sunday morning we will gather to worship the Risen Son as the sun rises. All are welcome to join in this simple and powerful worship experience. The service will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Easter Worship

April 9th at 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Come one, come all to worship on Easter Sunday morning when we will pull out all the stops to bring our worship to the Risen Lord! Come, add your voice to the millions gathered around the world to celebrate the blessed day as we unite our voices in song: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9th, following 10:30 worship

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children in preschool and elementary school immediately following the worship service. There will be lots of eggs for children to find! Come and join the fun!