



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. D. Hustad

Philippians 4:6: *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care; and bids me at my Father's throne, make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief; and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return sweet hour of prayer."

(words by W. Walford, 1861; music (*Sweet Hour, LMD*) by W. Bradbury, 1861; public domain)

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

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**

Jeff Bloom

L: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

P: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

L: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

P: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. 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 - insert**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Graduate Celebration

Reception of New Members

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 following page for special instructions

Word in Music

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

arr. J. Raney

Psalms 17:6: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

(words and music by K. Medema, 1973) (this choral arrangement: Hope Publishing, 2002)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 43: 8-10

Acts 1: 6-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

You Will Be My Witnesses

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn -265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.*

arr. V. Labenske

“Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear; to Him whose truth and Faithfulness, engage the waiting soul to bless. And since He bids me seek His face, believe His Word and trust His grace; I’ll cast on Him my ev’ry care, and wait for thee sweet hour of prayer.”
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(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2012)

****Doxology** - insert

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

****Hymn** –269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

****Benediction**

Postlude

March from Suite in C Major
transcribed and arranged for organ by B. Hesford
Psalm 17:6: *I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.*

(composed by H. Purcell, 17th century, public domain)
(this instrumental organ solo: Fentone Music, 1986)

Thank you to Jeff Bruce and John Kim for providing audio support this week!
Thank you to Kylee Hoffman for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

CMPC Seeking Accompanist/Pianist

With longtime and beloved accompanist and pianist Lorri Yawney retiring this summer CMPC will be in need of a new accompanist/pianist to work with the music ministries of the church. Though we will be posting the job description to an employment website, we expect that the person we will ultimately hire will likely find us via word-of-mouth and/or through professional or personal contact. Thus, we have posted the position description to the church website and ask that if you know of any qualified candidates that you direct them there to find out more. And, of course, please keep this process in your prayers. Thank you!

Graduation Open House

The Hoffman family cordially invites our brothers and sisters of CMPC to celebrate Kylee's high school graduation with an open house in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 27, 1:00-4:00 pm. Please join the "village" of people who have surrounded Kylee with love and helped her reach this milestone. RSVP's are kindly requested by using the QR code below or by emailing Ashlee Hoffman at ashleehoffman@yahoo.com.



Nursery Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery during worship. If you are willing to be on a list of substitutes, please contact Delores McBirney at deloresmcbirney@verizon.net

Committee Night Is Back

CMPC is bringing back Committee Night on June 5th. All members of committees are encouraged to attend. We will begin with a simple dinner at 6:30 and then break off into meeting time around 7:00. This time, however, things will be different. Instead of dividing up into our committees we will break off into groups with representatives of each committee in each group. We will then spend time reporting on what our committees are working on and share ideas along the way. If you are currently serving on a committee of the church we encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to the church office for dinner and/or for childcare by Monday, May 29.

Nominating Process

The Nominating Committee has begun its work of discerning the sisters and brothers of CMPC who God is calling to serve as Elders and Deacons in the class of 2026. Perhaps that is you. Perhaps it is someone you have witnessed exhibiting the qualities our congregation needs in its leadership. In the months ahead, the committee will be reaching out to members asking them (you) to consider service on the session or diaconate. Please begin now prayerfully considering if this is something to which you feel called or if there is someone you think God might be preparing to serve. If you have any questions please feel free to contact committee chair Judy Brown at jbrown10632@gmail.com.

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 May 22nd, we need volunteers to bake casseroles, deliver and serve the meal from 3:45-6pm. For more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com. Sign up below:



CMPC Annual Musical Treats & Sweets: Night at the Movies

Sunday evening, June 11 (6-8:00pm) will be a wonderful evening of musical performances, a silent auction, and free treats. Suggested donation at the door is \$5. This is a fundraiser to benefit the GenOn Youth Summit attendance (for our community and a community in-need). The theme this year is Night at the Movies. If you would like to perform, contact Lindsey Kim (lindseyathorne@yahoo.com) (she can help you find an accompanist if needed). If you have a sweet treat or specialty item for the auction, contact Tom and Meg Engle (dpgroove@hotmail.com) or something for the snack table contact Joyce Danzig (joyce.danzig@gmail.com). If you have a hosted event for the auction, contact Ashlyn Sowell (ashlynsowell@yahoo.com).

Musical Treats & Sweets

**Christ Memorial
Presbyterian Church
June 11, 2023
6:00-8:00pm**

**Musical performances,
silent auction, and special
snacks!
\$5 suggested donation at
the door. Fun for all ages**



*A Night at the
MOVIES*
Songs from the Silver Screen

*fundraiser to benefit GenOn Youth Summit attendance
(our community and a community in-need)*

Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer!

Vacation Bible School is back for summer 2023 and registration is filling up quickly! Join us on a Stellar Adventure as we learn about shining Jesus' light during the week of July 10th-14th. Vacation Bible School will run daily from 9 AM to 12 PM. We are also looking for teen leaders to support our elementary crews (middle school, high school, and college). Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal vbs@cmpcusa.org if you are interested in helping! Register Here:



VBS Donation Board and Amazon Wish List

If you are unable to volunteer in person during VBS, there are still ways to help! A donation board of needed snack supplies will be placed in the narthex. Please check the board to see if there are any items that you would be able to donate. Mark donations as VBS and bring them to church by June 25th. Additional items can be purchased from our Amazon Wish List below.



Summary of the May 15, 2023 Session Meeting

The Session agreed to hold Committee Night in Fellowship Hall on Monday, June 5, and all committee chairs and at-large members are encouraged to attend. The meeting, which was previously a monthly tradition before the pandemic abruptly halted in-person events, will open with a meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meeting at 7 p.m. The date will be announced in worship and in the Friday E-News.

In other business:

- Talks on rectifying the ongoing humidity issue in the sanctuary continue after Whiting-Turner submitted a \$25,000 proposal to resolve it. A dehumidifier will be set up in the interim.
- The Property Committee is working to finalize a plan for a freestanding sign near the church's Shaker Drive entrance to complement the one already in the works off Amherst Avenue.
- The Session unanimously approved a motion to drop the mask mandate in the church nursery, but a sign will alert parents that attendants are willing to wear masks upon request.
- Pastor Hoffman announced that he expects to hold a new member class in or around September.

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na-ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost-ly

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on “deeds of love and mercy” and courage for life’s journey.

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!



Kylee Hoffman will graduate from Oakland Mills High School on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. While at Oakland Mills Kylee was active in the music programs (singing in multiple choirs) with journalism (serving as the Editor in Chief of the school newspaper this year), and she played for the school golf team all four years. At CMPC Kylee has been active in LOGOS for many years and has especially enjoyed her time in FISH. She has also volunteered with Sunday Experience, VBS, worship livestream, mission trips, and myriad other activities. Kylee will be attending Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA this fall and plans to study nursing with the hopes of becoming a pediatric oncology nurse. She also plans to play for the golf team at Westminster. Kylee would like to thank her CMPC family for loving and supporting her for the past 12 years!



Tyler Prevost (son of Natalie and Kevin Dowgiewicz) will be graduating from Clemson University this spring with a BS in Finance. He plans to move to Charlotte, NC and expand his small business which he started in summer of 2020.



Amos Saudager is a graduate of Long Reach High School, where he excelled academically. He was awarded several honors for his performance and has taken many rigorous, college level courses, especially in subjects such as math and science. He plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering (pre-med) at a local university and hopes to become an anesthesiologist someday.



Lucas Teshome graduated from McDaniel College in Westminster, MD with a degree in Kinesiology and has now started working full time as a personal trainer at Columbia Association, based out of Columbia Gym in Clarksville. His parents and brother are very proud of his accomplishments and are very grateful to God for this huge milestone.

All of them thank this congregation, the village that raised him since he was a toddler, for all their support throughout the years.



Will Ueckermann is graduating this month with a Master's Degree in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University. He will continue working as a Biochemist in Rockville at GSK Pharmaceutical Company.

Jesse Stewart is also graduating from high school this spring.