



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. L. Larson

Psalm 30:4: *Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.*

“When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply, may Jesus Christ be praised!”

(words are from a German text c. 1800; translated by E. Caswall, 1858)

(music (*Laudes Domini*) is by J. Barnby, 1868; both are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2013)

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

Liz Perraud

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: Praise the Lord!

P: Sing God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful,

L: for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

P: Let the faithful sing for joy.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s 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 - insert**

Spirit of the Living God

Moment with Children

Liz Perraud

**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

Honey in the Rock
Kathy Koch, solo

by B. Lake/B. Lightwood/M. Wong

Psalm 81:16: *But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.*

(words and music by Brandon Lake/Brooke Ligertwood and Mitch Wong, 2022)
(Bethel Music Publishing and Integrity Praise Music/Song Solutions, Ltd.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

2 Kings 4:42-44
Luke 9:10-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Different Kind of Miracle

Rev. Shannon Weston

****Hymn - 516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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

O, How I Love Jesus with I Love You, Lord

arr. C. Tornquist

Mark 12:30: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

"There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth. It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. Oh, how I love Jesus; Oh, how I love Jesus; Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me. It tells me of a Savior's love Who died and set me free. It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

Oh, how I love Jesus; Oh, how I love Jesus; Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me."
(words first published in D. Moody's *Gospel Hymns* in 1896; music is a traditional American melody)
(words and music are public domain)

"I love You Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear."

(words and music by L. Klein, 1978; House of Mercy Music, 1978/1980)
(this piano solo: John T. Benson Co., 1995)

****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 - 801**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

****Benediction**

Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 8:1: *Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.*

"Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord, we praise Your name! Oh Lord, we magnify Your name, Prince of Peace, Mighty God; Oh Lord God Almighty!"

(words and music by Michael W. Smith, 1981; Meadsowgreen Music Company; admin. by EMI/CMG Publishing))
(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing, 1987)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome Rev. Weston!

In Pastor Scott's absence today, please welcome Rev. Shannon Weston. The Rev. Shannon Weston (she/her) is a preacher, a teacher, and a lover of all things bright and beautiful. Shannon currently works as a Leadership Coach, Church Consultant, and Coach Trainer for the Coach Approach Skill Training (CAST). Her work with pastors, church leaders, and nonprofits has been recognized as a valid ministry by the Presbytery of Baltimore. Before Coaching, Shannon served two decades as a pastor in the PCUSA, serving churches in Kentucky, New York, and Maryland. Shannon lives with her husband, Derrick, in Lutherville. Together they raise their four children, a dog, a cat, and an insurmountable number of plants.

Nominating Process

The Nominating Committee is continuing 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 next few weeks, the committee will be reaching out to members asking them (you) to consider service on the session or diaconate. If you should be contacted, please prayerfully and seriously consider if this is something to which you feel called even if you have some doubts. All good leaders have SOME doubts and questions! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the nominating committee chair Judy Brown at jbrown10632@gmail.com.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

The annual church picnic will take place immediately following the outdoor worship service on September 17, 2023. BBQ meat, buns, and beverages will be provided. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. Please RSVP below. **Be sure to bring a chair for worship and picnic!**



Hunger Task Force Formed

Last week a small group of folks interested in working out CMPC's response to the results of the Visioning Process (which determined hunger/food insecurity as a desired mission-focus of the congregation) met to discuss first steps. The task force currently consists of Allison Miller (chair), Sue Ashman, Philip Davies, Todd Stubbs, Laura Frantz, Laura Holderman, Ben Wade and Pastor Hoffman. Please keep the Task Force in your prayers and look for information to come out in the next few months.

Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:
www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters



Bible Basics

Resuming Tuesday, September 26th at 11am in Classroom 3

Bible Basics, a bible study designed for everyone from biblical scholars to first-time readers and led by Pastor Scott, will kick off on Tuesday, September 26th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Come every week or drop in when your schedule allows. Please contact Pastor Scott at pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org for more details.

New Member Class

Sunday, September 24th at 11:30 am

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, you are welcome to attend our New Members Class. 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 Monday, September 18th by calling the church office at 410-997-8011. A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available upon request. When calling to RSVP for the class, please indicate if you will need childcare.

Directory Available

The Membership and Hospitality Committee has delivered directories to most members. If you are NOT a member and would like a directory, we are asking \$5 to cover the cost of printing. CMPC directories will be available in the Narthex before worship TODAY or available at the church office during office hours.

Summary of the August 21, 2023 Session Meeting

The Session unanimously approved the installation of a freestanding church sign on the southwest corner of the Shaker Drive entrance to the parking lot. It will be identical to the sign by the Amherst Avenue entrance and will also be erected and paid for by the Property Committee at great savings to the church. The sign will be located on a wide easement between the driveway and the church's vacant lot.

In other business:

- Work on rectifying the ongoing humidity issue in the sanctuary will continue with testing to determine if the current air handling unit needs to be upgraded or if there are air leaks in the attic – or a combination of those issues requires attention.
- The Finance Committee reported that budgeting for 2024 is getting underway.
- A group of church members interested in serving on the Hunger Task Force, a project prioritized by the congregation in the recent Visioning Project, plans to hold an organizational meeting within the next few weeks.
- Pastor Hoffman announced that he will be encouraging committees to restart some popular churchwide activities that were dropped when the pandemic began, as well as injecting new ideas to the mix, with the goal of bolstering everyone's sense of connection to the church and each other.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study invites the women of the church and guests to join us in a potluck luncheon on September 11th at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will be introducing our new study on sharing the gospel before the lunch begins.

For more information you may call or email:

Miriam Miller at 410-302-9651 or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com

LOGOS Registration

Are you ready? LOGOS is just around the corner! From pre-school through 12th grade everyone is welcome! This year LOGOS will begin at 5:30 PM and we will be finishing up every night at 8:00 PM. Remember LOGOS is from October through March. We can't wait to get this year started and the first step in the process is REGISTRATION! Registration will be open from September 1st through September 18th. Please fill out the registration form for your family. The second step in the process is collecting our VOLUNTEERS! Don't forget to fill out the volunteer form. Both of these forms will help us make sure we have enough food for everyone as well as find a place for all of our volunteers. Please reach out to LOGOS directors, Ryan or Elyn Thomas (logos@cmpcusa.org) with any questions about LOGOS this upcoming year.

Mark your calendar for our first official LOGOS event this year. Our LOGOS Parent & Volunteer Kick-off will take place on Sunday September 17th from 6 - 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee & Cookies will be provided. Stay tuned to RSVP for this event, child care will be available.

Child Registration



Volunteer Registration



Church Office Hours

The church office is open Monday - Friday from 1:00 - 5:00pm. If you need to enter the building and do not have a key, please visit the church when the office is open.

Window on Mission

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed about the its work, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee has decided to share periodic informational updates. In addition to increasing awareness about what it is doing in the community, nationally, and globally on the congregation's behalf, these communications will also encourage participation in hands-on mission opportunities. Here is a summary of activity from April to August.

Local Mission. On Saturday April 29th nine CMPC volunteers joined efforts under the auspices of **Rebuilding Together Howard County (RTHC)** to improve a property in Elkridge. They undertook a variety of indoor and outdoor projects involving carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and landscaping. CMPC was a financial sponsor of RTHC again this year. On July 19th, members of CPMC also participated in a fundraising dinner for RTHC at Lib's Grill in Maple Lawn.

On the fourth Monday of every month, CMPC volunteers continue to provide and serve hot dinners at **Grassroots Route One Day Center** in Jessup for the homeless in our community. The number of persons using the Center continues to grow, as does the need for food. This is an ongoing mission that welcomes new volunteers. Suzy Crabb has agreed to be the new point person for this mission. (Susan.crabb@verizon.net)

On August 24, seven members of CMPC participated in a work day at **Home of Our Own Howard** that provides furniture and household items at no cost to individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in Howard County. There are ongoing opportunities for hands-on mission work for those interested in lending a hand. No particular skills are required and hours are flexible.
<https://www.onourownhc.org/> BJ Walworth is the contact person for this mission (bjwalworth@hotmail.com)

The committee made donations to support the **Howard County Food Bank** which is run by the Community Action Council of Howard County <https://cac-hc.org/> and **Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS)** <https://www.laureladvocacy.org/> The mission of both programs are consistent with the committee's focus on addressing homelessness in our community.

National Mission. The committee made a donation to support the mission of Dustin and Holly Garner at **OneEleven Ministries** in Kansas City where they are preparing interns to sing and pray the Bible and share God's goodness through evangelistic outreaches.

The committee also made a donation to support **Pine Springs Christian Summer Camp** in Pennsylvania where a growing number of children from our church attend each year.

In response to the devastating wild fires in Maui (Hawaii) on August 8th, the committee agreed to match contributions from the congregation which will be sent to the **Presbyterian Disaster Agency** to support relief efforts with local partners on the ground.

Global Mission. The committee also made a donation to support the work of the **Presbyterian Education Board (Pakistan)**. PEB runs 25 elementary and high schools for over 5,000 students. The schools were founded in the mid-1800s by Presbyterian missionaries and were the first to include girls.

Of course, this would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation for which we are very grateful and appreciative.

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bobe us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

KOREAN

- 1 주나의목자되시니부족함없도다
푸른풀밭호숫가로날인도하시네
- 2 내영혼소생시키며그이름위하여
늘의로운길견도록날인도하시네
- 3 나어둠골짜지나도두려움없겠네
주막대기와지팡이날안위하시네
- 4 주나의원수앞에서내상을베푸사
머리에기름부으니내잔이넘치네
- 5 선함과인자하심이내평생따르리
여호와전에영원히나거하리로다

SPANISH

- 1 *Es el Señor mi buen pastor y nada faltará;
por verdes prados con amor Él me conducirá.*
- 2 *Al lado de aguas de quietud haráme reposar;
por sendas justas y de paz su mano me guiará.*
- 3 *Y cuando en valle de dolor o muerte deba andar,
no sentiré ningún temor, pues Él me guardará.*
- 4 *Es sabio y fiel mi buen pastor, jamás me dejará;
con su cayado, mi Señor, aliento me dará.*
- 5 *Hasta el final me seguirán misericordia y bien;
y de mi Padre en el hogar por siempre moraré.*

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.