



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Revive Us Again

arr. M. McDonald

Psalm 51: 10: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

"We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again! Revive us again - fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above. Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again!" (words and music by W. Mackay, 1867; song is public domain)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2017)

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: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

P: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

L: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

P: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 37**

Let All Things Now Living

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, you know our lives are but an illusion when we do not dwell in your favor. Our acts are but vapor when we do not obey your will. We boast of our good deeds, and flaunt righteous behavior, but they are conceived in arrogance and born of conceit. Forgive our deception and the damage it causes. By your mercy forgive us, and through Christ make us free. 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

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

Let Everything Praise God

by J. Martin

Psalm 150: 6: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

(this choral arrangement: Malcolm Music/Shawnee Press, 2005)

(opening music is from the hymn *Revive Us Again*, by J. Husband and W. Mackay, 1863 and is public domain)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 145: 8-21

Matthew 20:1-16

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

That's Not Fair!

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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

Tis' So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. L. Hoekstra

Proverbs 3: 5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord." Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more! Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!

How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

(words by L. Stead, 1882; music (*Trust in Jesus*) by W.J. Kirkpatrick, 1882; both are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2020)

****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** - 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

****Benediction**

Postlude

Fantasia (Ton-y-Botel)

arr. R. Purvis

2 Corinthians 13:14: *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

"Come O Spirit dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power. Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ the Cornerstone. Still the church is called to mission, that God's love shall be made known,"

(words and music (*Ebenezer*, a Welsh tune) by T.J. Williams, 1890; both are public domain)

(this organ solo: from *7 Chorale Preludes on tunes found in American Hymnals*, Carl Fischer Music, 1949)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Third Grade Bibles

We will recognize our third graders' transition into full worship at Christ Memorial by presenting them with their very own, brand new Bible during worship on Sunday October 22nd. If you have a third grader, please notify the church office at office@cmpcusa.org.

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.

Men's Breakfast to Resume

All men of the church are welcome to join us for breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, October 7 at Bob Evans (8325 Benson Dr, Columbia, MD 21045) at 8:30 am. RSVP to Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org) by Thursday, October 5th if you plan to attend.

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.

LOGOS

The LOGOS intergenerational youth and children program starts on Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30-8 pm. We will be starting with a kickoff celebration, so all participants, parents, and volunteers should plan on joining us at 5:30 that night to begin our program year together!

If you want to join the fun and missed the registration cutoff, please contact Tiffany Carmean at tcarmean28@hotmail.com. For any other questions about the program, including scholarship requests, please contact Ryan and Elyn Thomas at logos@cmpcusa.org.



The Women's Monday Morning Bible Study Group

Beginning Monday, September 25th at 9:30am

Join the CMPC women for the study of *Show Me How to Share the Gospel* by R. Larry Moyer.

The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Trinity Room during the months of September through May. Come be a part of a Christ-centered, fun loving group of ladies.

Please contact Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com for more information.

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

To The Outside, It's a Choral Rehearsal.

On the inside, it's a stress reliever, a sense of belonging, a mood changer, confidence booster, a place you are accepted, a creative outlet, an extended family, a support system, a challenge, a place to discover your best self, and an opportunity to change people's lives through music!

From Choral Singing in America, 2023

The Trinity Choir resumes today! We are in need of new singers, especially men. If you would like to experience any of the above, please contact Joy Exner (joyousmusic@yahoo.com)

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.

Worship Note:

The prelude today (and opening measures (the refrain) of the Word in Music), *Revive Us Again*, was composed by William Paton MacKay, a Scottish physician. His godly mother shared the gospel with him and prayed for him often, but he was unimpressed.

One day a seriously injured man came to the hospital where he worked. His case seemed hopeless. When he was conscious, he asked the doctor how much time he had left to live. The doctor responded cautiously, and then asked if there were any relatives who should be notified. No relatives, the patient said, but he did request that his landlady send him "The Book."

Doctor McKay visited the man daily and was impressed by how serene he seemed to be. After the man died, there were some details that had to be tended to in the presence of the doctor. Here is the rest of the story as told in Doctor McKay's own words:

"What shall we do with this?" the nurse asked holding a book in her hand. "What kind of book is it?" I asked. "The Bible of the poor man. As long as he was able to read it, he did so, and when he was unable to do so anymore, he kept it under his bed cover."

I took the Bible and - could I trust my eyes? It was my own Bible! The Bible, which my mother had given me when I left my parent's home, and which later, when short of money, I sold for a small amount. My name was still in it, written in my mother's hand.

With a deep sense of shame I looked upon the precious Book. It had given comfort and refreshment to the unfortunate man in his last hours. It had been a guide to him into eternal life, so that he had been enabled to die in peace and happiness. And this book, the last gift to me from my mother, I had actually sold for a ridiculous price.

Be it sufficient to say that the regained possession of my Bible was the cause of my conversion.

It was, he said later, his revival! He became a Presbyterian minister and hymn writer.

(info from hymnstudiesblog.com)

37 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

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.
 Tómane, 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.

For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

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.