



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. D. Hustad

Psalm 95: 3: *For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.*

"Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend. Come, and
Thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend. To thee,
great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty, may we
in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!"

(text is anonymous, published in *Hymns for Social Worship* before 1757)

(music (*Italian Hymn*) F. de Gardini, 1769; words and music are public domain)

(this organ solo: Favorite Organ Hymns by Hope Publishing Co., 2000)

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: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

P: Praise the Lord!

L: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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

Lindsey Kim

**Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

There will be no Sunday Experience today. Children are invited to stay for the entire service.

Word in Music

Hallelujahs
Tom Engle, solo

by C. Rice

Psalm 135: 1, 3: *Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God. Shout "Hallelujah!" because God's so good, sing anthems to his beautiful name.*

(words and music by Chris Rice, 1995; Clumsy Fly Music)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Exodus 3: 1-15
Luke 1: 26-38

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When God Calls

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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

You Never Let Go

arr. L. Leatherman

Deuteronomy 31:8: *It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear. And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near. And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low. Oh no, You never let go. Lord You never let go of me."

(words and music by M. and B. Redman, 2005; ThankYou Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

arr. L. Larson

Ephesians 3:17b-19 *I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

“And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior’s blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me?”

(words by C. Wesley, 1738; music (*Sagine*) by T. Campbell, 1825; both are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

Prayer

****Hymn** - 31

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

****Benediction**

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

arr. M. Hayes

Matthew 5:16: *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us; set us free by the truth You now bring us, shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.”

(words and music by G. Kendrick, 1987; Make Way Music/Music Services)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing, 1987)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Earlier this 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.

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www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters**

Mission for Maui

In response to the devastating wildfires in Maui, the Mission Committee would like to take up a special collection for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) relief efforts on Maui. PDA is identifying local partners and assessing needs to determine how best to respond to immediate needs for shelter, healthcare, food, and counseling for survivors, among other things. M&LO will match funds raised from the congregation. Donations can be made specifying Maui Relief or online via the church's website.



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@cmppusa.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.

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.

49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

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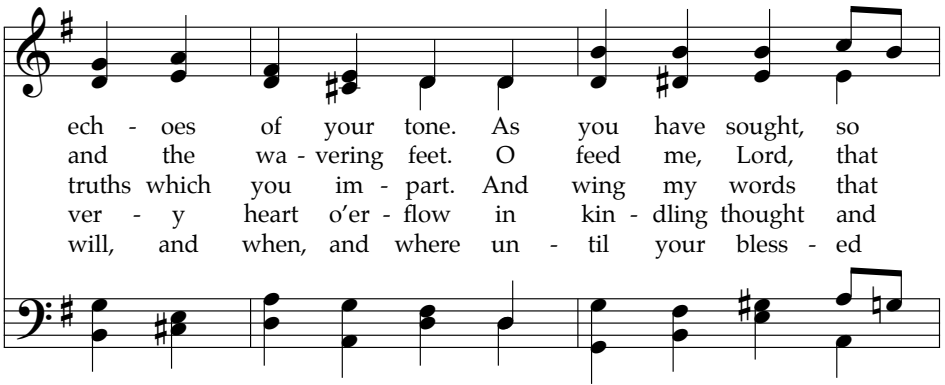
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tómane, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

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.

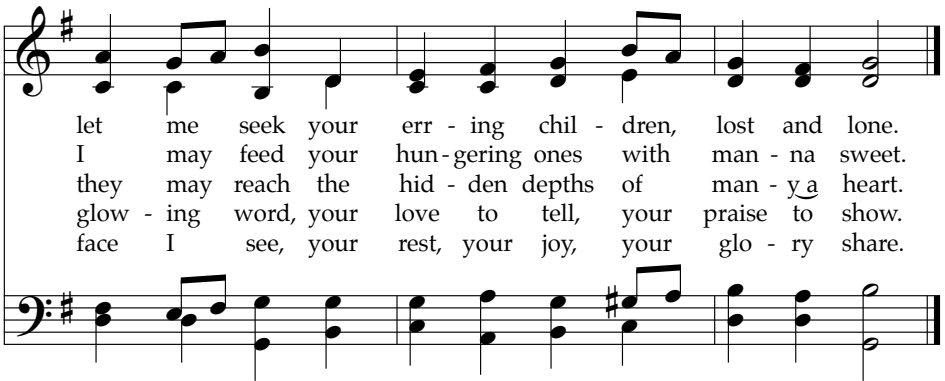
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind 31

(Psalm 136)

1 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the
 2 God, with all - com - mand - ing might, filled the
 3 All things liv - ing God does feed; with full
 4 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the

Lord who is so kind:
 new - made world with light:
 mea - sure, meets their need: for God's mer - cies
 Lord who is so kind:

shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

These few stanzas are among the least florid of the two dozen that make up the rather flamboyant paraphrase of Psalm 136 written by the fifteen-year-old who would become one of the greatest English poets. It is set here to a sprightly tune with Moravian connections.