



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Chanson

by G. Young

Psalm 100: 4: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

(this organ solo: Harold Flammer Publishers, 1962)

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

Allen Exner

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: We come at the invitation of God:

P: Let us respond together to God's invitation.

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: We find our home in you. You provide the rest, comfort and security we need.

L: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past. You sweep them away; they are like a dream.

P: All time is your time, O God. Past, present and future, we belong to you.

L: Let us worship God.

****Hymn – 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

****Call to Confession**

L: The Law, our guide for living, declares, and Jesus, our Redeemer, affirms: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

P: Acknowledging how we fall short of this ideal, let us confess our sin before God.

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart. Nor with all our soul. Nor with all our mind. We hold back from you, O God. We give you some of our heart, but not all of it. We love you with a portion of our mind and soul, but hold back from giving you our all. O Lord our God, we have not loved our neighbor as we love ourselves. At times, we do not even love ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us in the name of Jesus, and fill us with your love.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Hear this good news: Though our sin is great, God's love is greater.

P: The Scriptures declare, Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

L: As we gather here today, be assured: God's love is flowing. I tell you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Alleluia, and Amen!

****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*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

L: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

P: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

L: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

P: You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

L: You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

P: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 34-46

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Two Great Commandments

Rev. Jack Carlson

****Hymn - 203**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
* Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Received*

Offertory*Isn't He*

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 27: 4: *One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

"Isn't He beautiful. Beautiful isn't He. Prince of Peace, Son of God, isn't He. Isn't He wonderful. Wonderful isn't He. Counselor, Almighty God, isn't He, isn't He."
(words and music by J. Kimber, 1979)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music Publishing, 1979; Mercury Vineyard Publishing)

****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 - 707***Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*****Benediction****Postlude***Fanfare*

by G. Young

Matthew 28:20: *I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

(this organ solo: Harold Flammer Publishers, 1962)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome Rev. Jack Carlson!

The Rev. John V. "Jack" Carlson retired from active ministry in the PCUSA in January, 2016. Prior to his retirement, he served for 13 years as Pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church, in Harford County, MD. Before that he served churches in Lockport, NY, and Hyattsville, MD, and was a pastoral counselor for more than 20 years in the Washington DC area. After serving a term as Moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore, in September of 2017 he was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbytery; he retired from that post in 2020. He has published three books: *The Spiritual Dimensions of Self-Esteem*, *The Spiritual Power of Communication*, and *The Disciple's Song*, a poetic rendering of the Gospel of Mark. Jack is married to Lynn McCormick Carlson and has three grown children and six grandchildren. In his retirement, he spends time with his grandchildren, oil painting, travel, and golf.

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.

Mission in Action

In response to the horrific violence against civilians caused by the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has pledged \$2,000 to support relief efforts by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA has approved solidarity grants and is supporting local partners in a wide array of emergency interventions, including medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering psychosocial support to individuals. We invite members of the congregation to join this effort by writing a check or going online to make a contribution. Also, please pray for the safety of hostages, a cease fire, reconciliation, and an end to the violence. Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion for all victims of this conflict.

Summary of the Oct. 16, 2023 Session Meeting

The Session agreed to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Nov. 19 after worship service to vote on the Nominating Committee's slate of 12 officers for the Class of 2026. There are three new candidates for the office of Elder, with three current Elders returning for a second three-year term, and there are six new candidates for the office of Deacon.

In other business:

- The 2024 Stewardship Campaign will kick off Sunday, Oct. 22 with the theme, "Good Stewards of God's Love." A goal of expanding the number of people who pledge to help reach a 10 percent increase in dollars pledged over 2023 was announced.
- The Hunger Task Force that grew out of our Visioning Project was scheduled to meet Oct. 17 to discuss their research on what's available now and how people access aid in order to hone in on how CMPC can best fit into the existing network of services.
- More work on rectifying the ongoing humidity issue in the sanctuary took place Oct. 16 with a "blower door test" to check for air leaks. It was determined that outdoor air infiltration within the light cove area is likely the main culprit. How to best remedy that issue is under study.
- The Session agreed to hold brainstorming sessions on increasing facility usage to further the outreach goals set in our Ministry Expansion Plan, beginning with a committee lunch meeting in conjunction with the Annual Officers' Retreat in mid-January. More details to come.



CPR/AED Training

Howard County Fire and Rescue staff will offer a training on the use of an AED and CPR on Sunday, November 5th, 11:45-1:15 in the Trinity room. Please email office@cmpcusa.org to let us know you will attend.

The Women's Monday Morning Bible Study Group Second and Fourth Mondays 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.



5th Sunday Offering

The 5th Sunday Offering this Sunday is dedicated to Columbia Community Care (CCC) whose mission is to provide food to tens of thousands of vulnerable Howard County residents. The overwhelming growth of CCC food distribution centers (Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Long Reach Village Center, and The Barn in Oakland Mills Village Center) has been a reflection of the demand and need for food for Howard County residents. Beginning as a grassroots volunteer effort in March 2020, CCC has received over \$1 million in donations and grants and received hundreds of thousands in product donations. CCC serves an estimated 150,000 people per year but is unable to keep up with the demand for their services.

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www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters**

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
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tóname, 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.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.