



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**November 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

#### *Give Thanks with Doxology*

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 72: 19: *Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen and Amen.*

"Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, 'We are strong'; let the poor say, 'We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!' Give thanks. Give thanks." (words and music by Henry Smith, 1988)

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore." (by Jimmy Owens, 2003; Integrity's Hosanna! Music, 1978)

(this piano arrangement: Integrity's Hosanna! Music, 1995; admin by EMICMGPublishing.com)

### **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**

John Salkeld

L: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

**P: What did God do to help us?**

L: God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

**P: They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

L: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

#### **\*\*Hymn – 367**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

## **\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you are a God who keeps promises. In our prayers and songs we say that we want to be Christians, but then we forget our promises. Our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you. Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. 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**

*Give Thanks with Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
with Lindsey Kim, flute*

arr. V. Courtney

*Psalm 107: 8-9: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*

*Congregation is invited to sing when cued:*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*(this choral arrangement: Integrity's Hosanna! Music, 2012; admin. at EMICMGPublishing.com)  
(Give Thanks by H. Smith. 1978; Praise God text by N. Weatherhogg, 1988; music is a Genevan Psalter, 1551)*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scriptures**

Joshua 24: 14-25  
Matthew 25: 1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Oil for Our Lamps

Rev. Scott Hoffman

## **\*\*Hymn - 353**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

## **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

*Let All Things Now Living with Now Thank We All Our God*  
Psalm 34: 3: *Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.*

arr. L. Larson

“Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving, to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.”

(words by K. Davis, 1939; music (*Ash Grove*) is a 20th century Welsh folk melody)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices; who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.”

(words by K. Winkworth, 1858; music harmony (*Nun danket alle Gott*) by F. Mendelssohn, 1840; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2014)

## \*\*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 - 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## \*\*Benediction

## Congregational Meeting

## Postlude

*Tocatta*

edited by A. Schreiner

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.*

(this organ solo composed by Eugene Gigout; 19th Century Classics  
Publisher: J. Fisher and Brothers, a division of Belwin Mills, 1963)

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Good Stewards of God's Love

As the Bible teaches us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1Peter 4:10

Thank you to those who have completed their 2024 pledges. With your help, we have reached nearly 68% of our goal. If you have not completed your pledge, its not too late! You may do so online using link below. If you are unable to pledge online, you may print a 2024 pledge card at the same link and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you for being Good Stewards of God's Love and for supporting CMPC's mission!



## Cold Weather Shelter

Next month, CMPC joins with local churches and partner organizations to support the Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) program.

For the past couple of years, the CWS program has kept many families housed and fed in a local hotel during the winter season. We had hoped to host the shelter at CMPC this season but due to scheduling complications Grassroots will again use local hotels to accommodate their guests during our seasonal mission. Grassroots is asking congregations to supply daily meals for approximately 35 guests and to provide volunteers to help Grassroots staff deliver meals to guest rooms.

CMPC continues the tradition of supporting the CWS program this year from Tuesday, December 26th through Tuesday, January 2nd. We will need 3 volunteers each day to serve and others to provide 35 breakfasts, 35 lunches, and 35 dinners for program guests residing at the hotel. Packaging for meals will be available after service on December 17th. If you are interested in volunteering and/or donating meals, please visit the SignUp Genius page below. If you have questions, please contact Todd Stubbs at [todd.stubbs@gmail.com](mailto:todd.stubbs@gmail.com).



Each year, Grassroots helps individuals and families find permanent housing in the area. Let us come together and share a portion of ourselves in support of this transformational ministry.

Many blessings,

CMPC Mission & Local Outreach

## Greening of the Church

All are encouraged to join us on Saturday, December 2nd for our annual tradition of Greening the Church for the Advent and Christmas seasons! We will begin at 9 am and light refreshments will be provided. This is a great activity for all ages!

We are in particular need of "patient" tree trimmers (12 years old and older) for the sanctuary Christmas tree and the foyer tree. These are large trees and are decorated in layers (that's where the patience is needed). Large ladders are involved so we need four people that don't mind climbing plus others who can trim the lower tree layers and hand ornaments to the climbers.

If interested, contact Shelley Clemens, 443-756-2345 or [shelleyclemens57@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyclemens57@gmail.com).



## Fourth Monday Meals - November 27th

Yes, folks, this is the Monday after Thanksgiving! We know it's a busy time, but please consider signing up if you can manage. Since the 4th Monday in December is Christmas Day (and Grassroots is closed), we will not have a December date.



## Cantata

The Christmas cantata, *Darkness into Light*, by Mary McDonald, will be offered during worship on Sunday, December 17th. The composer calls it "A Christmas Musical Journey." In addition to the Trinity Choir, there will be guest musicians and narrators, and the congregation will sing along during two songs in the work. Come and be blessed!

## **Longest Night Service**

Sunday, December 17th, 7:00 pm

"The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.



## **Worship Services on Christmas Eve**

**There will be no morning worship on December 24th.**

### **5:00 Family Friendly**

This service features a favorite tradition at CMPC, the participatory retelling of the Christmas Story, as well as carols and scripture readings. This is a more casual service and though it is appropriate for all ages, children in particular are encouraged to attend.

### **8:30 Traditional**

For our evening service, there will be plenty of carol singing as well as special music from our choir. The service will conclude with the singing of Silent Night by candlelight!

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[www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters](http://www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters)**

## 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

# 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.



## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

## 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

The following people have accepted the nomination to serve as at-large members of the Nominating Committee for 2023:

Liz Perraud, Ashlyn Sowell, Eleanor Orndorff and Shelley Clemens



**The Class of 2026 Elders and Deacons**  
The following members are being brought forth by the Nominating Committee for election as Elders and Deacons.

### ELDER

**Judy Brown** was born in Mechanicsburg, PA and confirmed as a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in 5th grade. She married Terry 53 years ago in his Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg, a choice made due to his special relationship with the pastor. They moved to Columbia in 1978 and joined Columbia Baptist Fellowship where Judy served as a Deacon. About 30 years ago the family became members at CMPC. Their two children, Tara and Aaron, attended Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. They are blessed with 5 grandchildren.

Judy, a registered nurse, retired 7 years ago from Howard County General Hospital where she spent 34 years in nursing and hospital administration including the positions of Chief Nursing Officer and Sr. Vice President responsible for Quality and Patient Safety. She has master's degrees in Administration and in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University.

This will be Judy's second consecutive term as an Elder. In her Elder role, Judy has served as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the last 2 years. She previously was a member of the Fellowship Committee. She participates in the Monday Women's Bible Study Group and Pastor Scott's Tuesday Bible Basics. She helped with Vacation Bible School. Judy has enjoyed her work as an Elder especially getting to know and work with more of the CMPC members. She looks forward to continuing to serve in an active role at CMPC.

**Suzy Crabb** and her family joined Christ Memorial in 1986. Within a few years, Suzy began volunteering in LOGOS, where her daughters were enthusiastic participants. She especially enjoyed mission trips, Montreat Music and Worship trips, and playing in the youth handbell choir. (This last was made possible only with significant help from her daughters and Jennifer Seinfeld!) She also enjoyed many years of volunteering in girl scouts and community theater. In more recent years, she has been a member of the Mission committee, and is happy to see her granddaughters join LOGOS as well.

After working for 37 years in spacecraft operations at Goddard Spaceflight Center and the Space Telescope Science Institute, Suzy is now happily retired!

**Philip Davies** is a lifelong Presbyterian. He and his wife Maha have been members of CMPC since 1994. He previously served as an Elder and has been a faithful member of the Mission Committee for many years. He looks forward to being a sitting Elder again and continuing to build and diversify the mission component of CMPC through encouraging local, national, and global missions in God's kingdom, demonstrating the love of Christ, and increasing awareness about this vital work.

Now retired, Philip has enjoyed a 40-year career in humanitarian relief and development with leading international nonprofit organizations. He held senior management positions in the field and at headquarters with Save the Children and American Near East Refugee Aid, among others.

Philip has a BA in Sociology from Muskingum University and an MA in Anthropology and Near East Studies from the University of Michigan and speaks Arabic and French. He was recently honored by Muskingum as a distinguished alumni for his career in humanitarian service.

**Wes Millard** grew up in a small Congregational Church which he served and volunteered through faithfully until moving to Maryland for college. He is a class of '99 engineering graduate of Johns Hopkins University, and has been working for JHU ever since in spacecraft design as well as teaching and mentoring. Wes and his wife Becky became members of CMPC in 2014 and were married by Pastor Scott in that same year. Their sons William and Robert were born into the CMPC family soon after, and have thoroughly enjoyed communion with members of all ages through the LOGOS program. Besides volunteering in the LOGOS program at CMPC, Wes's experience in home renovation has led to very rewarding volunteer work in the local community with Rebuilding Together, and farther afield.

**Debbie ONeal** grew up in North Carolina and was raised in the Baptist church. Throughout her early years, her family was active in many of the programs in their church. Her participation in these programs helped lay the foundation for her faith. She and her husband, Pat, moved to Columbia in the 1980s. After meeting neighbors who attended CMPC, they attended and then joined the church. Her two daughters, Caroline and Jessica, were baptized at CMPC and grew up attending programs like Sunday School, VBS, and LOGOS. Debbie has served as a teacher in the Sunday School, Sunday Experience, and LOGOS programs. She has also enjoyed working with preschoolers during VBS. Debbie enjoyed a 42 year career in the Baltimore County school system as a department chair and social studies teacher. She retired in 2014 to help take care of her grandchildren. A special joy of retirement was being able to bring her grandchildren to our preschool. Debbie has previously served as a deacon and an elder at CMPC and currently serves as co-chair of Christian Education committee. She is honored to be asked to continue serving as an elder, putting her faith in action.

**Patricia Wilder** was born and raised in Allview Estates, Columbia, MD. Her parents are Dick and Delores McBirney, long-time members of CMPC. Patricia was baptized, and married to Chuck 38 years ago, both by Reverend Salango at CMPC. They are blessed to have two daughters, a son-in-law and two granddaughters (Danielle, Jamie, Ian, Anna and Carly.) Patricia has previously served at CMPC as a Deacon and Elder on the fellowship, nominating, and stewardship committees as well as assisting with the capital campaigns. She looks forward to serving again as elder at CMPC.

## DEACON

**Theresa Akuoko** and her son Kofi joined the CMPC family in 2013. Theresa grew up in Ghana and completed her Bachelors and master's Degrees in Ghana and Edinburgh, Scotland respectively. She is a Program Specialist with the Maryland Department of Health. Theresa has previously served as a Deacon and currently serves on the Fellowship Committee. She also teaches Sunday Experience and volunteered at LOGOS for several years. She is married to Ebenezer Akuoko, and loves reading and travelling. She is looking forward to serving CMPC as a Deacon again.

**Sandi Chapasko** was born and raised in Windber, PA. She was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church there and was an active member until she, Mike and their two daughters moved to Columbia. They were members of another area church for quite a while. Deciding that they wanted a smaller, friendlier church, they came to CMPC. They became members in 2005. Sandi retired in 2014 from teaching preschool to enjoy grandchildren. She is one of the LOGOS teachers for the BUGS. Sandi is a volunteer for VBS and participates in the Women's Bible Study. She is one of the Care Group Coordinators who helped to organize and launch the CMPC Care Group Ministry. She has served as a Deacon before and was on the Christian Ed. Committee and the Membership and Hospitality Committee.

"I am thankful to have been asked to serve as a Deacon. Following and serving my God has become so very important to me and I'm trusting the Lord to guide me all the way."

**Linda Dunn** and her husband, Bob, have been attending CMPC since 2016. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS. Linda and Bob have lived in Allview Estates for 47 years. Through the years Linda was active on the PTA Executive Boards of the AACA, Atholton Elementary School, Oakland Mills Middle and High School. She was Office Manager for the Maryland Psychological Association for 20 years. They have two adult children, and 3 granddaughters. Linda has been a volunteer with LOGOS, attends Bible Basics and the Monday morning Women's Bible Study. She has previously served as a deacon and co-chaired the Membership and Hospitality Committee.

**Chip Garner** and his wife, Markita, are lifelong Marylanders and have been at CMPC for over 25 years. While their two boys, Dustin and Kevin, were growing up and actively involved in CMPC LOGOS, Chip spent many a Wednesday night performing "other LOGOS duties as assigned" depending on the needs of the night. Chip is a Federal retiree and continued to work as an independent consultant for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a project troubleshooter and the senior Federal liaison for the CMS HealthCare.gov systems supporting the Federal and State Exchanges and the Medicaid and CHIP programs. During his career, Chip has served as an Economist, Management Analyst, Systems Analyst, and Information Technology Specialist in a variety of technical and managerial roles. Immediately upon retiring, Chip was recalled to direct and manage the CMS HealthCare.gov operations center rescue team. Chip has a bachelor's degree in Economics and a master's degree in Systems Engineering and has served on the nominating committee the past few years. He is now formally retired, working his "retirement job" at Merriweather Post Pavilion as a member of the event staff supporting all types of concerts. Chip enjoys Science Fiction and Fantasy books, TV shows and movies, and long walks with his wife and two yorkies, Roxie and Leah.

**Amy McMillion** was born and raised in Stony Brook, New York, and was a member of Setauket Presbyterian Church. She attended the State University of New York at Geneseo where she earned a B.A. in psychology, and then the College of William and Mary where she earned her Master's degree in School Psychology. She has been a School Psychologist in HCPSS since 1998 and currently works at Phelps Luck Elementary School. Amy met her husband, Mike, at work and the two were married at First Presbyterian of HoCo in 2005. During the early 2000s, Amy joined FPC and served as an Elder on the Mission Committee. Amy and Mike welcomed their two daughters, Anna and Emily, in 2007 and 2010, respectively. The McMillions initially connected to CMPC through the LOGOS program and Amy officially joined the church in 2022.

In her spare time, Amy enjoys traveling, and being outdoors and active, whether it be skiing, gardening, hiking, or cheering from the sidelines at her daughters' athletic competitions.

Amy's faith journey has been strongly influenced by her mother and late stepfather who modeled the importance of nurturing a relationship with the Lord. She is happy to answer the call to become a Deacon and looks forward to serving Him and the church in this role.

**Mollie Thomas** started attending Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church when she was four, and has been a member of the church since 2022. An avid member of the LOGOS program, she enjoys participating in services through liturgy and music. She is currently a junior at Atholton High School, where she is drum major of the marching band and an active member of many clubs and honor societies, as well as being a founding member of scout troop 75G at CMPC. Outside of church and school, she enjoys reading, skiing, and travelling with her family. She is honoured to be serving as the youth deacon for CMPC.