



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 3, 2023 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Prepare the Royal Highway

arr. W. Held

Isaiah 40: 3-4: *A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."*

"Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near; let every hill and valley a level road appear. Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story: O blest is he that came in God the Father's name!"
(words: F.M. Franzen, 1812, (music (*Bereden Vag For Herran*)), is a 17th century Swedish folk tune; public domain)

(this organ solo: Morningstar Music Publishing, 1997)

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Zordan-Millard Family

Response - 103

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

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: Rejoice in the Lord always.

P: We will say it again: Rejoice!

L: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

P: The Lord is near.

L: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, seduced by the lure of consumer goods, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, in the world. Make us better doorkeepers of our lives, watching for you attentively. Awaken us to your surprising power and glory and peace, so we do not miss how near you are to our very own gates. Be gracious toward us, we pray, until we are gathered, from the ends of earth to the ends of heaven, into your embrace. We pray in the name of Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. 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**

Come and Fill our Hearts

Moment with Children

**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

Advent Jubilate!

by J. Parker/L. Shackley

Mark 1: 1-3: The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, a voice of one calling in the wilderness, prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

(this choral arrangement: Hope Publishing Company, 2005)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Keep Awake

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 102**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offering 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 Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, arr. C. Curry

Habakkuk 2: 20: ... *the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!*

"Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood; Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food."

(words from Liturgy of St. James, 4th century, translated by G. Moultrie, 1864)

(music (*Picardy*) is from a French carol; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2010)

**Doxology - insert

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

O Come, Emmanuel

arr. J. Krug

Isaiah 7: 14: *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.*

"O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel; that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

(words are from Latin prose, pre-9th century; music (*Veni Emmanuel*) was adapted by T. Helmore, 1852; public domain)

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

Prayer

**Hymn - 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

**Benediction

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

arr. D. Paxton

Psalm 24: 7-8: *Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.*

"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here."

(words: G. Weissel, 1642; music (*Truro*): M. Sacra, 1778; public domain)

(this organ solo: from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Lorenz Publishing, 1986)

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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 **89%** 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

Later this 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.



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

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

Women for Women Ornament Exchange

When: Sunday, December 17, 2023

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Where: Clemens' Residence; 9710 Deep Smoke, Columbia, MD.
21046

We're reinstating the annual ornament exchange! Following church, come for a bite to eat, lively conversation, and mimosas! Of course, bring a wrapped ornament and a small bite to share.... It's brunch so anything goes! Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 13, 2023 with a note of what you're bringing so we don't end up with 10 coffee cakes!?. Hope you can join us!! This is for all adult women of the church. Questions? Contact Shelley Clemens at 443-756-2345 or shelleyclemens57@gmail.com.



Angel Tree and Food Drive

Once again, the church will be hosting two holiday giving opportunities. The Angel tree, which will run November 27th through December 15th, is meant to deliver wants and needs to families who may not be able to have gifts during Christmas. This year, ornaments with donation needs will be on the tree in the downstairs lobby way. Please return all donations unwrapped to the church office.

The Food Drive will run December 1st through December 17th, after worship. Most needed items include canned goods (fruits, vegetables, proteins), powdered milk, cereal, condiments, diapers, formula, grains (pasta, bread, rice), and feminine products. Collection bins will be in the narthex, downstairs entry, and outside of the preschool. This year Food Drive items will be sent to Columbia Community Care.

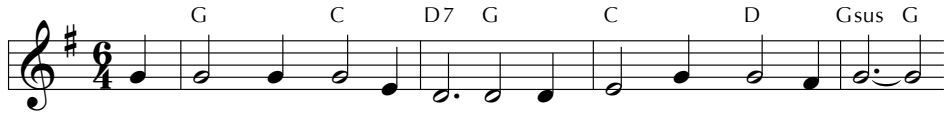
"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none and anyone who has food shall do the same." Luke 3:10. We are called to care for our brothers and sisters and love our neighbors. Have a joyous holiday and happy giving!

FISH babysitting

The LOGOS FISH high school youth will be bringing back babysitting night, Friday, December 15 from 5:30 to 8:30. Whether you have some Christmas shopping or want an adults night out, the FISH youth will be available to watch your children that evening at CMPC. Pizza and snacks will be provided. \$20 per child and the proceeds will be going towards purchasing presents for families this holiday season. More details to follow.



Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3–5 and Psalm 24:7–10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

Come and Fill Our Hearts 466

Confitemini Domino

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature in the key of D major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has four measures with chords D, Bm, D, and A. The second system has five measures with chords Em, C, Em, A, and D. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:

Chords: D, Bm, D, A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.

System 2:

Chords: Em, C, Em, A, D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
night with new - born light. Night can - not this
son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

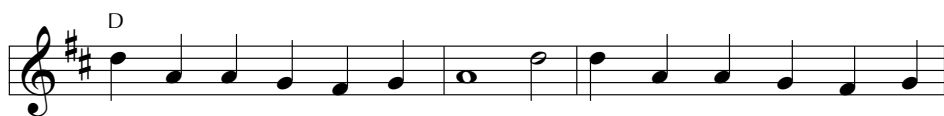
609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



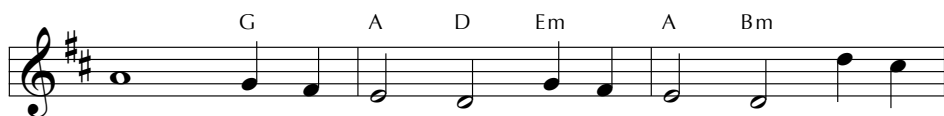
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



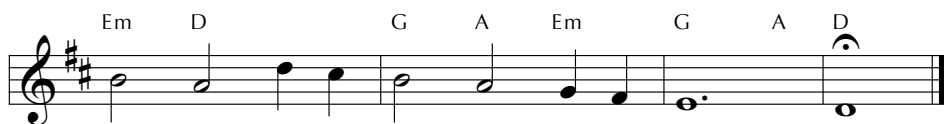
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
 with power and glo - ry, come.
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.