



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Open Our Eyes, Lord with Open My Eyes That I May See
Psalm 119: 18: *Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

arr. C. Tornquist

"Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus."
(words and music by R. Cull, 1976; Maranatha Music/music Services)

"Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my
eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"
(words and music by C. Scott, 1895; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 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**

Liz Perraud

L: From God comes our salvation.

P: For God alone our souls wait in silence.

L: God alone is our rock and salvation.

P: God is our fortress; we shall never be shaken.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. 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 -187**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
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Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

**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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. H. Sorenson

Hebrews 12:1-2: Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(this choral arrangement: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2012; other info shown below in offertory.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Mark 1:14-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fish Catching, Catching Fish

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 170**

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. M. Hyzer

Psalm 26:3: *For Your loving kindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth.*

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

(text is from an Irish poem, translated by M. Bryne 1905)

(music (*Slane*) is from an Irish ballad, harmonized by D. Evans, 1927; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing, 2010)

**Doxology - 711

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

**Hymn - 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

**Benediction

Postlude

Allegro from Sonata No. 1

arr. S. Warren

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.*

(Broadman Press 1972/Van Ness Press, Inc., 1989)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.

Let's Dive into a Friendship with God!

We are excited for Vacation Bible School at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church this summer! Join us as we dive below the surface for an amazing underwater adventure where we will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Mark your calendars for the week of July 8th. Registration will open for CMPC members on Tuesday, January 23rd and the general public on Tuesday, January 30th. To register on those dates please scan the QR code or go to our website (cmpcusa.org/vbs).



To make this a successful week for the kids of Christ Memorial and the community we need volunteers. Please consider participating in this great church event. We need adult leaders and teen leaders (middle school, high school and college). For adult leaders, registration is free for the second child registered. Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal (vbs@cmpcusa.org) if you are interested in helping!

Bingo Night

The LOGOS high school FISH Youth will be hosting a Bingo Night in Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 26, 6:30 to 8:30. The event will be for all ages (adulthood to childhood) and light refreshments will be served. The youth will also be available to entertain those younger children who do not want to play. \$5 for each Bingo card pack. And there will be prizes for the winners! Hope to see you there!



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

New Blog Content

Please check our website to read a post written by Elder and Chair of The Mission and Local Outreach Committee, Philip Davies, who has a unique perspective on the current conflict and humanitarian crisis in Gaza from his many years of work in the Middle East.

2024 Giving Envelopes are Available

If you would like a box of weekly giving envelopes for 2024, please contact Joyce Danzig at joyce.danzig@gmail.com to request a box.

2023 Contribution Statements

The year-end contribution statements will be available for you to download from CMPC Bridge between February 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024. Beginning February 1st, the “2023 Contribution Statement” button will appear on your giving record to allow you to download or print your statement.

As a reminder, you can view your giving history at any time in CMPC Bridge.

If you would prefer to have your 2023 contribution statement mailed or emailed to you in February, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Valentine Mail

Attention all college students and parents-The Care & Wellness committee likes to keep in touch with our college students by sending them a Valentine's card & gift. If you have a student in college, grad school, technical school, or professional school, even if they are living at home, please send their snail mail address to: kcbloom@verizon.net by Sunday, February 4, 2024. Thank you for helping us keep in touch with our college students.



Window on Mission

This update covers September through December 2023.

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed about 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, our hope is these communications will also encourage participation in hands-on mission opportunities. Here is a summary of activity from September to December.

Local Mission. On the fourth Monday of every month, CMPC volunteers provide and serve hot dinners at **Grassroots Day Resource Center** in Laurel 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 is the point person for this mission. Susan.crabb@verizon.net

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/>, **Columbia Community Care** <https://columbiacommunitycare.org/>, **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Home of Our Own Howard**, and **Helping Up Mission** in Baltimore. These programs are consistent with the committee's focus on addressing homelessness in our community and demonstrate the increasing need for a growing number of vulnerable families.

The last week in December, many CMPC volunteers participated in the **Cold Weather Shelter** (CWS) by supplying breakfast, lunch, and dinner to 30 guests at the Extended Stay Motel. Thanks to Todd Stubbs for his leadership again this year and to Grassroots for organizing the CWS.

National Mission. The committee continues 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. It also supported the rebuilding of a fire-damaged house in Mississippi under the auspices of **Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders** and the volunteer work of Peter Berlowitz.

Global Mission. In response to the Israel-Hamas war, the committee made donations to **Ahli Arab Hospital** and to support relief efforts of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to care for communities adversely affected by the crisis. Previously, the committee made a donation to **United Palestine Appeal** for their ongoing humanitarian work in Gaza.

Of course, this would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation for which we are very grateful and appreciative.



NEWS from the CMPC Hunger Task Force

The CMPC Hunger Task Force formed last August 2023 in response to the number one finding of the Ad-Hoc Visioning Committee Report (March 2023): that **CMPC establish a ministry to reduce food insecurity and hunger in the local community.**

Since that time, the CMPC Hunger Task Force has been meeting regularly to educate ourselves on the complex issues surrounding food insecurity in Howard County. We want to keep the congregation informed on our findings, share what we've learned and eventually form an action plan. **Please watch this space** for regular announcements about our progress and to learn with us about food insecurity and hunger.

What is Food Insecurity?

Definition: access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life

This is not achieved by many because of economics and other issues. Many can't afford adequate food and must choose between that and other expenses including

- Housing
- Medical care
- Child care
- Lack of access to transportation

ALICE = Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

The Maryland Food Bank has adopted the ALICE approach to determining a comprehensive understanding of food insecurity. This approach factors in the local costs of food, transportation, housing, health care, and childcare at a bare minimum "survival" level. This shows that **food insecurity occurs among both the employed and the unemployed.**

(Maryland Food Bank: Food Insecurity in MD 7/22)

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sages to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

THE CHURCH

work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king - dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.