



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. C. Tornquist

1 Corinthians 14: 26: *What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.*

"Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around!"

(words: G. Atkins, 1819, (music (*Holy Manna*) is Columbian Harmony, 1825; public domain)

(this piano solo: Word Music, 2007)

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**

Allison Miller

L: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

L: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

L: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

L: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

****Hymn – 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

****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

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 announcements for special instructions*

Ordination and Installation - insert

Word in Music

Fullness of Grace

arr. J. Koerts

John 3: 16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(words and music by K.&K. Getty/S. Townend, 2007; ThankYou Music; admin. at EMICMGPublishing.com)
(this choral arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Company, 2011)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1: 4-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On the First Day

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 484**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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

Chorale Prelude on *To God on High*

arr. R. Powell

Ephesians 3:20-21: *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

(this organ solo: The Sacred Music Press, 1970)
(music is adapted from plainsong, 1539; public domain)

**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.

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

You Are My All in All

arr. M. Hamm

Mark 12: 30: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

"You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name; Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name; Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name."

(words and music by Dennis Jernigan, 1990; Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.)
(this piano solo: Shepherd's Heart Music/Word Music, 1991)
(in a setting of Pachelbel's *Canon in D*, composed in 1690; public domain)

Prayer

**Hymn - 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

**Benediction

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on *St. Magnus*

arr. R. Powell

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.*

(music (*St. Magnus*): Jeremiah Clark, 1709; public domain)

(this organ solo: The Sacred Music Press, 1970)

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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.

Star Words

In 2020, we began a new tradition at CMPC of receiving star words for Epiphany. Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas and the visit of the Magi recorded in Matthew 2:1-12. The wise men followed a bright heavenly body (usually represented by a star) and traveled great distances to offer their gifts to the newborn Christ-child. The Magi received God's gift, and then offered their gifts to God. We are also seeking Jesus, trusting that God uses many signs (or stars) to guide us closer to the Divine presence.

In addition to during the Children's Message today, we are handing out star words after worship January 7 and 14. Place your star where you will see it daily and reflect on the word for the coming year. You are invited to ponder the significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through that simple message. A word that seems unclear at the beginning may gain new meaning as the year goes on.



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

Summary of the Dec. 18, 2023 Session Meeting

The Session agreed to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Feb. 4 after worship to present the 2024 budget and to hold a vote on the 2024 Pastor's Terms of Call.

In other business:

- Elders continued their discussion on finding creative ways to grow the church's revenue – including ideas for non-contribution revenue -- without impacting programming related to the ministry expansion ideals that define CMPC.
- More details will be coming soon regarding the committee lunch meeting to be held in conjunction with the Annual Officers' Retreat set for Jan. 27-28.

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.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Sentences of Scripture

L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them

P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished

P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it

Profession of Faith

L: Trusting in the Gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

P: I will, with God's help

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions of the Congregation

L: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

P: We do.

L: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

P: We do.

484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
 2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
 3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
 of the love of God, is the sign of death and
 He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
 ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
 knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

By connecting the water in the font with the waters of creation, the parted waters through which the Israelites were set free, and the rivers that sustain life everywhere, this hymn reminds us that baptism incorporates us into God's creative, redemptive, and sustaining activity.

BAPTISM

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "BAPTISM". It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

24 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (F#m)
 F Dm Gm Dm Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) (G) (Bm) (A) (Bm) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Dm C Dm C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 B^b Am B^b C F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) (Bm7) (G) (Em7) (G) (F#m7)
 F Dm7 B^b Gm7 B^b Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

The crux of this text comes in the second stanza: if we dare to claim God-given abilities, we need also to show God-like compassion for the human needs that confront us daily. The earthy shape note tune provides a further reminder that we must not lose our heads in the clouds.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

(G) (Em7) (A) (D) (Bm) (A)
 B^b Gm7 C F Dm C

powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 Gm7 Am B^b C F

at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.