



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**February 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

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

### Prelude

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

arr. M. McDonald

Hebrews 12: 2: *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

"Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river."

(words: F. Crosby, 1869; music (*Near the Cross*) W. Doane, 1869: public domain)

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

### 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

Tom Engle

L: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**P: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

L: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**P: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

L: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**P: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

L: Let us worship God!

#### \*\*Hymn – 408

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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

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

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

*\*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**

*Near the Cross with The Power of the Cross*

arr. J. Raney

*Galatians 2: 20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.  
The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

(from the musical *We Remember Calvary*, by J. Raney 2011; Hope Publishing)

(this choral arrangement: ThankYou Music, 2011)  
(citing for both songs is in info for prelude and offertory music)

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scriptures**

Psalm 25:1–10  
Mark 1: 9-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Wilderness and Angels

Rev. Scott Hoffman

## **\*\*Hymn - 166**

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

## 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

### *The Power of the Cross with Lift High the Cross*

arr. C. Tornquist

Galatians 6: 14: *May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

"Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath.

We stand forgiven at the cross."

(words and music by K. Getty/S.Townend, 2005; ThankYou Music)

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name."

(words: G.W. Kitchin, 1887; music (*Crucifer*): S.H. Newbolt, 1916; public domain)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music; admin. by CapitolCMG.com., 2005)

## \*\*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 - 618

### *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

## \*\*Benediction

## Postlude

### *There Is a Fountain*

arr. N. Williams

Zechariah 13: 1: *A fountain will be opened to cleanse them from sin.*

"There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains. And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains."

(words: W. Cooper, 1771; music (*Cleansing Fountain*) is an Early American melody; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2020)

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 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. Please scan the QR code or go to our website ([cmpcusa.org/vbs](http://cmpcusa.org/vbs)). **Preschool has spots open!! K-5 is on a wait list.**



# Volunteers needed!

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](mailto:vbs@cmpcusa.org)) if you are interested in helping!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com) to request a box.

## 2023 Contribution Statements

The year-end contribution statements are now available for you to download from CMPC Bridge until April 30, 2024. The "2023 Contribution Statement" button should now 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](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com).

Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:  
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### **NEWS from the CMPC Hunger Task Force**

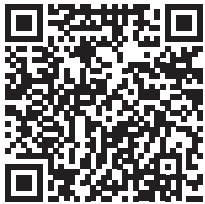
Did you know about the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition? Their director was a guest at our meeting on 2/6/24. We learned about local food resources, including an amazing new online Food Connections Map, which you can view at <https://www.hclhic.org/foodmap>. The map shows that there are few resources in western Howard County, parts of Ellicott City and Elkrigde. We have also learned about a number of barriers to accessing these resources, including forms and paperwork necessary to qualify for the food banks, language differences, literacy deficits, transportation issues, and access to information in formats that are readily available to clients who may not have regular opportunities for internet connectivity. In addition, the days and times that food banks are open vary widely.



### **Grassroots Day Resource Center Meals**

The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has received a call to serve from our partners at Grassroots Crisis Intervention. On the 4th Monday of each month we would like to offer dinners to those present at the Day Resource Center in Jessup. This is a rewarding volunteer opportunity!

On February 26th, we need volunteers to bake casseroles, provide fruits and vegetables and serve the meal. If you are able to help, please sign up below. Thank you for donating your time! Sign up below.



### **Troop 75 Mulch Fundraiser**

If you would like mulch for your garden this spring, please consider supporting our scouts!

Order by March 1st for delivery March 15-16, 2024. Click the link below. For questions, contact Ms. Chris Lambert at (301) 938-4441 or [troop75mulchsales@gmail.com](mailto:troop75mulchsales@gmail.com)



## 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
 know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

## Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

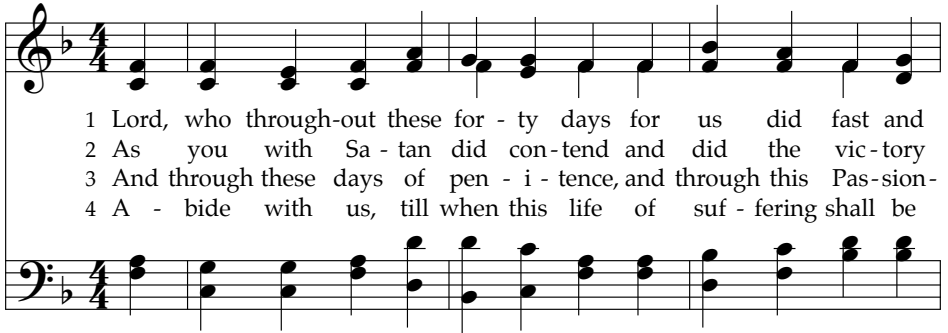
with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

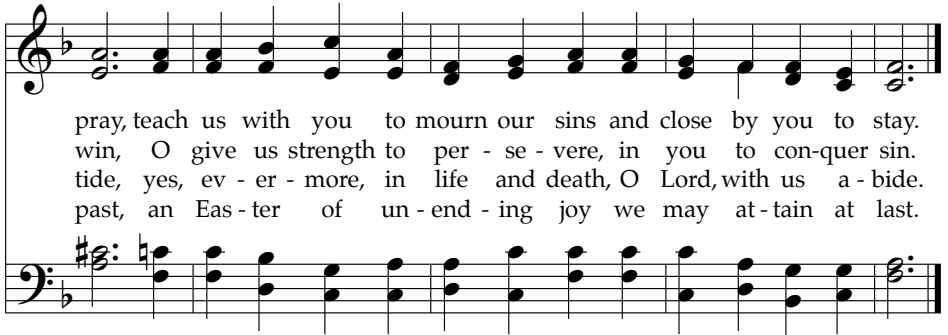
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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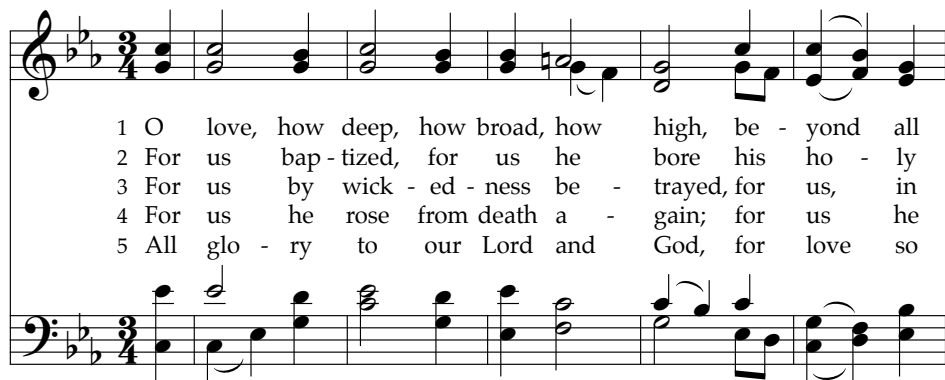
1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory  
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -  
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



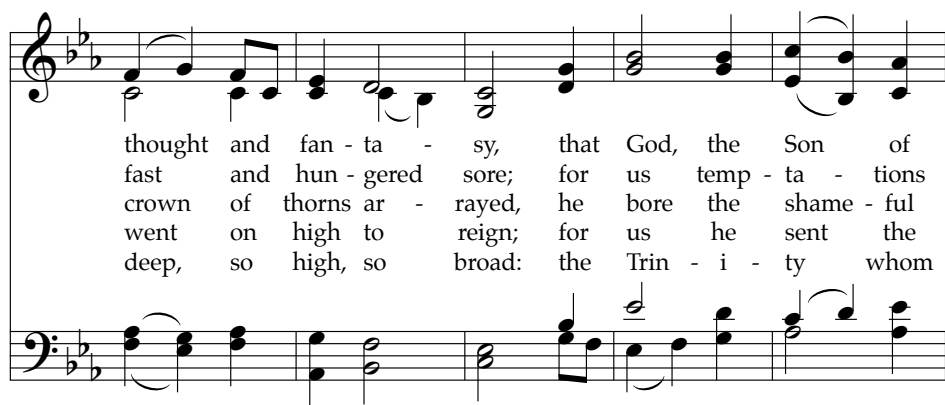
pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.  
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

# 618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in  
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the  
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.