

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude Standing on the Promises

arr. M. Hayes

Hebrews 10: 23: Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

"Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God."

(words and music: Russell K. Kelso, 1886; public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2008)

Introit Surely the Presence of the Lord

Wes Millard

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: The Spirit gathers us to worship God

P: and builds us up in faith, hope, and love

L: so that we may go into the world to proclaim the gospel

P: and work for justice and peace.

L: Let us worship God together.

**Hymn - insert

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us sung to tune of What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for service in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 -288

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Graduate Celebration

Reception of Additional 2024 Confirmand

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 announcements for instructions.

Word in Music

A Mighty Wind Blows Over the Land

by M. Beall/J. Carter

John 3: 8: The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

(this anthem: Word Music, 2012)

Prayer for Illumination

Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn** - 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit/I'm Gonna Sing (when the Spirit says sing)
Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

arr. J. Bennett

"Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. All around me, it looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all was mine. Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray." (song is an African-American spiritual, dating back to before 1861)

"I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing, I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray, I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout, and obey the Spirit of the Lord." (song is a traditional African-American spiritual; public domain)

(this piano solo: John T. Benson Publishing Co., 1995)

**Doxology - 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

****Hymn** - 286

Breathe On Me. Breath of God

**Benediction

Postlude

Song of Praise

edited by C. Cooman

Psalm 95: 1-2: Sing joyful songs to the Lord! Praise the mighty rock where we are safe. Worship him with thankful hearts and songs of praise.

(this organ solo composed by J. Mansfield, 1988; Lorenz Publishing Co., 2020)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome!

Dr. John Schmidt was most recently the Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore Presbytery, and served there for 17 years. Before that, he and his wife, Debbie, were PCUSA missionaries to Japan for 10 years, serving as evangelistic missionaries with the United Church of Christ in Japan. He is now retired and living in Towson. He currently serves as a Trustee of Baltimore Presbytery, and as a church leader coach.

Pastoral Transition

For an update on the pastoral transition, the Personnel Committee will continue with pulpit supply through the summer. This will allow us to focus our attention on finding an interim pastor knowing that the availability to hire transitional pastors during the summer is limited due to travel or other responsibilities. We are confident that our faith will lead us through this process and appreciate the assistance from those pastors who have preached and those who will preach for us. Please trust in the church leadership as we will always prioritize the best interests of CMPC throughout this process.



VBS Help Needed

- If you are unable to help the week of the event but would like to creatively support VBS, we are looking for people that would be willing to serve on a VBS Decorating Committee headed by Cordelia Lamb. Cordelia will supply crafting projects that include cutting, gluing and prepping from home for the big VBS week. If you are able to service in this way please email Laura Jean Graybeal (vbs@cmpcusa.org).
- If you are able to donate supplies, please shop our Amazon link below!



Invite a Friend to Church!

Did You Know....CMPC has "Invite a Friend to Church" cards? They are intended to provide all the information a possible visitor might need to check out CMPC; including our mission, address, how to contact us in person or online! My favorite part is the picture of our church and our invitation to visit.

These cards are available at the new welcome center, in the narthex and at the church office. Please take one and use them to invite a friend to CMPC! We know that Jesus will show us opportunities that will grow his kingdom.

CMPC Annual Musical Treats & Sweets: Times They are a Changin'

Sunday evening, June 9 (6-8:00pm) will be our annual "Musical Treats & Sweets," a wonderful evening of musical performances, silent auction, and free treats. This is a fundraiser to benefit the GenOn Youth Summit attendance (for our community and a community in-need). The theme this year is "Times They are a Changin". If you would like to perform, contact Lindsey Kim (lindseyathorne@yahoo.com) (she can help you with an accompanist if needed). If you have a sweet treat or specialty item for the auction, contact Tom and Meg Engle (dpgroove@hotmail.com) or something for the snack table contact Debbie O'Neal (oneal04@aol.com). If you have a hosted event for the auction, contact Ashlyn Sowell (ashlynsowell@yahoo.com).

Fellowship Events

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the following activities!

6/2 – Fellowship Hour

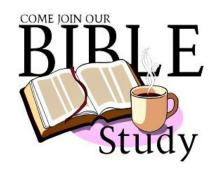
6/16 – Father's Day chocolate bars passed out to fathers in attendance

6/23 - Kona Ice Truck for Fellowship Hour

Online Bible Study

Let's discuss Jesus' parables Monday nights on Zoom. Beginning June 3rd, we will use the 'Shared Inquiry Method' to examine the parables. What was Jesus saying to the people of His time and what is He saying to us today?

Contact Kathy Koch for questions and to obtain the zoom link (kathrynkoch79@gmail.com).



Grassroots Fourth Monday Meal

This month's fourth Monday falls on Memorial Day. However, hunger doesn't take a vacation and Grassroots would still like us to provide a meal. If you are able to donate food or spend time serving, please sign up below. Thank you!





Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power; give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way; still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.

Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.

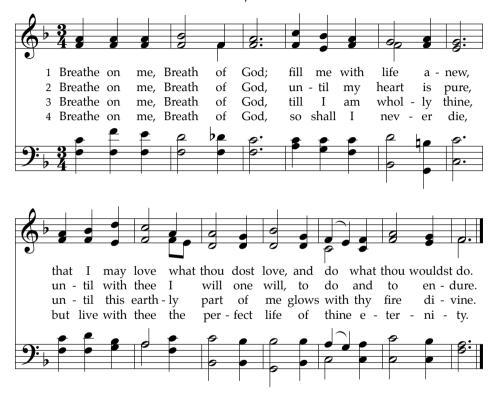
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!

We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.



Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!

Haley Barham graduated early from The Pennsylvania State University in December 2023 with a degree in Hospitality Management and two minors in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Management, and Sociology.

While at Penn State, Haley was a member of Eta Sigma Delta, the International Hospitality Honor Society, Vice President of the College of Health and Human Development Ambassadors, and a Facilitator for World and Conversation. Haley sang in 3 choirs, Essence of Joy, Oreana Women's Choir, and University Choir. She was also a member of the Penn State Club Swim Team.

She is currently working for Marriott International as a Room Operations Voyager at the Westin Washington, DC-Downtown.



Kelly Cardea is graduating from Good Counsel High School on May 23rd. She was on the Good Counsel Field Hockey Team all four years and was also involved in the dance program. Kelly will be going to Penn State this August. Currently, she is interested in pursuing a career in medicine – possibly a Physician's Assistant or Nursing.



Emma Miller graduated from McDaniel College on May 18th with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She had a double major in Art and Communications and participated in the Honors Program. Emma played on the women's lacrosse team for all four years, receiving all-conference honors each year. In her senior season, she made history by becoming the all-time leader in draw controls at McDaniel and in the Centennial Conference. She also finished her career in the top ten in goals and points scored at McDaniel. After completing an internship with the McDaniel Communications and Marketing Department as well as working with the Athletic Communications office, she hopes to pursue a position that combines her love of graphic design and sports.



Kyra Stewart started working with younger children when she volunteered for VBS at CMPC while in middle school. This week she graduated from Salisbury University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary English Education. We are very proud to announce that she will be teaching High School English in Dorchester County MD, starting in August of 2024.

