



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Canon in D

arr. L. Smith

Hebrews 4:16: *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

(composed by Johann Pachelbel, 1680; public domain)
(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1983)

Welcome and Announcements

Wes Millard

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; **P: People**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

L: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

P: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

L: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

P: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

P: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

****Hymn – 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel....
(Congregation pause to hear the Good News of the Gospel)

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

****Response -774**

There is Now a New Creation v. 5

There is now a new creation
Through the grace of Jesus Christ
Sing, with thanks and adoration
To the God of endless life!

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

Give Him Glory

by M. McDonald

Romans 11:36: *For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory.
All glory to him forever! Amen.*

(words and music by Mary McDonald, 2011; Lorenz Publishing Co.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn -816***If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee***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*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 87:3: *Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.*

"Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes."

(words: J. Newton, 1775; music (*Austrian Hymn*): F.J. Haydn, 1797; public domain)
(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co. 2008)

****Doxology***Great God of Every Blessing, v. 1*(sung to the tune *Help Us Accept Each Other*)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely we offer you our heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, with the Lord's Prayer****Hymn -687***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*****Benediction****Postlude***Day of Joy*

by F. Ritter

Nehemiah 8:10b: *The joy of the Lord is your strength.*

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., unknown date)

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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.

Work of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun its work of discerning which members of CMPC God is calling to serve as Elders and Deacons, starting January 2025 for 3 year terms. Perhaps it is you! Now and in the weeks ahead, the committee will be reaching out to members asking them (you) to consider service on the session or diaconate. Please prayerfully consider if this is something to which you feel called or if there is someone you think God might be preparing to serve. These are exciting times at CMPC and we need willing and faithful leaders to guide us in and through them. Thank you in advance for prayerfully and seriously considering the call to serve. If not you, then who! If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Nominating Committee chair Judy Brown at jbrown10632@gmail.com.

Food Drive

CMPC's CARE Group program will once again be collecting items for the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry. The pantry currently serves between 70 and 80 families and is supported primarily through donations. The next distribution date is October 30, 2024. We will be collecting ONLY the following items:

Boxed cereal
Boxed pasta
Rice
Baby wipes
Diapers

Please ensure that donated goods are sealed and have not expired.

Collection bins will be placed downstairs, inside the door from the parking lot, and upstairs in the narthex, outside of the sanctuary. Donations will be accepted October 6th-October 27th. Items will be delivered to OMHS that following week. Thank you in advance for your support!

Attention all parents of college age students

The Care & Wellness Committee likes to keep in touch with our college age students by sending them a Halloween card with a gift enclosed. If you have a student in community college, college, university, grade school, or trade school, even if they are living at home, please send their name and current address to Kris Bloom. kcbloom@verizon.net by Sunday, October 19th. We hope to reach out to all our students. Thank you!

Mission Plea

Hurricane Helene was the strongest hurricane to strike Florida, Tennessee, the Carolinas, and Georgia and the deadliest in the country since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Damages are estimated to be in the billions of dollars. There have been more than 170 deaths. In the wake of the catastrophic storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities affected. The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has committed funds to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) that is in communication with all affected presbyteries to coordinate resources and respond accordingly as damage is assessed.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to support this effort by either donating on-line or using envelopes in the pew during worship. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the clean-up and recovery, please contact Pete Berlowitz (pberlowitz@verizon.net). Finally, please pray for all those affected by this terrible natural disaster.

Stewardship

God has continued to bless CMPC and we are asking for your continued support of our ministry by making a pledge to the 2025 Annual Stewardship fund by October 27th. This year, we are asking you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider rolling over and adding what you have graciously given in the prior capital campaign to your Annual Stewardship pledge. To make a pledge, scan the code or fill out a paper pledge card and place it in the Offering plate. **No login is required to complete your pledge online!**



On November 3rd, we invite you all to celebrate our accomplishments at our Stewardship luncheon immediately following Worship.

New Security

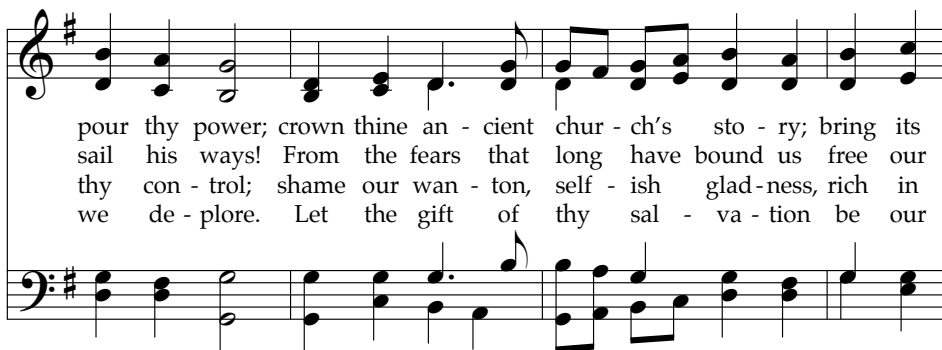
Following a discussion with the Membership & Hospitality Committee regarding security measures, the Session will implement a new security procedure beginning Sunday, October 6: The lower level parking lot doors will be secured at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Those arriving for worship after that time will use the Shaker Drive entrance to the church.

Thank you ~ The Session of CMPC

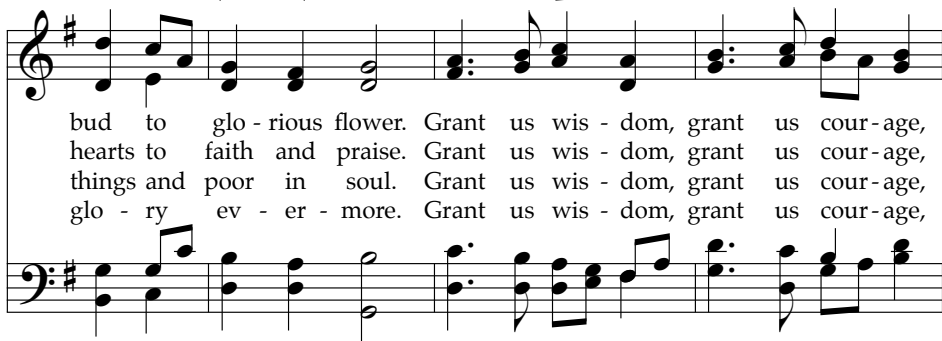
307 God of Grace and God of Glory



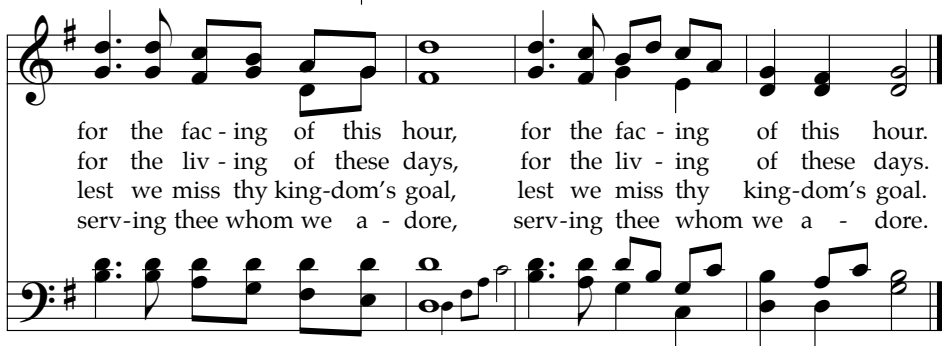
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

774 There Is Now a New Creation



- 1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.