



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***February 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*He Is Exalted*

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 97: 9: *For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.*

"He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him. He is exalted forever exalted, and I will praise His Name. He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high."

(words and music by T. Paris, 1985; Jubilee Communications, Inc., Mountain Spring Music)

(this piano solo: Word Music, 1998)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **GATHERING**

### **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

- 1: There is always good to do.  
2: There is always need of mercy.  
1: There is always more to learn.  
2: There is always risk when God's truth meets the ways of the world.  
**All: Jesus has called us and sent us to bear his light into the world.**  
Let us come in the power of the Spirit, to be refreshed and prepared for his work.

### **Hymn- 682**

*It is Good to Sing Your Praises (Psalm 92)*

### **Call to Confession, with moments of Silence for Reflection and Personal Prayer**

## Common Prayer of Confession

Creator God, the first day humans experienced in Creation was a day of rest,  
and from that joy of being within your created order we are meant to grow.

**We confess we have turned that around,**

**as if we are the creator who worked first and rested at the end,  
as if we must earn our rest, and mostly we don't.**

We miss out on the blessing of growing from gift and joy,  
instead making everything about being right, following rules, earning our way.

**We admit that we are also prone to casual, even absent-minded, lives —**

**just going through our everyday tasks without much thought,  
only rarely pondering how to better orient toward you in between Sundays.**

And so we confess that we're defensive about "sabbath rest." Back and forth we go---  
between calling it outdated and aching for respite from endless work;  
between judging those who take "time off" and longing for it ourselves;  
between naming our service "spiritual work" and dreaming of refreshing mountaintop moments.

**Forgive us, loving God.**

**Forgive us for distorting your story and then trying to fit our lives to it.**

**Show us once again your more excellent way;**

**heal us, to reflect your image more clearly into a world longing for grace.**

**We ask in the name of the One who is Lord of the Sabbath,**

**Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

L: .....God's children at Christ Memorial, hear 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 in song - 443**

*There Is a Redeemer, v. 1*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.

## WORD

### Moment with Children

Wes Millard

*\*Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

*There will be no Sunday Experience this week. Children are invited to stay for the service.*

### Word in Music

*There Is None Like You with I Love You, Lord*

arr. J. Purifoy

1 Chronicles 17:20: *There is no one like you, Lord, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.*

(words and music for *There Is None* by L. LeBlanc, 1991; for *I Love You* by L. Klein, 1976)

(this choral arrangement: Integrity's Hosanna Music, 2006)

### Prayer for Illumination

## Gospel Reading Luke 6:1-16, CEB

One Sabbath, as Jesus was going through the wheat fields, his disciples were picking the heads of wheat, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them. <sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees said, "Why are you breaking the Sabbath law?"

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, "Haven't you read what David and his companions did when they were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He broke the Law by going into God's house and eating the bread of the presence, which only the priests can eat. He also gave some of the bread to his companions." <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "The Human One is Lord of the Sabbath."

<sup>6</sup>On another Sabbath, Jesus entered a synagogue to teach. A man was there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The legal experts and the Pharisees were watching him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. They were looking for a reason to bring charges against him. <sup>8</sup>Jesus knew their thoughts, so he said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." He got up and stood there. <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to the legal experts and Pharisees, "Here's a question for you: Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>Looking around at them all, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did and his hand was made healthy. <sup>11</sup>They were furious and began talking with each other about what to do to Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>During that time, Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night long. <sup>13</sup>At daybreak, he called together his disciples. He chose twelve of them whom he called apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter; his brother Andrew; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; <sup>15</sup>Matthew; Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called a zealot; <sup>16</sup>Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Janna VanderWoude**

**Response in song** - 824      *There is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of God)*

## THANKSGIVING/EUCHARIST

### 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

*Lord, Be Glorified*

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 86:12: *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*

"In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
In my son, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my song, Lord, be glorified today.  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.  
In our home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our home, Lord, be glorified today."  
(words and music: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978; The Lorenz Corporation)

(this piano solo: Word Music, 1998)

### \*\*Doxology - 63

*The Lord Is God*

1 The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God,  
the source of truth and light.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Invitation to the Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Holy God, creator of the universe, with joy we praise you and give your thanks....Therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

**And also with you**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

### #552 Holy, Holy, Holy

We praise you, most Holy God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus....offering ourselves to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

### #553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine....All thanks and praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Communion--Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Please hold the bread, and then the cup, until all have been served. The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.)

### Communion Music

*Mighty to Save and Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

arr. J. Bennett

Luke 19:10: *For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.*

"Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing, Let mercy fall on me. Ev'ryone needs Forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations. Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave. Shine your light and, let the whole world see, we're singing, for the glory of the risen King; Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King."

(words and music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding, Hillsong Music Publishing, Australia, 2006)

"Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh."

(words and music: Joseph Hart, 1759; public domain)

(this piano solo: Hillsong Publishing. 2006)

## Thanksgiving Prayers of The People

### SENDING

Hymn -523, v. 2, 4, 5

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

### \*\*Benediction

### Postlude

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

arr. L. Watson

Colossians 2:6-7: *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

"O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong."

(words: W. Gladden, 1879; music (*Maryton*): H.P. Smith, 1874; public domain)

(this piano solo: Augsburg Fortress, 2000)

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Fellowship

The CMPC Chili & Soup Potluck will be taking place February 23rd immediately following the worship service. Please RSVP via the QR code by February 19th if you are able to attend and/or make soup or chili! We will need plenty to make this event a success! **IMPORTANT:** Please bring a nonperishable item with you. These will be donated to support CMPC's mission to support food insecurity in Howard County. Thank you!



### Annual Report

The 2024 Annual Report is available on the CMPC website under church documents.

### **Valentine's Day**

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](mailto:kcbloom@verizon.net) by TODAY, Sunday, February 9, 2025. Thank you for helping us keep in touch with our college students.

### **Parking for worship**

We are blessed with a HUGE parking lot in back as well as an elevator for those who prefer a "lift." Please be kind to those who could use the boost of a spot in front: Visitors, latecomers, those with difficulty walking long distances. If you are able to use the back lot, please do so. "Change your hearts and lives"--- and your parking spot. Thankyou!

### **Bible Basics**

Bible Basics is starting the new year with a study of Acts. All are welcome on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in classroom 3.



### **Monday Morning Women's Bible Study**

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study will be meeting the second and fourth Mondays at 9:30 am in the Trinity Room. Come and join us in fellowship to start the New Year.

### **2024 Contribution Statements**

Thank you for your generous and continued financial support for the work of our congregation last year. The year-end contribution statements will be available for you to download from CMPC Bridge between February 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025. Beginning February 1st, the "2024 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 2024 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).

## VBS

Join CMPC for Vacation Bible School in 2025 as we head to the True North and learn about trusting Jesus in the wild! VBS will return to CMPC the week of July 7-11 with registration for incoming preschool through 5th grade students opening up on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 for church members and January 29, 2025 for the general public.



## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

CMPC members, the Fieldsend family, have rented Fellowship Hall to hold a pancake breakfast on March 22nd. Funds raised will be used to take their baseball team to Cooperstown. The Fieldsends appreciate your support.



## FISH Bingo

FISH will be hosting their second annual Bingo Night on Saturday 2/15 from 6-8. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$10 for 10 games. The money raised will help offset FISH activities this year. Each winner will receive a prize. If you would like to sponsor a prize, please give or send money to Sarah Trodden. (Venmo: Sarah-Trodden; PayPal: trodden87@gmail.com). All ages are welcome!

## It Is Good to Sing Your Praises 682

(Psalm 92)

1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most  
 2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have  
 3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell-ing

High, show-ing forth your lov - ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the  
 wrought; you have made my life vic-to - rious; great your works and deep your  
 place, fruit - ed trees and ev - er ver - dant, nour-ish-ed by your bound-less

sky. It is good when night is fall - ing of your faith - ful - ness to tell,  
 thought. You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;  
 grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;

while with sweet, me - lo-dious prais-es songs of ad - o - ra-tion swell.  
 all your en - e - mies shall per - ish, sin be ban-ish-ed from your sight.  
 God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

Psalm 92, paraphrased here, is the only psalm that the Bible assigns to a specific day: the Sabbath. This may be because of the mention of "works" in stanza two, recalling that, after six days of creation, God rested on the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3), when the faithful do the same.



## There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
 2 There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
 3 There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.  
 a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.  
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*

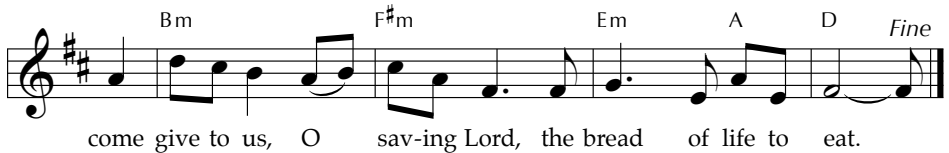
O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us, who wait be - fore thee, near to the heart of God.

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 523

Refrain



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,



that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Submitted together, this text and tune were chosen from about two hundred entries to be the official hymn for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held at Philadelphia in 1976. At the center of its many biblical images, the third stanza draws on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17.