



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**January 19, 2025 10:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*Temper My Spirit, Lord*

by J. Untermyer/G. Conant

Romans 12:11: *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

"Temper my spirit, O Lord, keep it long in the fire; make it one with the flame, let it share that upreaching desire. Grasp it, thyself, O my God; swing it straighter and higher! Temper my Spirit, O Lord, Temper my spirit, O Lord."

(words: J.S. Untermyer, 1921; music: (Agni) G.W Conant, 1927; public domain)

(this piano solo: The Viking Press, publication date not available)

### **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**

One: Listen! In Christ, God speaks.

**All: In our hearing, may the word be fulfilled.**

One: Listen! God's voice goes out to the world.

**All: The word calls us in and sends us out.**

One: Listen! But don't just listen.

**All: As we pay attention to the Word, may we also live into the Word.**

### **Hymn- 386, v.1, 4**

*Come, Worship God*

Bob Clemens

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

## Common Prayer of Confession

You are a God on a mission, always going out to the world,  
sending your liberating and healing grace to those most in need.

We have confused our belonging to you, thinking instead that you belong to us.

**We confess we want more of your attention.**

Though of course we resist admitting it out loud,

**We admit we'd like some influence and control over how you use your power.**

Too often we've given in to the temptation to conform to expectations,

**Holy God, we admit we think you should do that too — specifically, our expectations.**

For our efforts at persuading you to look after us first, misunderstanding who and what your power is for--

**Forgive us, O God.**

For our insistence that care for others must come after own comfort has been tended— **Forgive us, O God.**

For those times we're perfectly willing to give, but only from what's left over—**Forgive us, O God.**

**As you move away from the centers of power and privilege and ease, take us with you on the journey.**

**Set us free to serve those who most need your upside-down kingdom,**

**so that we may embody Good News.**

**In the name of Christ whom we would follow,**

**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 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

Chad Board

*\*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

*You Are Here*

by T. Emerson

Psalm 3:3: *But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.*

(this choral arrangement: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2007)

### Prayer for Illumination

## Psalm 146, CEB

Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being[a] praise the Lord!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord with all my life;  
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> Don't trust leaders;  
don't trust any human beings—  
there's no saving help with them!

<sup>4</sup> Their breath leaves them,  
then they go back to the ground.  
On that very same day, their plans die too.

<sup>5</sup> The person whose help is the God of Jacob—  
the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—  
is truly happy!

<sup>6</sup> God: the maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
God: who is faithful forever,

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to people who are oppressed,  
who gives bread to people who are starving!

The Lord: who frees prisoners.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord: who makes the blind see.  
The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.  
The Lord: who loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord: who protects immigrants,  
who helps orphans and widows,  
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

<sup>10</sup> The Lord will rule forever!  
Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the Lord!

## Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-30, CEB

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.*

*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed,*

<sup>19</sup> *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

<sup>20</sup> He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

<sup>22</sup> Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?" <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. <sup>29</sup> They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Janna VanderWoude**

**Response in song - 772**

*Live Into Hope*

## **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**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

arr. J. Lucas

*Ephesians 1:18: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.*

"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you; to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy." Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you."

(words and music: Paul Baloche. 1997)

(this piano solo: Integrity's Hosanna Music, 2003)

### **\*\*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.

## SENDING

Hymn -749

*Come, Live in the Light!*

### \*\*Benediction

#### Postlude

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

arr. A.K. Organ

Psalm 97:1a: *The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!*

"Sent forth by God's blessing Our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling place leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The word of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite  
us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call."

(words: O. Westendorf, 1964; music (*The Ash Grove*) is a 20th century Welsh folk tune)

(this piano solo: Augsburg Fortress Press, 2000)

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 26. Those responsible for submitting Committee reports for the Annual report should email them by Sunday, January 12 to [office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org).

## 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!

## Fourth Monday Meals

Please sign up to cook and/or serve on January 27th.



## 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.

## Mission

In response to the devastating fires in Los Angeles, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee will make a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support relief efforts in affected presbyteries. Members of the congregation are invited to join by donating online or using envelopes in the pews. Thank you for your compassion and generosity as witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities impacted by this terrible emergency.

## 386

## Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;  
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;  
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;  
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!  
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.  
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion  
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;  
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.  
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.  
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!  
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

## 772

## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.



## 749 Come! Live in the Light!

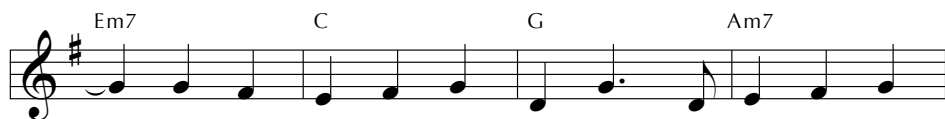
## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"