



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision

arr. M. Hayes

Hebrews 12:1-2: *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

"Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus."
(words and music by R. Cull, 1976; Maranatha Music/music Services)

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
(text is from an Irish poem, translated by M. Bryne 1905)
(music (*Slane*) is from an Irish ballad, harmonized by D. Evans, 1927; public domain)

(this piano solo: Marantha Music/Word Music, 2002)

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

Tom Engle

One: Come into the presence of the Holy One!

All: But--We are only human, imperfect and unsure of ourselves!

One: Come, and do not be afraid.

All: We are only human, easily paralyzed by fear or by awe.

One: Come--- just as you are!

All: We are only human, but since Christ calls, we will follow.

Hymn- 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

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

Common Prayer of Confession

You enter our everyday lives, Lord Jesus: the places where we know what to do, what to expect.
We are happy to meet you in the midst of life, though we'd prefer to do so on our terms.
We long for the clarity of your voice, for a miracle that would make everything obvious,
But maybe not in a way that alters our own plans and preferences--
We'd like miracles to happen on our terms, when we most feel the need for them.

We confess we expect no miracles in our regular day-to-day.

We know our work, our tasks, our lives: We just get on with what we do.

Would you do something we know is impossible, God?
If you did, how would we even respond?

**We admit that it would be tempting to celebrate and enjoy the change,
to keep that windfall and experience for ourselves.**

Yet you indeed do the impossible:

With your revealed power comes your revealed purposes for us.

Forgive us for wanting one without the other.

Forgive us for not even looking for your hand in our work.

Forgive us for our continued desire for control.

**Give us the courage to receive your blessing that strains imagination,
and to orient our lives to your wonder. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Beloved children of God, 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

Sarah Trodden

**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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. A. Parker

Psalm 26:3: *For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth.*

(words and music by S.H. Scott, 1865; public domain)
(this choral arrangement: Hinshaw Music, Inc. , 1976)

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 90:13-17, Modern English Version

¹³ Return, O LORD: How long?

Have mercy on Your servants.

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the early morning with Your mercy,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days that You have afflicted us,
and the years that we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let Your work be displayed to Your servants
and Your glory to their children.

¹⁷ Let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands among us;
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11, Common English Bible

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. ² Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore.

Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

⁶ So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. ⁷ They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" ⁹ Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. ¹⁰ James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." ¹¹ As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Because you Say So

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Response in song - 751

From the Nets of Our Labor
We Will Rise up and Follow

Service of Installation for Deacons and Elders Previously Ordained
(see insert)

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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. P. Keveren

Proverbs 3:5: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.*

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, 'Thus saith the Lord.' Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!"
(words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music (*Trust in Jesus*): William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882; public domain)

**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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

SENDING

Hymn -726, V. 1,5

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

**Benediction

Postlude

Open My Eyes

arr. T. Osman

Psalms 119:18: *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

"Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine! Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere. Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

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(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2019)

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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 link 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!



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 by 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.

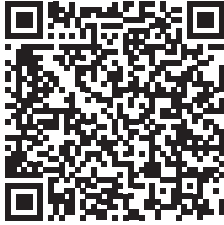
If you would prefer to have your 2024 contribution statement mailed or emailed to you in February, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

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.

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.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

751 From the Nets of Our Labor

We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/ Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.



Service of Installation

for those Called to Ministry
As Deacons and Elders

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SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

Pastor Janna and Clerk Janene Holzberg

Those previously ordained who are being installed to active service:

Deacons

**Bob Clemens
Shelley Clemens
Kathryn Koch
Steve Pettit
John Fieldsend***

Elders

**Susan Ashman*
Craig Nienhuis***

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (by all)**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, saying together the words of the Apostle's Creed: (*Words may be found on p. 35 of the Hymnal*) **I believe....**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS to THOSE BEING INSTALLED TO OFFICE

_____ in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.....show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life
seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ,
love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity,
and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For Deacons

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern,
and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need,
and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For Ruling Elders

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people,
providing for their worship, nurture, and service?
Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church,
and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For The Congregation

Clerk of Session Janene Holzberg

Do we, the members of the church, accept (names) as *deacons and ruling elders*,
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for *them*, to encourage *them*,
to respect *their* decisions, and to follow as *they* guide us,
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION TO ORDAINED MINISTRY

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Pastor Janna

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

Clerk of Session Janene Holzberg

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder Jeff Bloom

Charge to the Newly Installed

^{7b} Be self-controlled and clearheaded so you can pray. ⁸ Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins. ⁹ Open your homes to each other without complaining. ¹⁰ And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. ¹¹ Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God's word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen."

1 Peter 4:7b-11

Charge to the Congregation

"Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. ¹³ Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always. ²³ Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. ²⁴ The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this."

I Thessalonians 5:12-16, 23-24

**At worship in the near future,
following their education and examination by the Session,
others elected by the congregation
will be ordained and installed to service:**

Deacons
Emma Gallagher
Licia Gliptis

Elders
Sally Berlowitz
Glenn DelFavero