



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *Duke Street*

arr. R.J. Powell, Jr.

Luke 1:32a: *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.*

“Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall wax
and wane no more. To him shall
endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his
head; his name, like sweet
perfume, shall rise with every
morning sacrifice.”

(words: I. Watts, 1719; music: J. Hatton, 1793; public domain)
(this organ solo: The Sacred Music Press, 1970)

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

Sue Ashman

L: Praise the Lord, people who've come looking for our God!

A: We joyfully proclaim Christ our Lord is here!

L: The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

A: The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us.

Hymn- 18

Hallelujah, Sing Praise to God your Creator v. 1, 3

Call to Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

Living Word, you call us to be rooted in your Way,
to prioritize You, for You are our God and there is none before You.

**We confess, O God, that we have many interests other than your way,
and we often put those interests first.**

And then we become undone.

We allow our anxiety to close down our minds and hearts;
we cannot see how to put the pieces together to understand what you are doing.

We search and we worry and we try to figure it out:

Then you remind us that only one thing is needed.

**Forgive us when we forget the story you call us to live.
Forgive us when we look in all the wrong places.
Forgive us when we do not want to bring ourselves into the light of your word,
for fear of what we might see.
Amaze us today with your grace,
astound us with your understanding,
and lead us home to treasure the truth of your love.
We ask in the name of the One who shows us what it means
to be about your business, Jesus the Christ. 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

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.*

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Grade Students (see insert)

Word in Music

If We Will Seek the Lord!

by N. Price/D. Besig

Isaiah 55:6: *Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.*

(words and music by Nancy Price and Don Besig, 1986)
(this choral arrangement: GlorySound, 1986)

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52, CEB

⁴¹ Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. ⁴⁴ Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends.

⁴⁵ When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

⁴⁹ Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they didn't understand what he said to them.

⁵¹ Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. ⁵² Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Hymn of Response—737

Lord Jesus, You Shall be my Song

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

Chorale Prelude on *To God on High*

arr. R.J. Powell

1 Corinthians 15:57: *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"To God on high be thanks and praise for mercy ceasing never; whereby no foe a hand can raise,
nor harm can reach us ever. With joy to Him our hearts ascend, the source of peace that knows no end,
a peace that none can sever."*

(adapted from Plain Song, 1539; public domain)

(this organ solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1969)

****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.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth.....therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

#552 Holy, Holy, Holy

In sending Christ, the light of the world, you revealed your glory to all the nations...giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise, and proclaiming the mystery of faith:

#553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...as this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.....all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

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

Sanctuary Prayer

by E. Lewis

Psalm 23: 1-3, 6: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1999)

Prayers of The People

SENDING

Hymn -377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, v. 1, 2

**Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

by G. Young

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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!"

(words: C. Wesley, 1776; music (*Darwall's 148th*) C. Darwall, 1770; public domain)

(this organ solo: The Sacred Press, 1970)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

De-Greening

The "De-Greening" of the Sanctuary and church will happen this coming Friday, 1/10 and Saturday, 1/11. Thanks to those who helped to decorate the church for our Christmas and Christmastide celebrations--now we can use your help, again! What? You couldn't help us decorate at the beginning of Advent? Now's your chance to help move us into what comes next in our shared church life!

Holy Cow Survey

Last Sunday we sent out close to 200 emails with links to the CAT--the Congregational Assessment Tool from Holy Cow Consulting. Surveys were sent to all members and regular participants at Christ Memorial who were identified as "able" and "involved." We are aware that some households share a single email address, either between partners or for age 16+ youth--and we are happy to send additional links if you furnish us another address: The survey link should not be forwarded. Please send any additional link requests to office@cmpecusa.org with an additional email address.

A limited number of paper copies are also available and can be turned in to the church office for manual entry.

Many thanks to those who've already completed the Holy Cow survey--we appreciate you helping to MOOOOve things along here at Christ Memorial!

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@cmpecusa.org.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Cold Weather Shelter, food preparers & servers! We know it was a challenge preparing food for such a large group, and navigating the additional restrictions for serving. Your help has been much appreciated!

Bible Basics

Bible Basics will start a study of the book of Acts on Jan 7 at 11 am.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church
Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
January 5, 2025

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELDER

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee,
the Session and Pastor of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church,
I present to you these Bibles....

As third graders, you are old enough to read these words on your own,
to study them, pray with them, and ask questions about them.

Quentin Cogswell Catherine Curran Thomas Jones
Eileen Fieldsend William Millard

PASTOR

You do not only read these words on your own.
You also come to God's Word in a church, as part of a community.

CONGREGATION

**We hope that as you read the Bible,
you will bring not only your faith
but also your questions and your doubts to Christ Memorial Church.
We pray to be a loving, supporting, listening community
for learning about loving God and loving people.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

PASTOR

As you read the Word in the family of God,
you also read it as part of your earthly family.

PARENTS

**We promise to read these words with you,
to listen to your questions,
to share our ideas,
and be honest about our doubts.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

Distribute Bibles to each student, calling them by name as the Bible is presented.

PASTOR

Receive the Word of God, the good news about God and God's people.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God, and followers of Jesus together.

STUDENTS

**We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.
With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be curious when we read,
we will listen with openness,
and we will trust you with our questions.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

PRAYER

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"Boy Jesus in the Temple"
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Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

DECEMBER

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.— Isaiah 9:6



The month of December is filled with the wonder of Christmas at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. Our children have the opportunity to learn about the birth of Jesus through lessons, songs and crafts. We also created special ornaments and gifts for our families in each classroom.



Our children learned many wonderful traditional Christmas carols, including *Go Tell It On the Mountain* and *Away in a Manger*. At the end of the month we invited all the preschool families to join us for a celebration of Baby Jesus' birth. The children sang songs and shared the Nativity story with their families.

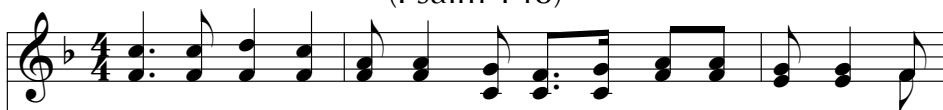
We finished the special event by enjoying a lovely reception of treats made by preschool families in Fellowship Hall. It was a wonderful day of fellowship between the teachers, children, and preschool families.

Happy New Year from the Teachers of Christ Memorial!



18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

(Psalm 148)



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
 2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
 3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
 wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
 heights let prais - es re-sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
 all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
 strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (O)
 sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
 found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)



This recent paraphrase of Psalm 148 expands our awareness of the breadth of God's creation by being set to a traditional Indonesian melody that has become the basis for one of the most widely known worship songs from Asia. It needs to be sung joyfully and at a lively tempo.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are centered between the two staves. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and a supporting bass line.

God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line is written in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in a bass clef. The lyrics are: "light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The music consists of two staves. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement. The vocal line is a simple melody with some rests.

737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,



Originally created in French, this text reflects the ministry of a Roman Catholic religious community, the Little Sisters of Jesus, who work with people on the margins of society. This hymn is also beloved by the Ark (*L'Arche*) communities who minister to adults with disabilities.

Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

FRENCH

- 1 *Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route;
 Jésus, je voudrais t'annoncer à mes voisins partout,
 car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'amour:
 Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route.*
- 2 *Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route;
 Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,
 et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel;
 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.*
- 3 *Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route;
 Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,
 car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;
 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.*
- 4 *Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route
 entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,
 jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,
 Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.*