



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Scout Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. L Larson

Isaiah 33:17: Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar.

"Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the son!

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor; thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor; praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!"

(words (from 1677) are anonymous, translated from German by J. Seiss in 1850)

(music is a Silesian folk melody from 1847; both are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2007)

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

Mollie Thomas

Jesus calls us into community, restoring us to relationship.

However isolated we may feel, however complicated things might seem,

Everyone matters — to God and to others.

There is no one above Jesus' attention,

There is no one beneath Jesus' compassion.

Come to encounter the One whose presence brings abundant life for all.

Let us worship together.

Hymn- 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

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

Common Prayer of Confession

You are good, O God, and your mercy is from generation to generation.

**You call us to love our neighbor,
and we confess that we are happy to love them in the abstract.**

In the moment, though, we feel compassion but rarely act on it.

**We confess we think about it but don't do it, we come up with reasons why we can't reach out,
why they're not worthy,
why their faith — or our faith — is not strong enough,
why our small action wouldn't be important in the big picture anyway.**

And so we pray for your mercy,
but mostly we skip our opportunities to be your hands and heart.

**Forgive us, O God,
for the times we talk ourselves out of our impulse to compassion.**

**Forgive us for letting the perfect be the enemy of the good,
and end up doing nothing rather than something.**

Forgive us for abandoning the work you give us to do in the world.

**Open our hearts and hands to extend your love,
not only in our thoughts and words and prayers but our deeds as well,
to all whom you call our neighbor.**

**We ask in the name of the One who reached out in compassion
bringing life and wholeness and hope, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: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

**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

Fairest Lord Jesus (You Are Beautiful to me)

arr. H. Sorenson

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.*

(see citing for Fairest Lord Jesus in offertory info; words and music for *You Are Beautiful to Me* by Heather Sorenson)

(this choral arrangement: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2013)

Prayer for Illumination

Brian Grogan

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 119: 105-107

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp before my feet
and a light for my journey.

¹⁰⁶I have sworn, and I fully mean it:
I will keep your righteous rules.

¹⁰⁷I have been suffering so much—
LORD, make me live again according to your promise!

Gospel: Luke 7:1-17, CEB

Mollie Thomas

After Jesus finished presenting all his words among the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion had a servant who was very important to him, but the servant was ill and about to die. ³When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Jesus to ask him to come and heal his servant. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they earnestly pleaded with Jesus. "He deserves to have you do this for him," they said. ⁵"He loves our people and he built our synagogue for us."

⁶Jesus went with them. He had almost reached the house when the centurion sent friends to say to Jesus, "Lord, don't be bothered. I don't deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷In fact, I didn't even consider myself worthy to come to you. Just say the word and my servant will be healed. ⁸I'm also a man appointed under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and the servant does it."

⁹When Jesus heard these words, he was impressed with the centurion. He turned to the crowd following him and said, "I tell you, even in Israel I haven't found faith like this." ¹⁰When the centurion's friends returned to his house, they found the servant restored to health.

¹¹A little later Jesus went to a city called Nain. His disciples and a great crowd traveled with him. ¹²As he approached the city gate, a dead man was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³When he saw her, the Lord had compassion for her and said, "Don't cry." ¹⁴He stepped forward and touched the stretcher on which the dead man was being carried. Those carrying him stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, get up." ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

¹⁶Awestruck, everyone praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." ¹⁷This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding region.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Proper Use of Authority

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Response in song - 789

Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come
Saranam, Saranam

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus .

arr. arr. V. Labenske

Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear; all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer! Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

(words: J. Scriven, 1855; music (Converse): C. Converse, 1868; public domain)

(this piano arrangement: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., 2007)

**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 with the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn -767

Together We Serve

**Benediction

Postlude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. D. Krieger

Isaiah 40: 11: He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

"Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours. We are yours, in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock, from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray."

(words by D. Thrupp, 1836; music (Bradbury) by W. Bradbury, 1859; public domain)

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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.

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.

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!

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

789 Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come

Refrain

Saranam, saranam

Je - sus, Sav - ior, Lord, now to you I come. Sa - ra -
You're my rock, my ref - uge, my heaven - ly home. Sa - ra -

Fine

1 From the earth wher-ev-er I may be,
nam, sa-ra-nam, sa-ra-nam. 2 In your heart give me a hid-ing place,
3 Then with joy to you my vows I'll pay,

out of des - per - a - tion and through ag - o - ny, I cry in
and be - neath your wings let me find shel-tering grace; O let me
and give thanks for all your mer - cy ev - ery day. I'll hum - bly

to Refrain

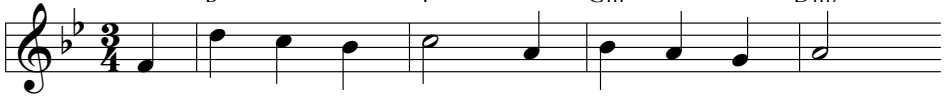
help-less-ness: O an - swer me. Sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam.
see the sun - shine of your face. Sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam.
fol - low in your per - fect way. Sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam, sa - ra - nam.

Claimed by both Pakistanis and Indians, this is one of the most popular South Asian hymns. The text represents a Christian adaptation of Psalm 61, and the psalm's theme is reinforced by the mantra-like repetition of the word "saranam," meaning "I take refuge" or "surrender."

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B \flat F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E \flat B \flat Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B \flat F E \flat Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B \flat E \flat B \flat Cm F7 B \flat



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.