



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**February 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Order of Worship

**i indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Spirit Song

by J. Wimber

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

"Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love; let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy; lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. Oh give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain; and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs."

(words and music by John Wimber, 1979; Mercy/Vineyard Publishing; admin. by Integrity Music)
(this piano solo: United Methodist Publishing House)

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

Wes Millard

- 1: Come with your faith and your hope
2: Come with your questions and your doubts
1: Come with your wondering and your certainty
2: Come with your expectations and your open mind
All: Come, let us see what Jesus is doing, and may God's good news live in us.

Hymn- 470

There is a Longing in our Hearts, O Lord

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

Common Prayer of Confession

Living God, you came among us as Jesus, your Word made flesh,
and even today you are among us as Holy Spirit, breath of life.
We are so grateful for your presence, your Love that underpins all things.

We admit we have expectations of how you will act:

**we have plans for you,
a box you need to stay in,
a system we think we understand.**

We confess we want you to follow our ways,

and to explain yourself to us when you go off in some other direction.

For writing your job description with such restrictions attached to it: **Forgive us.**

For expecting you'll stay within our expectations: **Forgive us.**

For our narrow vision, our attention to desires that miss your point entirely,
our disagreements over what you're about, while we ignore what you call us to do:

Forgive us.

For our focus on ourselves, missing the good news you bring

to those on whom we suspect you waste your grace, in your mercy: **Forgive us.**

Set us free from our need to figure everything out before we allow you to act,

**and give us the vision to recognize your kingdom at work
even in ways we do not understand.**

We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, your Word made flesh; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Children of God (assurances are given).....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.*

Word in Music

Raise Your Hands

by Heather Sorenson

Psalm 63:4: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

(this choral arrangement: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2011)

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

L: ⁵The person whose help is the God of Jacob—
the person whose hope rests on the LORD their God—is truly happy!

L: ⁶God:

P: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

L: God:

**P: who is faithful forever, ⁷who gives justice to people who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people who are starving!**

L: The LORD: **P: who frees prisoners.**

The LORD: **who makes the blind see.**

The LORD: **who straightens up those who are bent low.**

The LORD: **who loves the righteous.**

The LORD: **who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!**

**All: ¹⁰The LORD will rule forever!
Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise the LORD!**

Gospel: Luke 7:16-35, CEB

Wes Millard

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.

¹⁸John’s disciples informed him about all these things. John called two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord. They were to ask him, “Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for someone else?”

²⁰When they reached Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you. He asks, ‘Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for someone else?’”

²¹Right then, Jesus healed many of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he gave sight to a number of blind people. ²²Then he replied to John’s disciples, “Go, report to John what you have seen and heard. *Those who were blind are able to see. Those who were crippled now walk. People with skin diseases are cleansed. Those who were deaf now hear. Those who were dead are raised up. And good news is preached to the poor.*” ²³Happy is anyone who doesn’t stumble along the way because of me.”

²⁴After John’s messengers were gone, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John. “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A stalk blowing in the wind? ²⁵What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in refined clothes? Look, those who dress in fashionable clothes and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷He is the one of whom it’s written: *Look, I’m sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.*” ²⁸I tell you that no greater human being has ever been born than John. Yet whoever is least in God’s kingdom is greater than he.” ²⁹Everyone who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged God’s justice because they had been baptized by John. ³⁰But the Pharisees and legal experts rejected God’s will for themselves because they hadn’t been baptized by John.

³¹“To what will I compare the people of this generation?” Jesus asked. “What are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace calling out to each other, ‘We played the flute for you and you didn’t dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn’t cry.’ ³³John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ ³⁵But wisdom is proved to be right by all her descendants.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

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*I Need Thee Every Hour with Lord, I Need You*

arr. V. Labenske

Isaiah 40: 31: *But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

"I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee."
(words: A. Hawk, 1872; music (*Need*) R. Lowry, 1872; public domain)

"Lord I come, I confess; bowing here I find my rest. And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my Heart. Lord I need You, oh I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You; my one defense my righteousness; Oh God how I need You."

(by C. Nockels/D. Carson/J. Reeves/K. Stanfill/M. Maher, 2011)

(SixSteps Music; Sweater Weather Music; Thankyou Music; Valley Of Songs Music)

(this piano solo, WorshipTogether. Com. Sic Steps Music; 2011)

****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 -543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (O Christ, Surround Me)*****Benediction****Postlude***Lead On, O King Eternal*

arr. V. Labenske

Timothy 1:17: *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

"Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears; for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest, lead on, O God of might!"

(words: E. Shurtleff, 1888; music (Lancashire): H. Smart, 1835; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2012)

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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.

Who's Who In The Pews?

Karen Hawker And Janene Holzberg

Karen and Janene began attending Christ Memorial in 1961 with their parents, the late Mildred and John D. Zacharias, and their older sister, Kathleen. The next year their brother, the late John C. Zacharias, came along. Born two years apart in New Kensington, Pa., they became CMPC members in the mid-1960s when youth joined at age 10.

They each have served as a deacon and an elder over the years. Karen has sung in the choir for more than 40 years, which she calls a blessing, and is now on two committees. Janene is currently an Elder for the second time and is completing her 10th year as Clerk of Session.

Growing up in CMPC, Karen fondly remembers painting a large mural of a peace sign hand on a wall of the high school classroom when she was a teen. Janene has vivid memories of our founding pastor, the Rev. James Salango, breaking into song during sermons and what a tremendous force he was.

Karen is retired from NSA, where she worked as a reverse engineering contractor for 37 years, and lives with her husband Jeff in Glenwood. She gardens and works in her home art studio, and has a grandson and a granddaughter.

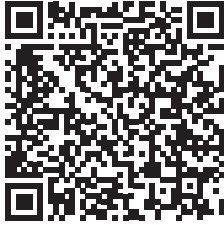
Janene is a retired journalist, most recently writing for The Baltimore Sun for 15 years before the pandemic forced layoffs four years ago. She lives in Ellicott City where she's still a news junkie and enjoys trying new recipes. She has one grandson.

They both plan to continue to serve the church in various ways and feel blessed that their parents joined Christ Memorial more than 60 years ago. And yes, Janene is older than Karen ... by a hair under 22 months to be exact. ;^)



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.



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.

Fellowship Hour

Starting this Sunday, February 16th, Fellowship Hour will be held every Sunday. If for some reason we are not able to host it, we will make sure to communicate that via welcome and announcements prior to worship as necessary.

Monday Night Bible Study

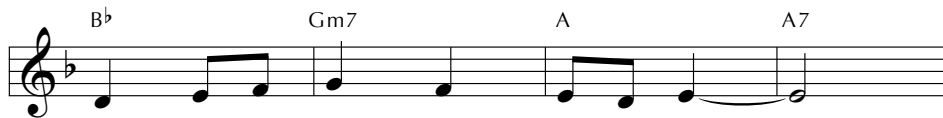
The Monday Night Zoom Bible Study Class is beginning a 10 week study on the Love of God as found in the Psalms. If you are interested, contact Kathy Koch for the Zoom link. (KathrynKoch79@gmail.com)

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for



you to re - veal your - self to us.



There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

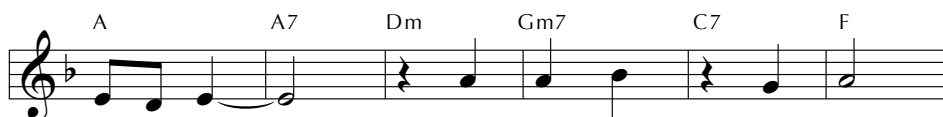


on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
 2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
 3 For heal - ing, for whole-ness, for new life:
 4 Lord save us, take pit - y, Light in our



hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
 hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
 hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
 dark - ness. We call you; we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

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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.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

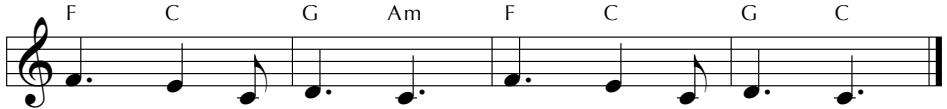
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.