



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**March 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**

## Order of Worship

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

### Prelude

*Here I Am to Worship (Light of the World)*

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 63:2: *So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory.*

"Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see; beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You. Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me. King of all days, oh so highly exalted; glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. Chorus. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. Chorus."

(words and music by T. Hughes, 2000; Thank You Music)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2001; admin. by EMI CMG Publishing)

### 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

Allison Miller

One: Come away and look — turn your attention

**All: past the chaos and noise that weighs us down.  
We are here for a glimpse of the Holy, shining.**

One: Come in and look — turn your attention

**All: past the overwhelm and competition.  
We're here to see the people Jesus has put right in front of us.**

One: Come to worship and look —

**All: to be amazed and encouraged.**

**We're here for a change of perspective.**

Hymn- 673

*Jesus, Light of Joy*

**Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer**

### **Common Prayer of Confession**

You overwhelm our senses, O God, with light and love,  
with power and glory, with vision and truth.  
We so often see dimly---clouded, dreamlike and uncertain--  
weighed down and slow to recognize and respond.

We heard you tell us who you were, and we heard you tell us who we are:

**We confess we haven't decided if we believe both truths yet or not.**

You have given us enormous power:

**We confess we have believed, instead, that we can't do anything  
about the giant problems of the world.**

**We say we are too small, and they are too much for us.**

When we have allowed evil spirits to flourish  
because we were too afraid to confront them—**Forgive us.**

When we have simply waited for you to intervene  
because we weren't sure what to say and so we said nothing-- **Forgive us.**

When we have looked away and pretended not to see,  
because we couldn't fix everything at once—**Forgive us.**

When the world has looked to us to reveal your presence, power, and purpose,  
and we retreated to our comfort zones instead—**Forgive us.**

**Fill us once again with your Spirit,  
and send us out empowered to bear your healing presence  
to this world so hungry for good news.**

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

L:..... Children of God, receive the Good News  
(*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.*

(words and music by Pepper Choplin, 2006)  
(this choral arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2006)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures:** Luke 9:28-45, New International Version (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not."

<sup>41</sup> "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."<sup>42</sup> Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup> "Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." <sup>45</sup> But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

L: A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

**Response in song** - 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ, Be our Light)*

**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

### *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

arr. D. Bish

Psalm 86:12: *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*

"My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

(words: W. Featherstone, 1862; music (*Gordon*): A. Gordon, 1876; public domain)

(this organ solo: Fred Bock Music Co., 1980)

## \*\*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.

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Holy and Healing God. You reveal yourself... so we pray again for help, and we join our voices with all those in heaven and earth who praise you for your goodness, singing:

Hymnal 552--

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
- 2 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Though we do not understand the mystery of your grace, and our attempts to explain what we have seen always fall short....Make us once again into your Body....living out your mission and purpose in this world you so love. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** - hymnal, page 35

## Breaking of the Bread, and Communion

**Music**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 51:10: *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.”

(words and music: John Carter, 1997; Hope Publishing Co.)

(this piano solo: Word Music, Inc., 1990)

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Hymn -192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Recessional in G*

arr. W. Buszin

1 Thessalonians 5:23: *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(music by John Stanley, 1700's; public domain)

(this organ solo: Concordia Publishing House, 1952)

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 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 is open for all.

## Fellowship Hour

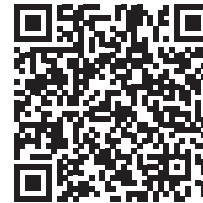
Join us every Sunday for Fellowship Hour. If for some reason we are not able to host it, we will make sure to communicate that via welcome and announcements prior to worship as necessary.

## 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)

## News From The Fellowship Committee.....

A special thanks to everyone who attended the soup potluck last Sunday! It was a huge success thanks to you! Plus, a special shout out to all our soup makers...everything was delicious! Thank you so much for your generous donations of time and soup! We had a couple of soups that were stand-outs and inquiring cooks want the recipes! Recipes are available on the blog.



## The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 9:30 am in the Trinity Room where the "Sermon on the Mount" is the four week subject of the lessons. Materials will be given in the class. Come join us.

## Care and Wellness Committee in partnership with Fellowship Committee present: "Caring for the Caregiver"

Nothing is more important than the loving dedication of a caregiver to a parent, spouse, family member, or friend. Frequently, this 24-hour care is given with little or no support from others. At some point in each of our lives, we will be faced with "being a caregiver" or "supporting a caregiver." Gilchrist Ambassadors will facilitate a one hour discussion on how to be a quality caregiver, handling the stress surrounding the job, setting realistic goals and the importance of staying connected...even caregivers can live every moment to the fullest! This discussion is not to be missed! Please plan to attend and invite your friends who may benefit from this information.

Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall

Light luncheon will be provided at 11:30.

RSVP to the CMPC office by Sunday, March 30, 2025...office@cmpcusa.org or call 410-997-8011.

## 673

## Jesus, Light of Joy

1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did  
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning  
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,  
 has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,  
 God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,

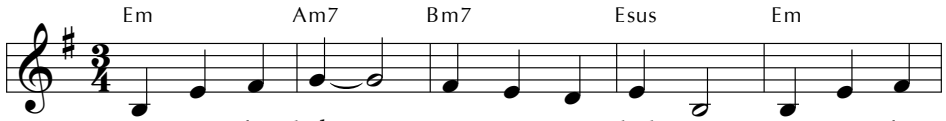
heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.  
 al - le - lu - ia, God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.  
 al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

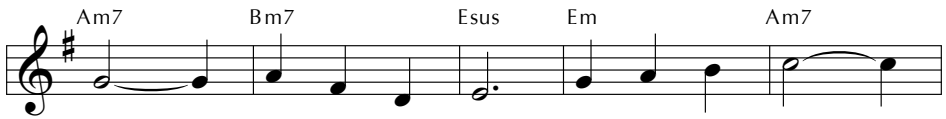
The images of light in this text are drawn from the ancient Christian vesper hymn *Phos hilaron*, which dates from at least the 3rd century. (For other versions, see nos. 671 and 672.) That rather brief original hymn is augmented here in the third stanza by language based on the *Sanctus*.

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



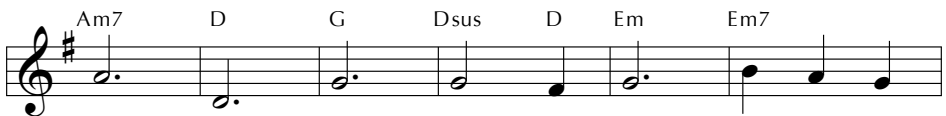
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



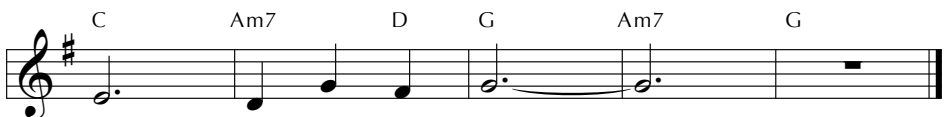
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.



# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)  
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)  
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)  
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)  
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus) (D7)  
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

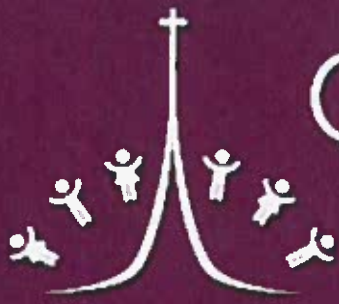
Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.



# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

## February

*For God so loved the world He gave  
His only begotten Son so that  
whoever believes in Him shall have  
everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

What a special month February is at  
Christ Memorial Christian Preschool!  
We emphasized with our children the  
importance of love in our world.



We began the month exploring the joy of winter by celebrating Winter Fun Day! The children explored stations including indoor ice skating, snowmen making, ice building and penguin races. Our classes also explored many of the parables of Jesus this month. The children especially enjoyed the parable of the lost sheep as they tried to be shepherds catching "balloon sheep"!



Our children spread their love for their peers by exchanging valentines in their classrooms. Students made a special valentine for their families. It was so wonderful to share the love of God at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool.