



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday In Lent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross with The Power of the Cross arr. V. Labenske
Galatians 6:14: *May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world
Has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

"When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride."

(words: I. Watts, 1707; music (*Rockingham*): L. Mason, 1824; public domain)

"Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross."

(words and music by K. Getty/S. Towend, 2005; ThankYou Music)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2006)

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**

Chad Board

1: Come, for Jesus invites us into a life of meaning and purpose.

2: Come, for Jesus gathers us under his wing like a mother hen.

3: Come, for Jesus calls us to bear fruit for his kingdom.

All: We come to live in God's kingdom here and now.

**** Hymn- 400**

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

You are a God of love and challenge:

We confess that some teachings are hard to hear.

We are so often caught by empire,

unable to disentangle ourselves from the web of powers and complications and systems.

We feel stuck, even when we struggle against it, impatient to get our way.

Yet you call us to repent, to simply turn back

and find ourselves freed for abundant life even now.

You free us to live according to your way,

finding hope and grace beyond fear and demand.

We confess we cannot do this on our own, but by your Spirit we long to turn to you.

Take our fragile fruitless faith; nurture our roots and guide our growth

until we reflect your forgiving love for the world.

We ask in the name of Jesus the Master Gardener. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus does not give up on us, but rather pours himself out in love. Your roots are planted in Christ who makes all things new and brings life even out of death. Know God's forgiveness for you today, and trust the Spirit's work will grow and bear fruit.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Response in song - 443**

There is a Redeemer

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 your 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

In the Garden of Prayer

arr. D. Edwards

Bells of Joy

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

(medley includes: *Wonderful Garden of Prayer*, *In the Garden* and *Sweet Hour Prayer*; all are public domain)
(this instrumental arrangement: SoundForth, a division of The Lorenz Corporation, 2016)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures:

Luke 13:1-9; 31-35

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. ²He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? ³No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. ⁴What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

⁶Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' ⁸The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. ⁹Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

³¹At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

³²Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. ³³However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

³⁴"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. ³⁵Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name.*"

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Gathered by Grace

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Response in song - 343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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

Love Unknown (My Song Is Love Unknown)

arr. P.P. Sterns

Romans 5:8: *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

"My song is love unknown. my Savior's love to me; love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?"

(words: S. Crossman, 1664; music (*Love Unknown*): J. Edwards, 1840 and J. Ireland, 1923: public domain)
(this organ solo: Malcolm Music, 1985)

**Doxology - 608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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SENDING

Hymn -649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

**Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

arr. D. Wagner

Ephesians 6:23-24: *Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.*

"Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace."

(words: J. Fawcett, 1773; music is a traditional Sicilian melody composed in the 18th century; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2015)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

VBS Volunteers

VBS is looking for creative and hardworking people that would be interested in helping turn Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church into our own True North Alaskan Wilderness for VBS this year! We are looking for people to cut, glue and prep decorations from home as well as decorate in the days before VBS. If you are interested please email Laura Jean Graybeal at vbs@cmnpcusa.org

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)

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@cmnpcusa.org or call 410-997-8011.

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.

We need sweets!

We need your help with providing a sweet treat for our weekly Fellowship Hour! We will gladly accept home-made or store bought cookies, pastries, quick breads, coffee cakes, etc. The choice is up to you! In the cookie realm, we typically need 4-5 dozen. The sign-up sheet will be located in Fellowship Hall on the cookie table or you can contact Chip Garner at Chipgarner12@gmail.com to schedule a date. If for some reason, an event is scheduled on your cookie date, please continue to bring in your treat labeled with your name and we'll put it in the freezer for a future date. Thank you!

Who's Who in the Pews: An occasional feature from the Membership and Hospitality Committee to help worshipers get to know one another.

Bob and Jackie Jenkins

Bob and Jackie Jenkins moved to Columbia from the Philadelphia area in 1978 and joined CMPC in January 1981. The couple, who will mark 52 years of marriage in January, lived in Columbia for 12 years before moving to Dayton in 1990. They now reside in North Laurel.

They moved to their current home in 2018, the year Bob retired as vice president and director of construction and engineering for The Rouse Company, General Growth Properties, and Howard Hughes Corporation.

From 2020 to 2022, Bob was chair of CMPC's Ministry Expansion Committee, which advised the church on the renovation and expansion project that had culminated in a grand reopening celebration in October 2019 -- mere months before the covid-19 pandemic was declared. He served as a deacon in the 1980s and an elder in the 1990s.

Over the years, Jackie served as a deacon on the Fellowship and Care committees and also served in the LOGOS and Bible School programs. She has been a member of the bell choir for more than 30 years.

Bob and Jackie have two sons, Ryan and Brad. Ryan and his wife Carrie have three children, Abby, Meghan and Lucas, and were married at CMPC. They are church members along with their two daughters, who were confirmed here just like their father.

Bob enjoys golf, woodworking and riding his e-bike. Jackie enjoys traveling, trying new recipes and chilling at the beach.

The couple have fond memories of spending time with their family and their CMPC friends over the years. Jackie especially enjoyed ringing bells with her children and grandchildren in the same choir. They both found working with youth and adults alike on church mission trips to be very rewarding.



400 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
 2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
 3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
 4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
 5 For the love of my friends and kin I will



go to the house of God." And now our feet are
 cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
 praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
 peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
 bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own



stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
 gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
 Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

Psalm 122 is among the most joyful of the pilgrimage psalms, because it sings of finally reaching Jerusalem, the home of the Temple. This rejoicing spills over into prayers for peace inspired perhaps by the placename Jerusalem, from roots meaning "to establish peace" (*shalom*).

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37 / Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníúgo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da rít'éé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.