



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday In Lent

Order of Worship

** indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. V. Labenske

1 John 3:1a: *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them."

(text translated by E. Olson/C. Sandell, 1855; music is a traditional Swedish folk melody; both are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2016)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

GATHERING

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

Sarah Trodden

One: Praise the Lord!

All: With all our heart and soul, we bless the Lord.

One: Praise the One who creates with joy!

All: We join all creation rejoicing in God's providing.

One: Praise the Creator who delights in the life of the world.

All: Glory to God! We bless God's name—Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Hymn- 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, you loved us into being,
yet we often run away from our rightful place in your creation.

Forgive us and restore us, O God.

We use more than our share of what you've made,
We take advantage of the world's resources and other people in it.

Forgive and restore us, O God.

Nurturing God, remind us of other ways to live and of a place called home,
where creation reflects your goodness and each thing lives in balance with all others.

**Come and find us, set us right again,
and help us to make a home here on earth where all belong and all are fed,
until we find our home with you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ Jesus, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away—and look!
New things have arrived! God was making peace with the world through Jesus, by not counting their sins
against them: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

****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

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Trodden

Scriptures:

Sarah Trodden

Psalms 33:3-9 (International Children's Bible)

Sing a new song to God.

Play well and joyfully.

⁴God's word is true.

Everything he does is right.

⁵He loves what is right and fair.

The Lord's love fills the earth.

⁶The sky was made at the Lord's command.

By the breath from his mouth, he made all the stars.

⁷He gathered the water in the sea into a heap.

He made the great ocean stay in its place.

⁸All the earth should worship the Lord.

The whole world should honor him.

⁹God spoke, and it happened.

God commanded, and it appeared.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

John 1:1: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

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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

Thy Word

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 119:105: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, You're still there right beside me. Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near; please be near me to the end."

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(this piano solo: Meadowgreen Music Company/Word Music, Inc., 1984)

****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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer - hymnal, page 35

SENDING

Hymn -20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

****Blessing and Charge**

Postlude

Reprise from *Back to the Beginning*

arr. T. Markle

Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and will direct your paths.*

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Thank you to John Kim and Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week!

Thank you to Kevin Wilson for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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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@cmpecusa.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.

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!



Easter Lilies

Please help us to decorate our sanctuary with lilies for our Easter service. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

Lilies are \$16.00 each and may be ordered until April 4th at 1:00 pm. **All orders are online.** Once you submit this form, please go to online giving to make a payment, or send a check. Please make checks out to CMPC with "Lilies" in the memo line.

CMPC Annual Musical Treats & Sweets: Stars!

Join us on Sunday evening, May 4th (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) for our annual “Musical Treats & Sweets” event. This year’s theme is Stars (Stars Wars, Stars & Stripes, Evening with the Stars...).

Mark your calendars and watch this space for additional details about this fun event!

This is a variety show and silent auction fundraiser to benefit the GenOn Youth Summit attendance (for our community and a community in- need).

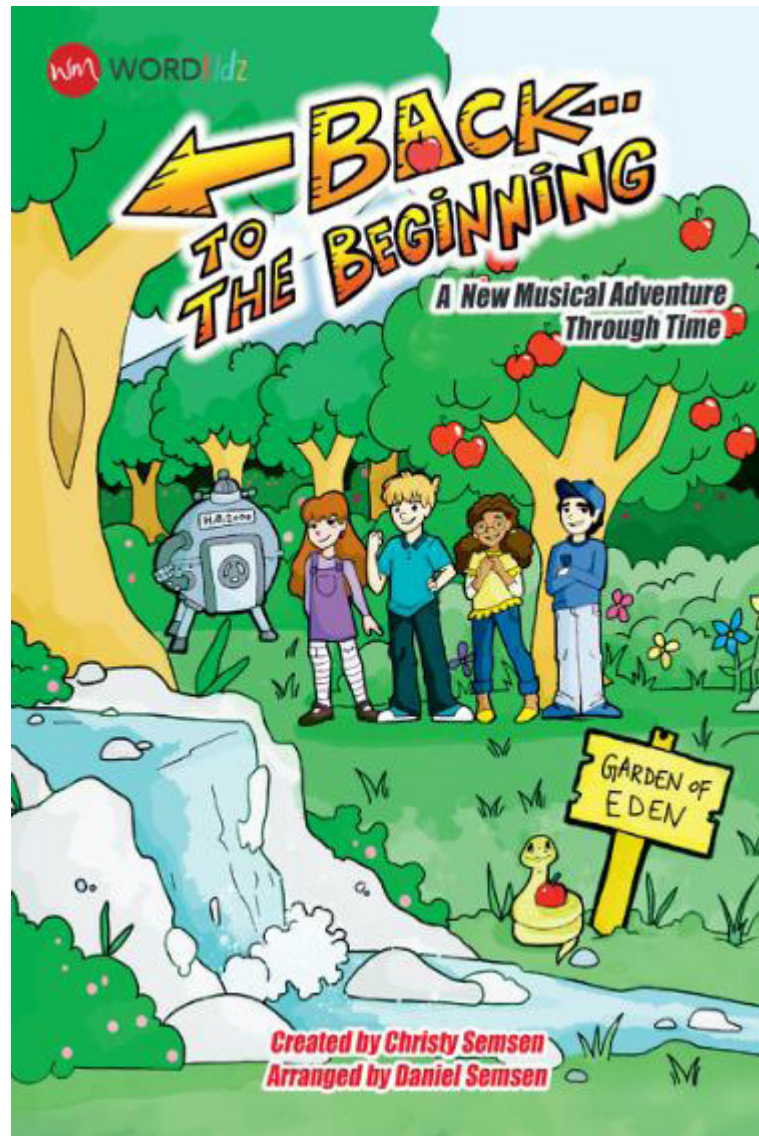
Milltown Quilters 2025 Quilt Show

Friday April 4, 10-6 and Saturday, April 5, 10-4
Admission \$10

Milltown Quilters would like to invite you to our 2025 Quilt Show. View 175 + quilts, find small craft items made by members at our Sew Unique Shoppe, quilted items for sale at Artisan Alley, visit our Peddlers Table (gently used items) plus a chance to win a Raffle Basket full of goodies plus an opportunity to win our stunning raffle quilt.

Milltown Quilters meet weekly at Christ Memorial in the Trinity Room, on Tuesday’s from 10-2. If you would like to join us, please visit our website www.milltownquilters.com or contact Colleen Hughes at chughes527@comcast.net





Back to the Beginning

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church
LOGOS Ministry
March 23, 2025

Come and explore the story of creation as our kids go back in time and learn about the promise of God's love and his message of hope and redemption.

*Psalm 46: 1-2 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear...*

*Scene 1
Back to the Beginning (God)*

*Scene 2
In the Beginning
Ensemble: Lachlan, Colin, James*

*Scene 3
Breathe on Me
Ensemble: Molly, Riley, Marie, Rosie*

*Scene 4
The Ways of God*

*Scene 5
The Seventh Day*

*Scene 6
A New Creation*

*Scene 7
We Will Not Fear with Back to the Beginning (God)
Ensemble: Lachlan, Colin, James*

Cast:

Norman.....Lachlan McGillivray-Stubbs
Norma.....Marie Bis
Marisa..... Molly Graybeal
Olivia..... Riley Trodden
Finn..... Colin Fieldsend
Ava Rosie Keen
Parker.....James Neary
1950s Kid..... Adam Rizvi
2000s Kid.....Will Roscoe

Nikki D..... Zoey Neary
Gertrude.....Victoria Gliptis
Beethoven.....Colin Thornhill
Jenny.....Katie Schreiber
Eve.....Ally Gallagher
Rigsby Brother 1..... Adam Rizvi
Rigsby Bro 2..... Will Roscoe
Tiny bears..... Julia Curran and Rachael Whitaker (+ BUGS)

BUGS Choir (Preschool)

MacKenzie Roscoe
Ian Thornhill

FROG Choirs (K-5th Grade)

Kindergarten:

Julia Curran
Isaac Daniel
Alex Dowgiewicz
Rachael Whitaker

First Grade:

Nolan Goodson
Flora McGarity
Robert Millard
Julia Schreiber
Kirsten Thornhill

Second Grade:

Nebiyu Daniel
Jacob Graybeal
Joey Trodden

Third Grade:

Quentin Cogswell
Eileen Fieldsend
Catie Curran
Thomas Jones
William Millard

Fourth Grade:

Veronica Dowgiewicz
Ally Gallagher
Victoria Gliptis
Griffin Guidinger
Olivia March
Zoey Neary
Adam Rizvi
Will Roscoe
Katie Schreiber
Colin Thornhill

Fifth Grade:

Marie Bis
Colin Fieldsend
Molly Graybeal
Rosie Keen
Lachlan McGillivray-Stubbs
James Neary
Riley Trodden

Thank you to our crew!!

Sound: John Kim, Neil Danzig, Allen Exner

Costumes: Lindsey Kim, Rachael Bis

Scenery: Rachael Bis, Barbara Petro

Percussion: Ariel Miller

Choir Director: Todd Stubbs

Accompanist: Ted Markle

Drama Directors: Heather Barham, Liz Perraud

Worship Arts Coordinator: Allison Miller

LOGOS Directors: Elyn and Ryan Thomas

Choir Helpers: John Keister, Debbie O'Neal,
Lindsey Kim, Kerri Holderman, Tom Engle,
Laura Curran, Becky Whitaker

LOGOS is an intergenerational ministry designed to nurture children and youth into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to prepare them for a lifetime of Christian discipleship. Here at CMPC, our LOGOS program is a ministry that meets on Wednesday evenings from October-March and is open to all from preschool-12th grade. LOGOS consists of four parts: Family Time (where LOGOS participants share a meal with their 'table parents'), Bible Time (a time for Bible Study), Recreation (fun!), and Worship Arts (e.g., choir, handbells, sanctuary art).

Age groups include:

Preschool – BUGS (Bringing Up God's Servants)

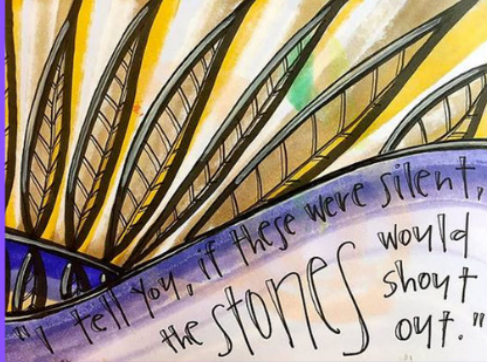
Elementary School – FROG (Fully Rely On God)

Middle School – ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom)

High School – FISH (Fellowship In Senior High)

Interested in participating in the fall? Please contact our LOGOS Directors, Elyn & Ryan Thomas (LOGOS@cmpcusa.org) for more information.

*Holy Week at
Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church
All are welcome!*



Palm Sunday

April 13th, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" The road Jesus follows to Jerusalem concludes with a celebration of his arrival there: But some have questions about what it all means. How do we create a welcome for King Jesus, present to us now---with stony silence or expressed joy?

Maundy Thursday

April 17th at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather together to break bread, enjoy a simple soup supper, and then share the sacrament of communion at our dinner tables. Please RSVP to the church office (office@cmpcusa.org). Childcare will be provided.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20th at 6:30 a.m., Parking Lot

Gathering in semi-darkness we will gather to worship the Risen Son as the sun rises. All are welcome to join in this simple and powerful worship experience. The service will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Easter Worship

April 20th at 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Come one, come all to worship on Easter Sunday morning when we will pull out all the stops to bring our worship to the Risen Lord! Come, add your voice to the millions gathered around the world to celebrate the blessed day as we unite our voices in song: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!


Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th, following 10:30 worship


The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children in preschool and elementary school immediately following the worship service. There will be lots of eggs for children to find! Come and join the fun!

For the Beauty of the Earth


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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

Fine

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.