



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.
FISH Sunday

Order of Worship

**i indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Sky with 10,000 Reasons arr. V. Labenske
Psalm 103:1: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

“When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!”
(words are from a German hymn composed in the 1800s; music (*Laudes Domini*) by J. Bamby, 1868; public domain)

“Bless the Lord, oh my soul; Oh my soul, worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I’ll worship Your Holy name.”
(words and music by M. Redman/S. Angrisano, 2013; Capitol CMG Publishing)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2006)

Welcome and Announcements

Emma Gallagher and Abby DelFavero

Introit

Many and Great arr. C. Moglebust
ROCK Chimes

Jeremiah 32:17: *Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm.
Nothing is too hard for you.*

“Many and great, O God, are thy works, maker of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; Thy fingers spread
the mountains and plains. Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.”
(words: J. Renville, 1842; music is from the Dakota tribe, and is public domain)

(this chime arrangement: Choristers Guild, 2016)

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

Charlotte Carmean and Meghan Jenkins

L: Come, all who seek to follow Christ, for He calls us to love beyond boundaries.

P: We come to learn His ways and to walk in His truth.

L: The Lord invites us to show mercy, to see the hurting, and to act with compassion.

P: We open our hearts to God’s love, that we may share it with others.

L: Let us worship the God of grace, who calls us to go and work like Him.

P: Open our eyes to see as You see and to love as You love.

L Let us worship God!

Hymn- 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Common Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, We have been dishonest to ourselves, to others, and to you God. We're sorry for breaking that trust. We pray that when we are wrong, that you give us the strength to ask for forgiveness. And that you also give us the strength to forgive others. We know we are not perfect, but with you, we know we can be better Samaritans. In Jesus our Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Abby Jones

L: Friends This is 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 - 447**

We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

WORD

Moment with Children

Emily McMillion, Kofi Akuoko, Alison Slingluff

**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

The Holy City

arr. S. Adams

Mollie Thomas, clarinet and Abby Jenkins, saxophone

Psalm 48:1: *Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.*

“Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, me thought the voice of angels from Heav’n in answer rang;
me thought the voice of angels from Heav’n in answer rang. Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing;
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna to your King!

(words and music by F.E. Weatherly/S. Adams; admin. by Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa; public domain)
(this instrumental arrangement: Red Balloon Technology, Ltd, 2020)

Prayer for Illumination

Nathan Slingluff

Scriptures:

Psalm 15, A psalm of David.

Nathan Slingluff

Who can live in your tent, Lord? Who can dwell on your holy mountain? The person who lives free of blame, does what is right, and speaks the truth sincerely; who does no damage with their talk, does no harm to a friend, doesn't insult a neighbor; someone who despises those who act wickedly, but who honors those who honor the Lord; someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts; someone who doesn't lend money with interest, who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person. Whoever does these things will never stumble.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-42

Evan Richardson

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one.[d] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Good Samaritan

James Board, Kofi Akuoko,
Nick DelFavero, Mollie Thomas

Response in song - 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THANKSGIVING/EUCHARIST

Invitation to Offering

Abby Jenkins

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

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

1 Peter 4:13: *But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for ev'ry one, and there's a cross for me. O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day! Ye angels, from the stars come down, and bear my soul away."

(words: T. Shepherd, 1693; music (*Maitland*): G. Allen, 1844; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1983)

**Doxology - 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise *him, all creatures here below;
praise *him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Emily McMillion

SENDING

Hymn -728

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

**Benediction

Postlude

There Is a Fountain

arr. N. Williams

Zechariah 13: 1: *A fountain will be opened, to cleanse them from sin.*

"There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains. And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains."

(words: W. Coper, 1772 music (*Cleansing Fountain*) is a traditional American melody; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 1985)

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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.

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@cmpcusa.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)

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.

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!

New Feature

The Membership and Hospitality Committee introduced a new monthly feature called "Who's Who in the Pews" to the Friday E-News on Feb. 14, but accidentally omitted our reason for starting this project. We thought it would be fun to highlight members with an article and a photo, putting names to faces. This will be an ongoing feature to introduce our worshippers to one another. Stay tuned!

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

728

Somebody's Knocking
at Your Door

Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door; some - bod - y's

knock-ing at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you

an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.
2 Can't you hear him? Some - bod - y's knock-ing at your
3 An - swer Je - sus.

The description of the Son of Man as standing at the door and knocking (Revelation 3:20) has given rise to many visual and verbal representations of that figure. This African American spiritual uses its repeated phrases to imitate knocking and to give immediacy to this encounter.

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