



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**May 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*In Christ Alone with The Solid Rock*

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 94: 22: . . . *the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.*

"In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song. This Cornerstone this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled  
when strivings cease; my Comforter my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand."

(words and music by S. Townend/K. Getty, 2001; ThankYou Music)

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand."

(words: E. Mote, c. 1834; music (*Solid Rock*): W. Bradbury, 1863; words and music are public domain)

"No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!"

(words and music by S. Townend/K. Getty, 2001; ThankYou Music)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2002; admin. by worshpttogether.com)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Sue Ashman

## **GATHERING**

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

Sue Ashman

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

Sue Ashman

L: In the beginning was Spirit

**P: And you were good and abundant and powerful and playful ...**

L: So you splashed and splattered here and there sharing your lushness

**P: And wherever you splashed you completed yourself and a wideness was added to your being ...**

### **\*\*Hymn - 280**

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

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

### Common Prayer of Confession

The Spirit of God is good and abundant and powerful. It takes on new shapes and sizes and colors and sounds until before long it becomes a Rainbow of Being. Forgive us for the times we are closed to the movement of the Spirit. Open our lives up to your transforming power that will move us into new directions of being. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

L: We know God by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus. We will show others who we are-  
and Whose we are-by love poured out by our lives.

**P: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

### \*\*Response in Song-246, v.5

#### Christ is Alive

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## WORD

### Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

*\*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 Christ Alone*

arr. D. Angerman

*Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.  
The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

(words and music by S. Townend/K. Getty, 2001)

(this anthem: ThankYou Music/worshiptogether.com Songs; 2002 and 2005)

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scriptures

#### **Psalm 24: 1- 6**

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it,
- 2 for he has founded it on the seas  
and established it on the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false  
and do not swear deceitfully.
- 5 They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

## Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers[a] criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.[b] These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Paradigm Shift

Rev. Renee Mackey

\*\*Hymn of Response - 291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

## 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

Voluntary on *Beach Spring*

arr. J. Krug

Isaiah 61:11: *For just as the ground produces its crops and a garden yields its produce, so the Sovereign Lord will cause deliverance to grow, and give his people reason to praise him in the sight of all the nations.*

"God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store; nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days."

(words: R. Edwards, 1961; music (*Beach Spring*): traditional American melody, 1844)  
(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2017)

**\*\*Doxology - 240, v. 4**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name  
Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name

**Prayers of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer (using debts)**

**SENDING**

**\*\*Hymn - 246**

*Christ is Alive!*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Postlude and Fugato on *Crusader's Hymn*

arr. G. Young

Isaiah 33:17: *Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar.*

"Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the son! Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor; thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown! Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor; praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!"

(words (from 1677) are anonymous, translated from German by J. Seiss in 1850)  
(music is a Silesian folk melody from 1847; both are public domain)  
(this organ solo: Harold Flammer, Inc., 1958 )

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Fruit of the Spirit**

The Wednesday night (7:30 pm) Bible Study will be studying The Fruit of the Spirit through May and June. For the Zoom link, contact Kathy Koch at [kathrynkoch79@gmail.com](mailto: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.

When: Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall/Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, Columbia, MD

Light luncheon will be provided at 11:30.

RSVP to the CMPC office by Sunday, June 1, 2025....[office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org) or call the church administrator at 410-997-8011. If no one answers, leave your name and number of attendees.

## **Announcement from Session**

As CMPC undergoes changes during this time of transition and due to current financial restraints and budgetary concerns, the Session has approved the temporary elimination of the Facilities and Property Manager part-time staff position, effective June 7th.

Tito Baca, who is a CMPC member, has been our property manager for the past ten years and has capably devoted himself to ensuring the building and grounds are always well maintained. We have been fortunate to have the benefit of his leadership, expertise and commitment, especially during the demanding, multi-year building renovation and expansion that was completed in 2019 as part of our Ministry Expansion Plan.

This was not an easy decision and we are saddened to lose Tito's experience, professionalism and dedication to this role. In the meantime, members of the Property Committee will join together to handle the duties currently assigned to this position. More details will be forthcoming.

We will schedule a time to show Tito our thanks and appreciation. We hope you are able to join to help us thank him for everything he has done for CMPC. Be on the lookout for that date.

Thanks,  
The Session of CMPC

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

Nancy Whitelock

Nancy and Herb Whitelock were married in 1959 and moved to Allview Estates in 1965. They joined CMPC that year. The couple lived there until 2001 when they moved across Route 29 to Hickory Crest, a 55-plus community. Herb passed away in 2006.

Nancy recently retired from serving on the Membership Committee. She was a greeter on Sunday mornings and made sure the mugs that are handed out to visitors were ordered and filled with information about the church.

During her early church years, she taught Sunday school and her three children – Stuart, Keith and Diane – all attended. She initially taught a preschool class and later a third-grade class. She was a member of the Women of the Church, a group that held activities and luncheons, assisted with potluck suppers, and provided homemade cookies during coffee hours on Sundays. She was the group's Social Chairman for a time.

Nancy's interests are gardening, crafts and genealogy. She traced her Maryland family to the early 1700s and discovered a historic family cemetery. She was able to get the tombstones repaired that could be found, and to have the cemetery identified with a new stone marker.

One of her favorite memories is the celebration and brunch on April 25, 2010 when we marked CMPC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an important part of the community.



## VBS

With VBS planning for decorations we are looking for Alaska/camping themed props. If you have any of the following items listed below and are interested in lending them for decorations please reach out to VBS@cmpcusa.org

Items needed:

canoes

camp chairs

hiking bags/boots

fishing rods

## Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church Financial Update

### 2025 General Operating Fund

The Session approved and presented the 2025 budget at the congregational meeting in January. At that time, the formation of a commission was announced to bring members and friends of the congregation into meaningful conversations about ministry expansion opportunities and the corresponding underlying financial needs. We publish these numbers out of our gratitude for your continued financial support and to provide you with an opportunity to participate in the work of the commission and the associated working groups.

CMPC Financial Summary				
Period: January 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025				
2025 General Fund				
		Budget	Actual	% to budget
Pledged Contributions		\$ 497,172	\$ 234,479	47%
Contributions		\$ 40,500	\$ 20,150	50%
Building Use Fees		\$ 6,000	\$ 2,780	46%
Special Mission Offerings		\$ 12,000	\$ 2,264	19%
Pass-Through Revenue		\$ -	2,870	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 555,672</b>	<b>\$ 262,543</b>	<b>47%</b>
Expenses		\$ 679,254	\$ 216,569	32%
Pass-Through Expenses			\$ 2,870	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 219,439</b>	
<b>Variance</b>		<b>\$ (123,582)</b>	<b>\$ 43,104</b>	

If you have questions about the financial data as presented, please reach out to Joyce Danzig at [joyce.danzig@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com) to arrange for a time to talk to a member of the finance committee.

For more information about the work of the commission and to learn about ways that you can participate, contact one of our commission co-chairs, Sue Ashman [ashmanmom@gmail.com](mailto:ashmanmom@gmail.com) or Josh Gliptis at [jbgliptis@gmail.com](mailto:jbgliptis@gmail.com).

### The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

The ladies of the Monday Morning Women's Bible Study will be visiting Barbara Schmehl at Lorien Elkrige on Monday May 19th at 10:30 am in the library. Please allow time to sign in at the front desk.

A 10:00 am carpool will be meeting at the CMPC parking lot for those who may need a ride. All are welcome to visit and bring good cheer to Barb. Please contact Miriam Miller at [jtmillerj@verizon.net](mailto:jtmillerj@verizon.net) or 410-302-9651.



## 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
 In the church -'s pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.



# GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to  
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -  
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

## Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

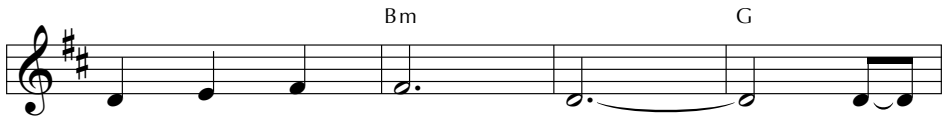
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - every age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - every place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.