



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**June 15, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
**Trinity Sunday**

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

arr. L. Larson

1 Samuel 2: 2: *There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.*

"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works  
shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!"  
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(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2014)

### **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**

**Liturgist Kofi Akuoko**

Because from the beginning God has been faithful,  
**we intend to grow in our faithfulness toward God.**

Because in the Trinity God patterned community,  
**we bring our lives together in this church.**

Because God's prophets stood up for justice,  
**we join our voices to witness for peace.**

Because God has poured out love toward us,  
**we gather to worship God: Creator, Savior, Encourager.**

### **\*\*Hymn - 10, v. 1,4**

*Sing Glory to the Name of God*

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

### Common Prayer of Confession

God, you offer abundance,

**yet we grow anxious about having “enough.”**

You shower us with reasons for praise,

**but we often hang onto what you’ve so freely given us,  
afraid we’ve not kept enough for ourselves.**

You grant us opportunities for love, for testifying to your desire for justice,

**but we are indifferent, or focused on our own comfort.**

You give us chances to be transformed,

**but we prioritize the comfort we find in the familiar.**

Forgive us, O God, for the ways we fall short: Let us know the depth of your grace.

**Move us to respond with lives of faithfulness,  
Until our every movement is an act of praise,  
our every word a song of thanksgiving,  
and our every breath a prayer: “Alleluia!”**

**Orient us to the way of Jesus in whose name we pray, Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

.....Hear the Good News--- In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven: **Thanks be to God!**

### \*\*Response in Song-581

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, amen.

## 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.*

### Word in Music

*Sovereign God, Our Great Creator*

by S. Strite

Revelation 4:11: *You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created and have their being.*

(words and music by Steven Strite, 2017)  
(this choral arrangement: SoundForth, 2017)

### Prayer for Illumination

## Scriptures:

### Psalm for the Day—Psalm 1:1-3

Liturgist Kofi Akuoko

- <sup>1</sup> The truly happy person  
doesn't follow wicked advice,  
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,  
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
- <sup>2</sup> Instead of doing those things,  
these persons love the LORD's Instruction,  
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
- <sup>3</sup> They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,  
which bears fruit at just the right time  
and whose leaves don't fade.  
Whatever they do succeeds.

### Colossians 2:1-10

I want you to know how much I struggle for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who haven't known me personally. <sup>2</sup> My goal is that their hearts would be encouraged and united together in love so that they might have all the riches of assurance that come with understanding, so that they might have the knowledge of the mystery of God, namely Christ. <sup>3</sup> All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him. <sup>4</sup> I'm telling you this so that no one deceives you with convincing arguments, <sup>5</sup> because even though I am absent physically, I'm with you in spirit. I'm happy to see the discipline and stability of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup> So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. <sup>7</sup> Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. <sup>8</sup> See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. <sup>9</sup> All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. <sup>10</sup> And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Janna VanderWoude**

**\*\*Hymn of Response - 694**

*Great God of Every Blessing*

## 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

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

arr. R. Wilson

*Psalm 90: 1-2: Lord, You have been the place of comfort for all people of all time. Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, forever and ever, You are God.*

*"Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."*

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### \*\*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 with the Lord's Prayer page 35 in hymnal**

## SENDING

### \*\*Hymn - 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*O Christ, Surround Me*

### \*\*Blessing and charge

### Postlude

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

arr. D. Rotermund

*Job 19:25: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.*

*"I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead. He lives, my ever-living Head. He lives to bless me with his love. He lives to plead for me above. He lives my hungry soul to feed. He lives to bless in time of need!"*

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### VBS donations

What an amazing blessing the congregation of Christ Memorial is for VBS!

We have already had all of our bears taken for donations for TRUE NORTH VBS! We still have several items on our AMAZON WISHLIST for the week. Please scan the QR code below to purchase additional items we need!



If you have any questions, please email Laura Jean Graybeal or Heather Gallagher at [vbs@cmpcusa.org](mailto:vbs@cmpcusa.org).

Thank you all for your support for this amazing program! We are looking forward to spreading the love of Jesus with the youngest among us this summer!



### 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](mailto:VBS@cmpcusa.org)

Items needed:

canoes

camp chairs

hiking bags/boots

fishing rods

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

### **Jim and Margie Pierce**

Jim and Margie Pierce became a vibrant part of CMPC when they joined in September 1963. They moved to Frederick this past December.

Jim worked in computers as a software and systems engineer. He likes doing jigsaw puzzles and playing computer adventure games. Margie enjoys painting and crocheting and was a teacher before retiring to raise their children.

Jim served as a deacon for one term, an elder for five terms and as Clerk of Session from 1988 to 1991. He served as Sunday School superintendent in 1972, with Margie as full-time advisor, and chaired the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that nominated Steve Carter to be our senior pastor in 2002. More recently, he served on the finance, ad hoc facilities, and membership committees. Jim is a fount of knowledge when it comes to CMPC history and was helpful in writing trivia questions for slides used during the pandemic.

Margie taught Sunday School and was a member of the Women of the Church, which was a popular organization. She served on the PNC that nominated Rick Tatum to be our senior pastor in 1987.

Their daughter Chris and her husband Dave Wruck were active at CMPC for 25 years. Their daughter Sharon and her husband Dave Reith have been active in Methodist churches in Maryland, Virginia and Nevada. The Pierces have five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Thinking back over the years, Jim said one of his favorite memories was the 1972 opening of the new building addition housing the sanctuary and classrooms. That expansion meant the church no longer had to hold overflow Sunday School classes in the boiler room, kitchen and pastor's study, he recalled.

A cherished memory for both of them, Jim said, is the deep satisfaction they each got from working on a PNC and the way "members with various starting positions came together in a very focused effort resulting in a unanimous choice of candidate to present to the congregation. That is God at work."



### **Communion**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Communion) will be held the Second Sunday of the month through the summer: July 13 and August 10. Please make note of this change in schedule for the summer months.

### **Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, June 22nd. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the slate of nominees for the PNC as presented by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations can be made from the floor. Biographical information regarding those on the slate will be available before the meeting. The slate of nominees includes:

Theresa Akuoko  
Bob Clemens  
Peter Gallagher  
Phil Henderson  
Meghan Jones  
John Kim  
Sarah Robinson  
Ashlyn Sowell  
Jennifer Weinel  
Becky Zordan

### **Becoming Presbyterian**

Thinking about joining CMPC? Want to brush up on your beliefs? Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00pm July 1, 8, and 15th in classroom 3 for member lessons.

### **Session and Deacons Joint Meeting**

Monday Night, June 16th  
Session in Conference room (classroom 3) at 6:45  
Deacons in Fellowship Hall at 7:00  
Session and Deacons in Fellowship Hall at 7:30

# 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

*Unison*

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -  
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing  
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -  
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

*Harmony* *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the  
 light. The wil - der - ness can -  
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in  
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.  
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:  
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:  
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.



## 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

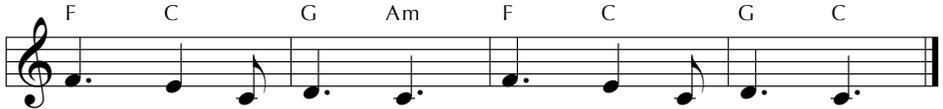
## O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.