



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 8, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Holy Spirit with Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. V. Labenske

Romans 15:13: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

"There's nothing worth more that will ever come close; no thing can compare, You're our living hope.
Your Presence. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord."

(words and music by K./B. Torwalt, 2011; Jesus Culture Music/Capitol CMG Genesis)

"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart. Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move. Stoop to my
weakness, mighty as Thou art; and make me love Thee as I ought to love."

(words: G. Croly, 1854; music (Morecambe). 1887; public domain)

(this piano solo: Jesus Culture Music and Capitol CMG Genesis, 2011; admin. by CapitolCMGPublishing.com)

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 Liz Perraud

One: Together in this place and time,

All: God's Spirit creates anew!

One: Word and Breath fill and overflow —

All: God's Spirit cannot be contained.

One: From this one room out to the ends of the earth

All: God's Spirit gives us the gift to speak.

****Hymn - 401**

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

Creating and re-creating God, you have disrupted the systems of this world
to set us free from those powers that would hold us back.

You call us your own, whoever we are and wherever we have been.

1. We confess we find your freedom difficult —we struggle to let go of old familiar ways.
2. We worry that changing things will be painful or dangerous.

Forgive us when we hold on to what you are overturning.

1. We own our impatience, waiting for the fulfilment of your kingdom.
2. We confess we are easily sidetracked from your mission by the promise of instant gratification for what we want.

Forgive us when we turn away because your path is too difficult.

1. We admit that we don't know what to do with our newfound freedom, so we wander, retreat, hang onto goods and ideas needlessly or throw them out thoughtlessly.
2. We make use of people and creation in ways that do not honor you.

Forgive us when we not only allow but participate in the destruction of community.

Guide us by your Spirit, that we may indeed live as those who belong to Christ,

Reveal your life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control through us, your Body at Christ Memorial.

May it be so, even today. 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

Lindsey Kim

**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 Flame

arr. D. Lantz

Acts 2:3-4: They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(words by S. B. Broersma; music by D. Lantz III, 2012)

(this choral arrangement: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., 2012)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures:

Acts 2:1-4

Liturgist Liz Perraud

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Galatians 5:13-26

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

¹³You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. ¹⁴All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. ¹⁵But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

¹⁶I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. ¹⁷A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. ¹⁹The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, ²⁰idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, ²¹jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

L: You heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. Having placed your trust in Christ, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Take a Breath

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn of Response - 692**

Spirit, Open My Heart

****Affirmation of Faith** "We Trust in God the Holy Spirit"

A Brief Statement of Faith, PC-USA, **10.4**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. P. Choplin

Job 33:4: The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

"Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine; I asked my Lord if all was mine. Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray."

(Traditional African American spiritual; written before 1861; song is public domain)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2010)

****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!

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices..who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymnal 552--

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
- 2 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Hymnal 553--

Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Offer communion to each other, passing the bread and holding it for all to take together:

....the Bread of Heaven. **Amen.**

Then pass the cup among you, holding it for all to take together.

... the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Music

Chorale Prelude on Gardiner (Germany)

arr. R. J. Powell

Proverbs 11:25: A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

"The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

(words: F.M. North, 1903; music: Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; public domain)

(this organ solo: Sacred Music Press, 1970)

Prayer after Communion

Please mark the Hymn below before we pray. We will sing "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" as a closing prayer together. The final verse will be sung without accompaniment.

SENDING

Hymn - 286, v.1-3

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**Blessing and charge

Postlude

Chorale Postlude on *St. Magnus (Nottingham)*

arr. R. Powell

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.*

"The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow. The highest place that Heav'n affords is his, is his by right; the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and Heav'n's eternal light."

(words: T. Kelly, 1820; music: J. Clarke, 1709; public domain)
(this organ solo: Sacred Music Press, 1970)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

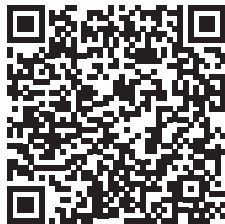
VBS donations

We are so excited to be hosting TRUE NORTH VBS at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church the week of July 7th – 11th! We have over 125 children signed up to attend with over 40 high school and middle school youth volunteering! It is going to be an amazing week of learning about God, building friendships and having lots of FUN! To make this week possible we need the support of our church by way of donations.

There are two ways to donate this year!

You can take a BEAR from our tree to purchase the item listed on the back at a local store or online. Please make sure you list your name and contact # or email on our list so we know who is purchasing items. Then bring the item back to our donation bin located next to the table. If you have any questions about the item you pull, please email Laura Jean Graybeal or Heather Gallagher at vbs@cmpecusa.org.

The other way to donate is through our Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased on the list can be sent directly to CMPC! You can scan the QR Code below to use this donations option.



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@cmpecusa.org

Items needed:

- canoes
- camp chairs
- hiking bags/boots
- fishing rods

Communion

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Communion) will be held the Second Sunday of the month through the summer: June 8 (Pentecost); July 13; and August 10. Please make note of this change in schedule for the summer months.

Summer Concert Event: Westminster Knox Choir (June 11th)

Join the entire church for a very special summer event – a Wednesday night concert with the talented Westminster Knox Youth Choir on Wednesday, June 11th.

We will be having a family time dinner with the visiting choir and the congregation from 6-7. The concert will be from 7-8 in the sanctuary, featuring a wide variety of music including gospel, songs of faith from around the globe, and a medley from “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Afterwards, those in 6th through 12th grade are invited to stay a little longer into the evening, enjoying some social time, games, and a short devotional with the choir.

Come for as much or as little as you can, but please sign up if you plan on joining for dinner, the social, or would like to help volunteer!



Policy Writing Training

During this transition in ministry phase at CMPC, there are a number of Policy and Procedure issues that the Session must address and amend. One is the new (2023) Book of Order requirement that all Sessions have an Anti-Racism policy for the church.

On Thursday, June 12, from 2-4 PM, there is an online workshop for Writing an Anti-Racism Policy for your congregation. If you have skills or an interest in this important task, please check this QR code and talk to Pastor Janna about helping to produce this necessary document for Christ Memorial.



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

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.