

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 24, 2025 10:30 a.m. Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude Spirit Song

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Welcome and Announcements Wes Millard

Minute for Mission Bill Anderson

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

L: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

P: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

L: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

P: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again. The love of God lasts forever!

L: Let us worship God!

**Hymn - 625

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life.

P: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. 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 the work on earth is done.

WORD

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. John Schmidt

*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 the announcementse for special instructions

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Acts 9:32-43

Now as Peter went here and there among all the brothers and sisters, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: The Word of the Lord **P: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn of Response- 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here am I Lord)

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 Pastorale

Richard Purvis 1949 Carl Fischer Inc.

**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 Lords' Prayer (using "debts")

SENDING

Hymn - **840** When Peace Like a River (It is Well with my Soul)

**Blessing and charge

Postlude Toccata and Variation on "Hyfrydol"

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome!

Dr. John Schmidt was most recently the Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore Presbytery, and served there for 17 years. Before that, he and his wife, Debbie, were PCUSA missionaries to Japan for 10 years, serving as evangelistic missionaries with the United Church of Christ in Japan. He is now retired and living in Towson. He currently serves as a Trustee of Baltimore Presbytery, and as a church leader coach.

Welcome to CMPC

If you are visiting us for the first time or attending as a guest, please stop by our "Welcome Center," outside Fellowship Hall. We can provide additional information about our church and our missions. We like to "mug" our new friends with a mug with our church logo and a few goodies inside.

Hope to meet you soon ~ The Membership & Hospitality Committee

Save the Date: Church picnic Sunday, September 14 immediately following the Service. More details to follow!

Save the date!

Hold the date and please plan to COME: Wednesday evening, **September 24** Congregational Town Hall in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Session's Commission on Ministry Expansion (C.O.M.E.). Details to follow soon!

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

Clarence Wingate

Clarence joined CMPC in February 1963 and has resided in North Laurel in the same home in Hammond Village where he and his late wife Jan raised their family. He celebrated his 94th birthday in November.

He has three sons and a daughter - Charlie, Scott, John and Jeanne – and nine grandchildren.

Clarence is a retired mechanical engineer who worked in the space science department at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Howard County. Over the years he served the church as an Elder, a Deacon and as Clerk of Session, and also sang in the Trinity Choir.

Woodworking, listening to music and attending car shows are his favorite pastimes. He owns a 1954 MG convertible sports car that he totally restored, including doing much of the mechanical work.

One of his favorite memories is interacting with CMPC's founding pastor, the Rev. James Salango, and all that Jimmy did to grow the congregation that was forming just as Columbia was becoming a reality.



From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun its work of discerning which members of CMPC God is calling to serve as Elders and Deacons, starting January 2026 for 3 year terms. Perhaps it is you! Now and in the weeks ahead, the committee will be reaching out to members asking them (you) to consider service on the session or diaconate. Please prayerfully consider if this is something to which you feel called or if there is someone you think God might be preparing to serve. These are exciting times at CMPC and we need willing and faithful leaders to guide us in and through them. Thank you in advance for prayerfully and seriously considering the call to serve. If not you, then who! If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Nominating Committee chair Judy Brown at jbrown10632@gmail.com.

Zoom Bible Study

Evening Zoom Bible Study will meet the third and fourth Monday each month beginning September 15. Our topic, to begin, will be "Four Loves". Interested people can contact Kathy Koch with any questions or for the Zoom link at KathrynKoch79@gmail.com.

Bible Basics

Bible Basics will begin on September 2 and continue on Tuesdays at 11 am in the conference room. We will begin with a study of Galatians. Interested people can contact Kathy Koch with any questions at KathrynKoch79@gmail.com.

Narrative Lectionary

Beginning August 31st, we will be returning to the Narrative Lectionary for the fall. You will find the new schedule in the pews.

Office Hours

Office hours will return to our regular hours of Mon - Fri from 1-5pm on August 25th.

Fifth Sunday Offering

Uganda Water Project

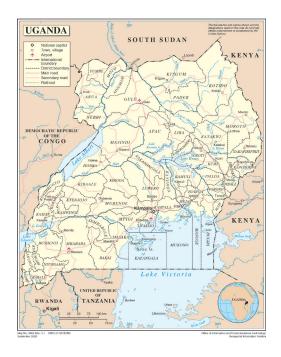
Drinkable water is rare in Uganda (the U.N. says less than 20% of people have access to it). In western Uganda, most people get their water from traditional wells, rivers, and water piped down from the mountains. All these sources are contaminated, even the piped water. Water-borne diseases such as typhoid, dysentery, and cholera are endemic to Uganda. While these diseases can be deadly, they are also costly even among those who recover as the recuperation period is often long and difficult – many people lose months from school and work.

Since 2012 I have been partnering with Elisha Karwani to distribute water filters in western Uganda and train people on their use and maintenance. Elisha has been full-time for the last 4 years and does all the "real" work – he lives in Fort Portal, knows the local languages, and has a passion for keeping people in his community healthy. In 2022 we started partnering with the Ugandan Water Project (UWP) to intensify our efforts. I went back to Uganda in January 2024 to see the latest work Elisha had accomplished, assess further needs, and plan future activities.

Our primary focus has been to provide simple filter systems based on 0.1-micron filters that trap over 99.99999% of bacteria, thus freeing the users from the ravages of typhoid, dysentery, cholera, bilharzia, and other water-borne diseases endemic to the area. The filter can be easily cleaned by backflushing with an included syringe. The filter has a lifespan of up to 10 years and is rated to filter as many as 1,000,000 gallons of water. We have installed 4,500 of these filter systems across over 150 villages, and the impact has been tremendous. Without fail every village we visited in our January 2024 trip was effusive in their praise for the systems and desperate in their request for more.

Thank you for supporting this intervention. We are grateful to have you join us to bring clean water to Uganda.

With gratitude, Bill Anderson





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O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



^{*}Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."

(Over)

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.



KOREAN

- 1 주 하나님 지으신 모든세계 내마음 속에 그리어 볼때 하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 뇌성 주님의 권능 우주에 찼네
- 후력 주님의 높고 위대하심을 내영혼이 찬양하네 주님의 높고 위대하심을 내영혼이 찬양하네
- 2 숲속이나 험한산 골짝에서 지저귀는 저 새소리들과 고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은 주님의 솜씨 노래하도다 후렴
- 3 주하나님 독생자 아낌없이
 우리를 위해 보내주셨네
 십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주
 내모든 죄를 대속하셨네
- 4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때 저천국으로 날 인도하리 나 겸손히 앞드려 경배하며 영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

SPANISH

1 Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos, el firmamento y las estrellas mil, al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,

Estribillo Mi corazón se llena de emoción. ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él! Mi corazón se llena de emoción. ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!

- 2 Al recorrer los montes y los valles y ver las bellas flores al pasar, al escuchar el canto de las aves y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estribillo
- 3 Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino que desde el cielo al Salvador envió, al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estribillo
- 4 al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor; te adoraré, cantando la grandeza de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estribillo

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

your peo - ple in my

I will hold

me.

lead

heart.

When Peace like a River



This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

