



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***September 21, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Praise to the Lord

Paul Manz

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Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

GATHERING

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

Liturgist

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Call to Worship

Liturgist

L: Prayer helps us see again the light God promises in the midst of our darkness.

P: Let us feel once more the joy that comes through partnership in the gospel.

L: For the Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

P: May our worship recall to us what is central to our faith; for the Lord is the strength of our lives.

****Hymn - 346**

For the Healing of the Nations

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

God of light, who shines in deepest darkness, we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope. But we are frightened by your call. We are afraid of taking chances; we are afraid of following your light because it leads us into the places where you need us. We don't want to see how your people hurt. We don't want to see your light shining in the eyes of victims of injustice. Yet we know that in those places your grace shines. Guide us in your way, that we might be children of the day. Through the Light of the World we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but must be poured out.

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

Moment with Children

Wes Millard

**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 announcements for special instructions*

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Scriptures

Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1

My joy is gone; grief is upon me;
my heart is sick.

Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken,
I mourn, and horror has seized me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

On Our Knees, Yet Again

Rev. Renee Mackey

****Hymn of Response-749**

Come! Live in the Light

THANKSGIVING/EUCHARIST

****Invitation to Offering**

Liturgist

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

Give Me Jesus
Tom Engle, solo

Traditional Afro-American,
Arranged by Fernando Ortega
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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 and the Lord's Prayer (Glory to God hymnal p.11 Services of Worship)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Hymn - 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

****Blessing and charge**

Postlude

Fantasy in A Minor

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

LOGOS 2025-2026

We are so excited to start another year of LOGOS here at CMPC! LOGOS is our mid-year program here at CMPC that fills our rooms and hallways with youth and adults alike! There are four parts of LOGOS where we play together, eat together, learn together and make music together. Youth registration is for Pre-K through 12th grade. A nurse is available for our families with children younger than the Pre-K age who are volunteering. October 1st is fast approaching and that is our first day of LOGOS this year! Registration is open today Sunday August 31st!

Youth/child registration



Volunteer registration



Welcome!

Rev. Dr. Renee L Mackey was born and raised in the Midwest and taught school in Denver, Colorado where she earned her Master's Degree in Library Science. God then called her into ministry first as a Ruling Elder and then as a Teaching Elder. Dr. Mackey served three churches, one in Iowa and two in Maryland. She received her Doctor of Ministry Degree from Austin Theological Presbyterian Seminary and served Baltimore Presbytery as Moderator. She was honored to represent the Presbytery at the 221st General Assembly as Commissioner and is now serving in various church leadership roles. It is a joy to worship with you this morning.

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

Come join the Bible Study women in the study of Liz Curtis Higgs's book, *Bad Girls of the Bible And What We Can Learn From Them*. The group meets from September to May on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 9:45-11:30 a.m. in the Trinity Room of CMPC.

Members engage in prayer time, Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects. All women of the church, community, and beyond are welcome to meet with the group.

For more information, please contact Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 bapetro@aol.com or Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, jtmillerj@verizon.net

Please COME to the Commission on Ministry Expansion TOWN HALL And Dessert Buffet

When: Wednesday, September 24 from 6:30 – approximately 8:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall at CMPC

Who: Everyone! Childcare will be provided if requested.

What: Dessert Buffet will be provided

Come for dessert beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Town Hall portion will begin promptly at 7 p.m., with a review of the July meeting, brainstorming session, and opportunity to provide feedback on current ideas being considered by COME (Commission on Ministry Expansion). Topics focus on property use, facility use/rental, mortgage reduction and ways to grow the membership. It is important that we get your participation and feedback!

Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, September 21.



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.

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



Barbara Stine

Barbara Stine moved to Columbia in 1978 and joined CMPC in September 1980. She has served two terms as an Elder and one term as a Deacon, and has enjoyed working as a church preschool staff assistant for 17 years.

Her interests include gardening, houseplants, and collecting vintage decorative items made of cranberry glass. She used to be active in the Federated Garden Club of Maryland.

She has one son, Mark, who lives in Howard County, and two granddaughters, Alyssa and Briana.

A church tradition Barbara cherishes is the congregation's singing of "Silent Night" together during Christmas Eve services while all worshippers hold lighted candles in the darkened sanctuary. She prizes the love and fellowship she has shared with everyone at CMPC over the years.

346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

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Come! Live in the Light!

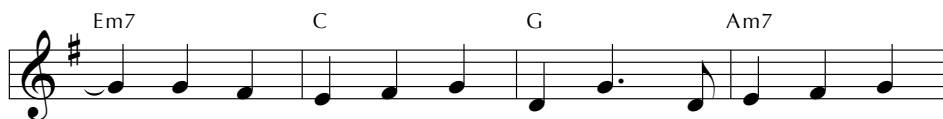
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."