



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

River Flows In You

by Yiruma
2005 STOMP MUSIC

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist Joyce Danzig

One: When the world feels like chaos,

All: God invites us to think outside the box.

One: When change is coming,

All: God calls us to empower the next generation.

One: When everything needs our attention all at once,

All: God invites us into praying community, to ground our hearts in divine vision of newness.

****Gathering Hymn – 628**

Praise, I Will Praise You Lord

Call to Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

All: 422-phrase 1: Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me

One: You look for hearts that are steady enough to pursue your will,
and we confess that we are often seduced by other visions.

We think we know what you're looking for,
but often we just project our own ideas onto you, and call it done, and holy.
We look for conformity to an image, to an ideology, to an economy,
while you look deeper than we can ever see.

Forgive us, O God.

All: 422-phrase 2: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

One: Instead sustain us in the goodness and joy of your kingdom,
and make us willing to follow *your* lead.

Open our mouths to proclaim your praise,
and open our hands to serve your purpose

O God, move our feet out of the narrow spaces in which we define you, and try to contain you.

**All: 422-Phrases 3 & 4: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.**

**All: (*Spoken*) Holy One, You are the God who sees our inmost truth,
that we may live more honestly and more fully as your holy people in the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: God does not see as the world sees—God sees the heart...Know that you are forgiven,
and sing with joy for God's steadfast faithfulness.

P: Trusting in God's forgiveness, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!

****Response -515, v.1,5**

I Come With Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Together met, together bound by all that God has done
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Time for All God's Children

Chad Board

Psalm and Gospel Text

Psalm 51:10-14; John 7:24

Liturgist Joyce Danzig

Hebrew Bible Text

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon

Quiet Regime Change

Response in Song-287, v.1-3 *Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*

Prayers of the People (ending with the Lord's Prayer, p.35 in Hymnal)

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

Variations of *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE, ca. 1710

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God's goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

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!

****Doxology-710, without bridge**

We Lift our Voice (We are an Offering)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands
Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering:
We are an offering.

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Liturgist Joyce Danzig

SENDING

****Sending Song- 384**

Soon and Very Soon

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Celebration

by David Lasky

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Anointed One, Jennifer Page, 2014, Los Angeles

The artist writes, "I painted this originally for a friend of mine whom God showed me was a man who would touch nations.

He was anointed by God for such a task as he prayed for the nations; God was leading him.

I felt this was one to share, as there is a generation of many like him. Young and old today are called and chosen."

Liturgy Attribution

Liturgy Adapted from Bibleworm Narrative Lectionary resources,

Rev. Teri Peterson, Scotland

TEXTS FOR THE WEEK

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons."

² "How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "When Saul hears of it he'll kill me!"

"Take a heifer with you," the Lord replied, "and say, 'I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord.'"³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. "Do you come in peace?" they asked.

⁵ "Yes," Samuel answered. "I've come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice." Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and invited them to the sacrifice as well.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the Lord's anointed right in front.

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart."

⁸ Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either."⁹ So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "No, the Lord hasn't chosen this one."

¹⁰ Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord hasn't picked any of these."¹¹ Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Is that all of your boys?"

"There is still the youngest one," Jesse answered, "but he's out keeping the sheep."

"Send for him," Samuel told Jesse, "because we can't proceed until he gets here."

¹² So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The Lord said, "That's the one. Go anoint him."¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The Lord's spirit came over David from that point forward.

Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

Psalm 51:10-14

¹⁰ Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

¹¹ Please don't throw me out of your presence;
please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

¹² Return the joy of your salvation to me
and sustain me with a willing spirit.

¹³ Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways,
and sinners will come back to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from violence, God, God of my salvation,
so that my tongue can sing of your righteousness.

John 7:24

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." --Jesus

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

TRUNK OR TREAT

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event open to all on Saturday, October 25th from 12-2 pm. Along with Vacation Bible School, our Trunk or Treat event is an amazing opportunity to connect with families in our community and welcome them into our church family. The greater support we have from the members of the church the more welcoming this event will be.

To make this event successful we need church members to create a trunk for the event and/or donate candy for the event.

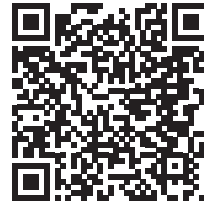
Please use the Amazon Wish List link to select candy to donate or grab a bag the next time you are at the store. Donation bins are located in the Narthex and Lower-Level Entrance of the church.

If you are interested in decorating a trunk, please sign up with this link. Please plan to arrive at 11:30PM to park in your spot and decorate in time for trunk-or-treaters at 12:00PM. The CMPC Preschool will have fun games and activities for the kids as well. Thank you for participating!

Create a trunk



Donate Candy



Memorial Garden

We currently have \$10,000 in the memorial fund but need an additional \$17,000 to complete the project **(\$14,000 has already been raised!)**. While this is a significant amount, we believe that together our church family can make it possible. If 150 people/families donate \$150.00 that = Success! We would not only reach our goal but also provide extra funds for ongoing care of the garden. Of course, gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. Here are three ways to give:

1. Monetary Donation

- a. Visit the church homepage, scroll down to "Online Giving," select "Memorial Garden Contribution" from the drop down menu, and follow the prompts. OR
- b. Write a check payable to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church with "Memorial Garden Fund" in the memo section.

2. Memorial Brick - Cost \$150.00

- a. Form now available online. Please note on the form if you paid online or by check. If ordering more than one, use one order form per brick.
- b. To pay online, go to church homepage. Scroll down to "Online Giving", select "Memorial Garden Gift Brick" and follow the prompts. OR
- c. To pay by check, make payable to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church and remember to include "Memorial Garden Brick" in the memo section. Attach check to order form.

3. Combined Contribution

- a. You can make a contribution and purchase a memorial brick!

We hope you share our excitement for this project! A sample of the brick and a rendition of the garden will be on display in the church lobby. The rendition showcases the garden's design, it does not include all of the planned plants. Alexis and Shelley will be available to answer questions. Together, let's create a space of lasting beauty and remembrance!

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Anti-Racism Policy

In 2024, the General Assembly of the PC-USA included in their constitution--the Book of Order--a requirement that all councils, including the Session of each church--adopt and implement an antiracism policy. Many churches have already adopted such policies, and have experience and templates to offer. There is also assistance in forming the policy to be found through the Presbytery and its Anti-Racism team. Two elders and one deacon have already expressed interest in helping to form a proposed policy for Session's approval: If you have an interest in being part of this process and discussion--please let us know! Contact the office or Pastor Janna via email if you are interested. The role would consist of some individual duties and a couple of meetings, some of which can happen via Zoom.

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

Bob and Shelley Clemens

Bob and Shelley Clemens were introduced by a mutual friend in 1979 when Shelley was on her first assignment as a state trooper with the Maryland State Police and Bob had just taken a sales job in the software industry. They moved to Columbia in 1983 and were married six months later in October. The couple joined CMPC in December 1984.

Bob is Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee that is conducting the search for our next installed pastor. Shelley is currently leading the Memorial Garden fundraising campaign. They have both served as a deacon and an elder in the past, and are currently serving together as deacons on the Fellowship Committee. Shelley joined the Trinity Choir in 1984 and sings alto.

Bob spent nearly 40 years in various sales leadership roles in the enterprise software space. After retiring from his corporate career in 2017, he founded an executive coaching business as a second act and it occupies his time for 15 to 20 hours a week.



Shelley was one of 10 females on the job when she started her law enforcement career and has served as a hostage negotiator, recruiter, trainer and criminal investigator. She investigated everything from street crime, white collar crime, environmental crime, illegal drugs, asset forfeiture and money laundering before retiring in June 2005 after 26 years.

In 2006 she enrolled in floral design programs at the Community College of Baltimore and at Longwood Gardens, where she later taught classes. Ultimately, she found her home at the Flower Basket in Ellicott City and retired from that shop on Jan. 1, 2020.

Shelley still loves everything floral, including directing the greening of the church at Christmas, and also enjoys reading books of all genres and rooting for the Baltimore Ravens and Kansas City Chiefs.

Bob enjoys running, working out at the gym, pickleball, snow skiing, golf, tennis and working in the yard. He likes to say, "I have a hard time sitting still for long periods, so I am mostly in perpetual motion!" He roots for the Baltimore Ravens and Washington Commanders and hopes those teams may one day meet in the Super Bowl.

He has especially enjoyed working with high school youth in the 1980s before the start of LOGOS, going on Mars Hill mission trips to North Carolina, and attending Easter sunrise services and the church picnic every September.

One of Shelley's favorite memories involves CMPC's founding pastor, the late Rev. James Salango. She recalls with amusement how she and Bob visited the church one Sunday and signed a pew card, only to have Jimmy show up at their home for a visit the next day.

628 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Je louerai l'Éternel

1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O

2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O

3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O

God, I will tell the won-ders of your ways, and glo-ri-fy your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In

you I will find the source of all my joy. Al-le-lu-ia!

FRENCH

*Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
 je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
 je chanterai ton nom.
 Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
 je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie.
 Alleluia!*

This simple song based on Psalm 9:1-2 was created in the mid-1970s for a morning devotional of a group touring in the picturesque high Alps. Later it was incorporated into their programs and soon spread throughout Europe and the world, being translated into many languages.

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

384 Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.