



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

December 2025 Newsletter

For unto us a Child is Born. Isaiah 9:6

December is a month filled with wonder and celebration at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. We will be busily preparing for Christmas by teaching the true meaning of the season. The children will have the opportunity to create special crafts and holiday keepsakes. They will learn Christmas songs as well as the meaning of the many symbols used at Christmas. We will also be participating in a special giving project partnership with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church described below. Through this project we hope to help the children understand that giving gifts is as important as receiving them. We will culminate the month by celebrating Jesus' Birthday together with our special nativity programs.

SHOW AND TELL

There will be no Show and Tell during the month of December. It will resume in January.



WINTER CLOTHING:

Please remember to send your child with gloves/mittens and hats as the days turn colder, all labeled with their name. We will always try to get outside to play whenever we can. Also, remember to check your child's change of clothes to make sure they are now weather appropriate.



Our Inclement Weather Policy

Just as a reminder our inclement weather policy is as follows:

If Howard County Schools are closed due to weather we are also closed. If Howard County Schools are delayed either 1 or 2 hours we will open at 10:30 am and close at 12:30



Christmas Giving Project

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Toys for Tots event as well as the Oakland Mills Food Pantry collection in November. Both were very successful! We will be partnering with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church again this month for a Christmas giving project.

The project is called The Angel Tree. Through Angel Tree we will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens/gloves and socks for all ages for the Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter, which Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church has partnered with for over 25

years. You will find bins located by the Christmas tree at the entrance to the church to place your purchases. We will also be collecting gift cards of \$25 denominations for teens and families in need at local HCPSS schools. If you purchase a gift card, please give that to Mrs. Gallagher in her office rather than in the bin located by the front entrance to the church.

This project creates a great opportunity to help your preschool child understand the importance of giving to others just as God has given so much to us. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Gallagher.



Classroom Guest Readers:

There are still many open slots available for guest readers in the classrooms this year. Please click the link below for your child's classroom.

[Classroom Hope - Smith/Benzing/Weiseman](#)

[Classroom Love - Benzing/Schreiber](#)

[Classroom Joy - 3-day - Nienhuis/Wheelock](#)

[Classroom Joy - 2-day - Nienhuis/Wheelock](#)



Christmas Celebrations

All classes will be participating in Christmas Celebrations during the month of December. The details of each event are listed below:

December 18th at 11:30 am - Our 3-Year-Old Class will have a short Christmas Program and Birthday Celebration for Jesus. Children should arrive at school at 9 am. Parents and guests please arrive no later than 11:20 am. We will have not decided where this program will take place yet. Additional information will be shared closer to the date.

December 19th at 11:15 am - Our 4-Year-Old Classes will have a Christmas Program and Birthday Celebration for Jesus. Children should arrive at school at 9 am. Parents and Guest please arrive no later than 11:05 am and go directly to your child's class assigned space listed below.

Nienhuis/Wheelock's 3-Day Class - The Church Sanctuary (2nd Floor via front steps and to the Right - Directly above the preschool)

Benzing/Schreiber's 3-Day Class - Trinity Classroom (1st floor of church)

Smith/Benzing/Weiseman's 5 -Day Class - Fellowship Hall (2nd Floor via front steps and to the left)

PLEASE TELL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!



After our Christmas Celebrations we will come together in the church Fellowship Hall for treats. Please click on the Sign Up Genius below to bring something to share for our celebration. All treats will need to be delivered on the day of the celebration at 9 am. Any questions please ask Mrs. Gallagher.

2-DAY CLASSES SIGN UPS LINKED BELOW:

[Classroom JOY - NIENHUIS/WHEELLOCK - December 18th](#)

3/5-DAY CLASSES SIGN UPS LINKED BELOW:

[Classroom LOVE - BENZING/SCHREIBER -
December 19th](#)

[Classroom JOY - NIENHUIS/WHEELLOCK - December 19th](#)

[Classroom HOPE - SMITH/BENZING/WEISEMAN -
December 19th](#)



Reminder: Reporting Absences

When you know your child will be absent either due to illness, vacation or other reason please be sure to email both the preschool office (preschool@cmpcusa.org) and your child's teacher. A reminder of the teacher email addresses is below.

Thank you all for working so hard to keep our preschool a healthy environment this year by keeping your child home if they are not feeling well.

Preschool Teacher Contact Information:

Mrs. Benzing - s.benzing@cmpcusa.org

Mrs. Nienhuis - julie.nienhuis@cmpcusa.org

Mrs. Smith - k.smith@cmpcusa.org



Christmas Events at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

If you are looking for a church to celebrate this special time of the year we would love to have you at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our special events this month to celebrate Christmas are listed below.

Sunday, December 7th

10:30 am - The Mary Monologues

The Mary Monologues is a dramatic portrayal of the life of Mary, from a young teenager through an older mother, processing the death of her son. She is being interviewed by Luke for the purpose of his gospel writing, but there is no actual Luke character. Using biblical references, the Mary Monologues show how Mary (and Joseph) are feeling about the birth of Jesus all the way through his death on the cross.

Sunday, December 21st

10:30 am - Festival of Carols Service

The Festival of Carols Service will be a special service filled with the music of Christmas. Come planning to sing your heart out in the spirit of Christmas!

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services - In-Person and Online via the church website: www.cmpcusa.org

5:00 pm - Family Service

8:00 pm - Traditional Service

Basic Concepts for December

2 Day Classes:

Numbers: 1-10

Colors: Red, Green & White

Shape: Star

Vocabulary: Christmas Words

3 & 5 Day Classes:

Numbers: 1-20

Colors: Gold & Silver

Letters: M, & H

Vocabulary: Christmas Words

Christmas Break - Just a reminder that Christ Memorial Christian Preschool will be closed from December 22nd - January 2nd.

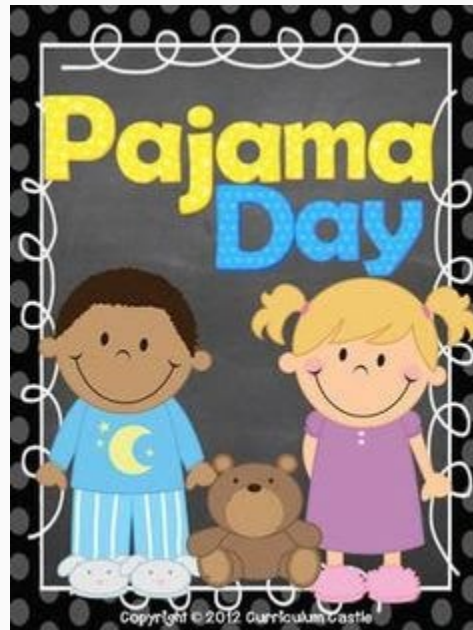
We will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

**PRESCHOOL
PAJAMA DAY!**

We will be coming back to school after Christmas break as comfy as can be! Join your teachers and classmates and wear your pjs when you return to school in January.

Monday, January 5th - Classroom Hope, Classroom Joy 3-Day, and Classroom Love 3-Day

Tuesday, January 6th - Classroom Joy 2-Day



We wish all our preschool families a Merry Christmas!
We feel blessed to know all of you and have the opportunity to spend the mornings with your children! Enjoy your time with family. We will see you all in the New Year!

- The Teachers of
Christ Memorial Christian Preschool