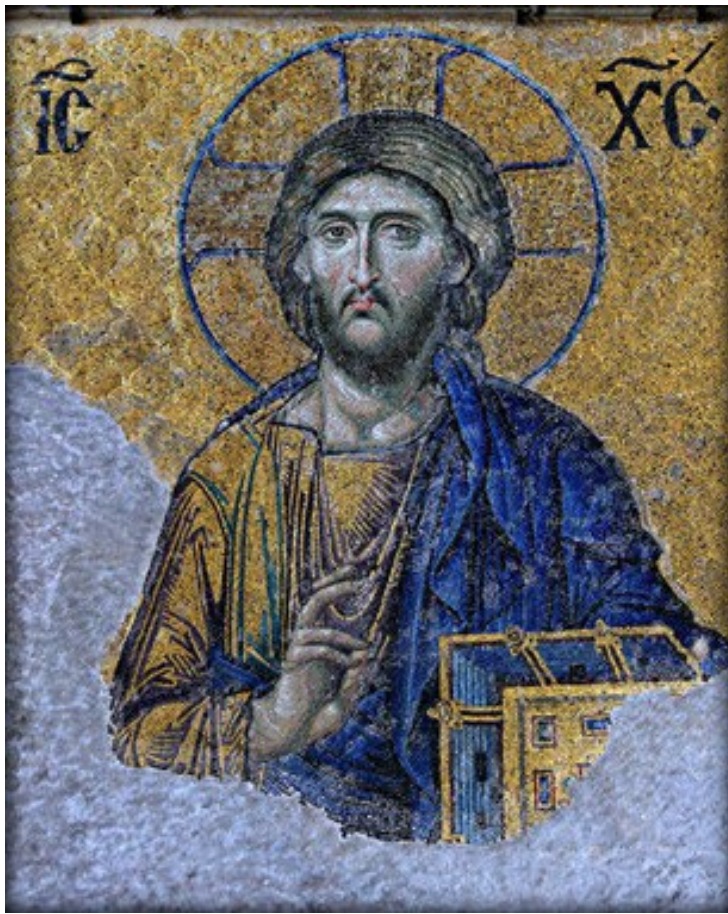




CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

“O Worship the King”

Johann Michael Haydn
Arr. Victor Labenske. 2007

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist John Fieldsend and Pastor Janna

Leader: Here—this place, this time, this community---

All: This is where God has placed us.

1. Here is where we are to live faithfully.
2. Here is where we are to serve.
1. Now is when we are to flourish.
2. Now is when we are to seek joy.
1. These are the people with whom we are bound together.
2. These are the people we are called to love and show grace to.

All: So come, let us worship God, together.

****Gathering Hymn - # 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

Call to Confession

Litany Prayer of Confession

L: You promise a future with hope, and when it's hard to feel hopeful we rely on your promises.

All: The world is not as we wish it would be, and we want you to fix it, O God, and fast.

L: You call us to learn faithfulness in hard situations:

All: We confess we wait for a return to the familiar, or for the perfect moment to speak up.

L: You call us to seek wellbeing for those who oppose us.

All: We admit we'd rather blame others and claim what we want for ourselves:

We'd rather not see ourselves as part of the problem.

L: Make us faithful enough to not just seek your will but to do it.

**All: Holy One, you call us to truly live, to thrive,
not just in our own little corners but in community with others.**

Forgive us our shallow roots, God, and our narrow vision.

Forgive us and make us whole, so that we may take up your work of wholeness for all.

We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: God's vision and God's promise is for a future with hope. God's love gathers us into wholeness.

So we live trusting the One who restores all things---even us--to abundant life. Here is Good News!

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

****Response - # 268, v.1**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

The Word in Music

Choral Fanfare for Christ the King

H. Hamilton Smith

GIA Publishing, 1981

Time for All God's Children

Lindsey Kim

*Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.
Children ages preschool—third grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist John Fieldsend

Gospel Text

John 14:27-31a

Liturgist John Fieldsend

Hebrew Bible Text

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Sermon

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn of Response - # 749 “Come, Live in the Light”**

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

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Elder Jennifer Weinel

Offertory

“Mighty to Save *with* Holy, Holy, Holy”

B. Fielding and R. Morgan

Arr. Carol Torquist. 2013

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.

****Offering Song - # 710** (with Bridge) “We Lift our Voices (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.

Bridge: All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands; We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Elder Jennifer Weinel

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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.

Creator and ruler of the cosmos, Breath of heaven, Lover of us all: You are our praise, our life, our joy....joining our voices with those around heaven’s throne and with the faithful of every time and place, who 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.**

Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord, you are there.... You meet us in the breaking of bread, you pour out the wine of salvation; you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

Hymnal - # 553 “Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen”

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again. (2x)

By your Spirit, make us one with you and with each other....keep us faithful in your service.... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

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.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

****Sending Song - # 134** “Joy to the World”

****Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

William J. Kirkpatrick
Arr. Victor Labenske. 2007

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*Liturgy Adapted from Bibleworm Narrative Lectionary resources,
Rev. Teri Peterson, Scotland*

TEXTS FOR THE WEEK

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14 (CEB)

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem.

⁴ The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. ⁷ Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

⁸ The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Don't let the prophets and diviners in your midst mislead you. Don't pay attention to your dreams. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I didn't send them, declares the LORD.

¹⁰ The LORD proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. ¹² When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. ¹³ When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. ¹⁴ I will be present for you, declares the LORD, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the LORD.

John 14:27-31a

²⁷ "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. ²⁸ You have heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and returning to you.' If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. ²⁹ I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe. ³⁰ I won't say much more to you because this world's ruler is coming. He has nothing on me. ³¹ Rather, he comes so that the world will know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded me.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

This year the **CMPC Angel Tree** will cover several opportunities for giving:

In NOVEMBER we will be collecting TOYS FOR TOTS through November 26. A large box will be in the lower entry way of the church. More info about other opportunities is in the Friday e-news.

Please help us to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettia for Christmas Eve. Each plant is \$18.95. Orders will be taken through December 8th at noon. You may order through the link below, or by contacting the church office (office@cmpcusa.org or 410-997-8011). No paper copies will be handed out this year.



Bible Basics will be canceled through November. The group will next meet Dec. 2 at 11 am in classroom 3. All are welcome.

8th and 9th Graders: Would you like to “Confirm” your Baptism?

...Then Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to consider enrolling in the upcoming “Confirmation Class” for 2026! This year’s class is being taught by Pastor Janna, and will be offered on Sunday afternoon/evening (time to be decided) beginning on Sunday, January 11 and ending February 22 (continuing into March if an available retreat option is excluded).

The 2026 class is encouraged to consider participation in a “Confirmation Retreat” at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Virginia, along with other PC-USA churches from Baltimore Presbytery and others. The retreat is being held on January 30-February 1. Cost would be shared between families and CMPC, and scholarships are available as needed. A link to the retreat can be found here:

Confirmation Retreat — Massanetta Springs



Youth and families are encouraged to contact Pastor Janna at pastorjanna@cmpcusa.org for further information or to enroll in the class.

Fifth Sunday

The 5th Sunday offering collected on November 30 will be given to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. Grassroots is the sponsor of both the Cold Weather Shelter and Route One Day Resource Center where CMPC provides dinners once a month.

Grassroots provides 24-hour access to quality behavioral health, crisis intervention and homeless services to individual and family consumers in need. These are families, individuals and children who find themselves without a place to sleep. These are co-workers, schoolmates, friends and even family who may be contemplating suicide. These are members of the community who are experiencing a crisis and are seeking help, crisis intervention counseling, and sometimes a roof over their heads. Your support, prayers, and generosity are greatly appreciated.

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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Come! Live in the Light!

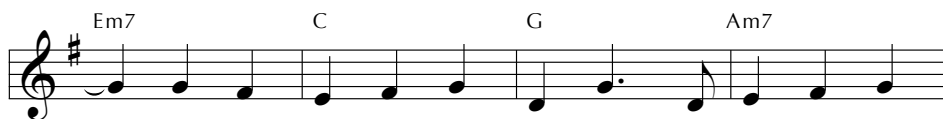
We Are Called



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?"

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.