



# CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scout Sunday

February 8, 2026

## GATHERING

Prelude

"Healer"

Tiffany Hobson, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People) (please remain standing)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

**\*\*Presentation of Colors by the Boy Scouts**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

A: When we count the minutes  
B: and when we have lost track of the years  
Liturgist: The call is for you: Come to the One who brings life —  
**All: the life that is the light for all people.**  
A: When we are desperate for hope  
B: and when we have stopped hoping to avoid disappointment  
Liturgist: The call is for you: Come to the One who brings life —  
**All: the life that is the light for all people.**  
A: When we trust before we know  
B: and when we don't even know what to ask  
Liturgist: The call is for you: come to the One who brings life —  
**All: the life that is the light for all people.**

**\*\*Hymn - #401, v. 1,2,4 "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"**

Call to Confession , followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

L: Compassionate and healing God, you walk among us with the power of life:  
**All: We confess that we are often focused on the wrong thing.**  
L: Our imaginations are so constrained by the systems we live in:  
**All: We fall back into the old ways even when we know you have set us free.**  
L: We aim for "success", thinking we shouldn't start what we can't finish--  
**All: So we hold back on helping anyone because we can't fix everything.**  
L: We rely on the ways of the world,  
**All: because the broken patterns we know seem easier than the unknown you promise.**  
**Forgive us for allowing the perfect to be the enemy of the good.**  
**Forgive us for looking for something we can control instead of seeing your grace upon grace.**  
**Release us from all that keeps us from faithfully following you.**  
**We ask in the name of the one in whose healing we trust—Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, receive this good news: At the very hour Jesus speaks, healing becomes real.  
Pay attention to the sound of his voice: You are made whole! Now-- live life abundantly,  
in fullness of hope.  
**All: Trusting in God's healing love, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!**

**\*\*Response in Song - # 187, v.4 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

**Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. (2x)**

# GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"Coming Home"

Wm. Kirkpatrick and Joseph Martin  
Malcolm Music, 1992

Time for All God's Children

Liz Perraud

\*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 following the Word in Music today.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist Chad Board

**Psalms, and Preface to the Gospel Text**

Psalms 40: 1-5

Liturgist Chad Board

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Text**

John 4:46-54, 5:1-18

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

## **Installation of Elder Josh Gliptis for a Renewed Term**

**Hymn of Response - - # 177**

"I Will Come to You (You are Mine)"

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

# EUCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

**A Minute for Mission--Christ Memorial and the Boy Scouts**

Clare and Lucas Maciejewski

**Invitation to the Offering**

Liturgist Chad Board

Offertory

"Prelude in G Major, Op. 32 No. 5."

S. Rachmaninoff

You are invited to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering grateful thanks for God's goodness, and commitment of ourselves for being Christ-bearers in a world so demanding of renewal and hope.

**\*\*Doxology-582, v. 1,2** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.**

**World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.**

**\*\*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

Liturgist Chad Board

## SENDING

**\*\*Sending Song- #632, v. 1,2,4**

"People of the Lord"

Blessing and Charge

**Postlude**

"Celebration"

David Lasky

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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!

CMPC offers its thanks to all those Scouts who participated in this Scout Sunday Service. We also offer thanks for the various services the organization performs throughout the year.

Today, February 8th is Scout Sunday. Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church (CMPC) sponsors three units of Scouting America (BSA): Cub Scout Pack 371, Boy Troop 75B, and Girl Troop 75G. The BSA has chartered CMPC through the Baltimore Area Council to provide the Scouting program to our youth via these units in order to instill lifetime values, develop ethical character, and to train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership.

The Pack and Troop provide volunteer service hours for community organizations such as Scouting for Food for the Howard County Food Bank. Troop 75 also assisted with the CMPC's Cold Weather Shelter support.

Pack 371 is led by Jason Whong as Cubmaster and has 59 youth and 14 adults. Troop 75B is led by Peter Blair as Scoutmaster and Lucas Maciejewski as Senior Patrol Leader. It has 67 boys and 44 adults. Troop 75G is led by Evelyn Mogren as Scoutmaster and Ashlan Keller as Senior Patrol Leader. It has 21 girls and 30 adults.

## Texts for the Week

### John 4:46-54, 5:1-18

<sup>46</sup> Jesus returned from Jerusalem to Cana in Galilee where he had turned the water into wine. In Capernaum there was a certain royal official whose son was sick. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that Jesus was coming from Judea to Galilee, he went out to meet him and asked Jesus if he would come and heal his son, for his son was about to die. <sup>48</sup> Jesus said to him, him, "Unless you see miraculous signs and wonders, you won't believe."

<sup>49</sup> The royal official said to him, "Lord, come before my son dies."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, "Go home. Your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and set out for his home.

<sup>51</sup> While he was on his way, his servants were already coming to meet him. They said, "Your son lives!" <sup>52</sup> So he asked them at what time his son had started to get better. And they said, "The fever left him yesterday at about one o'clock in the afternoon." <sup>53</sup> Then the father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son lives." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. <sup>54</sup> This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did while going from Judea to Galilee.

## Psalm 40:1-5

**40** I put all my hope in the LORD.

He leaned down to me;  
he listened to my cry for help.

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the pit of death,  
out of the mud and filth,  
and set my feet on solid rock.

He steadied my legs.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise for our God.

Many people will learn of this and be amazed;  
they will trust the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Those who put their trust in the LORD,  
who pay no attention to the proud  
or to those who follow lies,  
are truly happy!

<sup>5</sup> You, LORD my God!

You've done so many things—  
your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—  
no one can compare with you!

If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,  
they would be too numerous to count!

**5** After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethsaida. It had five covered porches, <sup>3</sup> and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there. <sup>5</sup> A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

<sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, "Sir, I don't have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I'm trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup> Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

<sup>10</sup> The Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It's the Sabbath; you aren't allowed to carry your mat."

<sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

<sup>12</sup> They inquired, "Who is this man who said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> The man who had been cured didn't know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away from the crowd gathered there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him in the temple and said, "See! You have been made well. Don't sin anymore in case something worse happens to you." <sup>15</sup> The man went and proclaimed to the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

<sup>16</sup> As a result, the Jewish leaders were harassing Jesus, since he had done these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "My Father is still working, and I am working too." <sup>18</sup> For this reason the Jewish leaders wanted even more to kill him—not only because he was doing away with the Sabbath but also because he called God his own Father, thereby making himself equal with God.

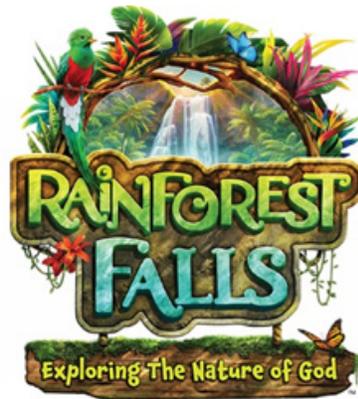
## Questions to Wonder About:

- I wonder how it feels to be very skeptical about what God can and will do for you?
- I wonder how it feels to suddenly recognize that what you wanted has happened for you?
- I wonder what it means to "believe in Jesus?"
- I wonder how it feels to need something for a very long time and never ask for help?
- I wonder who had more faith or belief in Jesus, and how they behaved after that?
- I wonder how to know when love and mercy are more important than the rules?

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events



### VBS

Let's Explore the Nature of God together at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church!

We couldn't be more excited about Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2026 where we will show kids what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their safe place in life's storms. Mark your calendars for the week of July 6th!

Registration is now open for CMPC families and will open to the general public on Wednesday, January 21st. Registration can be found using the QR code below.



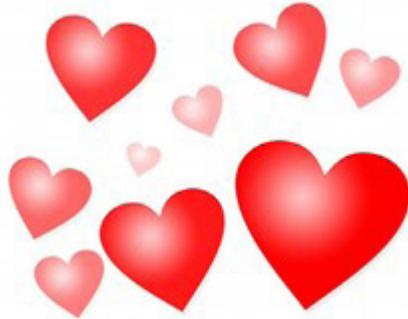
To make this a successful week for the kids of Christ Memorial we need volunteers! Please consider participating in this great church event. We need adult leaders and teen leaders (middle school, high school and college). For adult leaders volunteering for the week, registration is free for one of your children! Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal (vbs@cmpcusa.org) if you are interested in helping!

## Update from the PNC

As we ring in the New Year, we wanted to give you an update from the PNC. We have continued to review resumes and conduct Zoom interviews with many interesting candidates. As we do our review a variety of things can happen. We decide if we want to talk further with a candidate, or we decide that they are not a good fit for CMPC. Sometimes after talking with us a candidate wants to stay in the pool, or they may choose to withdraw. And before we can meet with any candidate face to face, the Presbytery checks references and must give us a green light. We are meeting with some candidates face to face in January, which is exciting! But we also want to emphasize that we are looking for the best match for CMPC and the process takes time.

Thank you for your patience and support during this lengthy process.

Remember, WE are the church and many good things are happening in our worship, ministry and fellowship time as we search for our next pastor and church leader.

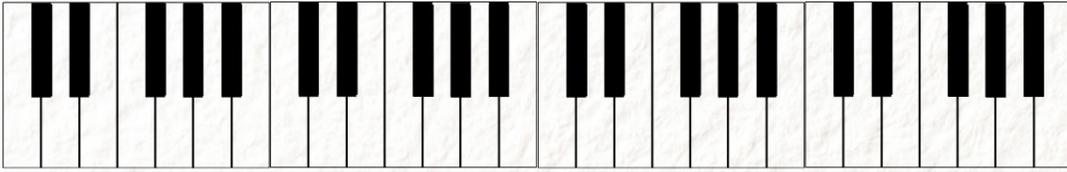


**URGENT:** The Care & Wellness Committee would like to send Valentine's cards to all CMPC college students, grad students, tech school students, any post high students living away or at home. We are on a tight deadline. Please send your student's snail mail address to Kris Bloom (kcbloom@verizon.net) by Monday, February 9th. Thank you for your quick response.



## Pancake Supper

Troop 75B is hosting a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner for the entire CMPC community! Bring your whole family between 5 and 7 pm on Tuesday, February 17th at CMPC for a drop-in dinner of pancakes, bacon, and applesauce. Donations will be accepted and the troop has decided that all will go to CMPC! Payment is by freewill offering (cash, check or electronic payment). Use the link to let them know if you are coming so they can ensure they have enough food prepared.



# 2026 MUSICAL TREATS AND BOUNTIFUL SWEETS

6PM-8PM  
SUNDAY, MAY 31ST  
THEME: NATURE



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## Here in This Place

401

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

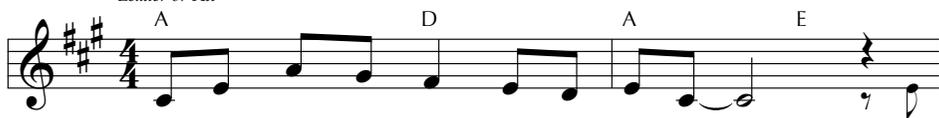


we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# I Will Come to You You Are Mine

Leader or All



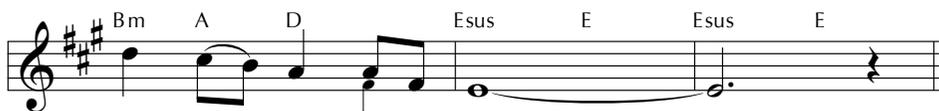
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



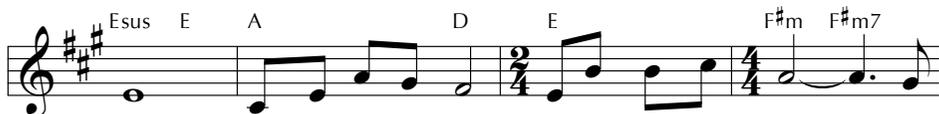
still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain

All



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

## 632

## People of the Lord

(Psalm 78)

Capo 5: (C) (F) (C) (F) (Em) (G) (Em) (G)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> Am C Am C

1 Peo - ple of the Lord, lis - ten to my voice.  
 2 Tell of God's great deeds. Teach God's lov - ing law  
 3 Tell the news till each gen - er - a - tion knows.  
 4 May we trust in God, rest in God's strong hand,

(C) (F) (C) (F) (Em) (G) (C) (G) (C)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> Am C F C F

Hear the an - cient words. Once a - gain re - joice!  
 that faith's pre - cious seed in each heart may grow.  
 They, in turn, will teach those yet to be born.  
 live in God's strong love, fol - low God's com - mands.

Refrain (C) (Em) (Am) (G) (C) (A)  
 F Am Dm C F D

What we have heard, what we have known, let our tongues

(F) (C) (Dm) (C) (G) (C) (Em) (Am) (G) (C)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F C F Am Dm C F

tell our sons and daugh - ters the won - ders of our liv - ing God,

\*Stanzas may be sung as a canon.

This paraphrase of the first seven verses of Psalm 78 represents the introduction to a long narrative history, with special emphasis on the mighty acts of God on Israel's behalf. This retelling is also intended to prevent the hearers from repeating their ancestors' mistakes.

## ADORATION

*to Stanzas* Final

(Dm)

(G) (A) (Dm)

(G) (C) (F)

(C) (F)

(C)

Gm

C

D

Gm

C

F

B $\flat$ 

F

B $\flat$ 

F



that they may join us in the cho - rus.

