



# CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 1, 2026

## GATHERING

Prelude

"Metamorphosis Two"

P. Glass

Welcome and Announcements

Joyce Danzig

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

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Joyce Danzig

L: The realm of God is always about moving, packing up, leaving the familiar, and going into the distant unknown.

**P: The promise of God is for a great nation, untold blessings, and a great name.**

L: The transitions, shifts, and passages of our lives are the necessary prerequisites to receive the promises of God.

**P: We would like to know security, permanence, and a settled existence, but we are always called to journey.**

**\*\*Hymn - #51**

"To Abraham and Sarah "

Call to Confession , followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

God of promise and faithfulness, we have traveled great distances, given up all that was “home,” been sojourners in a strange land, and yet struggled with our faith in you. We have been disappointed and filled with despair as others have seemed to inherit everything and left us among the dispossessed. In our search for our own fulfillment, we have sinned. Forgive us, we pray. In the name of the promised Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Lift up your eyes! God loves the world-God loves you. Our salvation comes from God who will lift us up when our faith has fallen, to place us on the paths to the Kingdom. **In Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*\*Response in Song - # 443 v.1      “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.**

**GROWING IN GOD’S WORD**

Word in Music

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”  
ROCK Chimes

Michael Ryan  
Soundforth, 2014

Time for All God’s Children

Chad Board

\*Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.

Children ages Preschool - 3rd grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalm**

Genesis 12: 1-9

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**Gospel Text**

Romans 4; 1-5, 13-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

**Sermon**

Take a Risk

Rev. Renee Mackey

**\*\*Hymn of Response- - # 720**

“Jesus Calls Us”

# EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

Prelude No. 22 in B-flat minor

J.S.Bach

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- #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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

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

### **\*\*Sending Song - #726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me-The Summons”

### Blessing and Charge

### **Postlude**

Ten Voluntaries for the Organ or Harpsichord, Voluntary X

John Stanley

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# Texts for the Week

## Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, NRSVUE

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed<sup>[a]</sup> God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed,<sup>[a]</sup> who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak<sup>[a]</sup> of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

# March Fellowship Events

**March 1st** - Sunday Fellowship - HOT CHOCOLATE IN THE HALLWAY- It's the last gasp of winter (hopefully) so let's enjoy one last cup of hot cocoa! Of course, whipped cream and cinnamon are included!



**March 5-7**- A Fellowship Opportunity - Don't forget to purchase tickets for the production of "Footloose" at Hammond High School...Three of CMPC's own are involved in the production! The play runs from Thursday, 3-5-26 thru Saturday, 3-7-26. Purchase tickets here.



**March 8th** - Sunday Fellowship Hour- Stay and visit with your CMPC friends...

**March 15th** - Sunday Fellowship Hour - St Patrick's Day is approaching so the theme is "green!"



**March 27th** - A new initiative called "Come Join Us"...Two Tables of 8 will be reserved at "The Food Market", 10480 Little Patuxent Pkwy, G150, in Columbia, MD for a Friday lunch at 11:45am. Sign up here or contact the church office.

RSVP by 3-25-26.



**March 29th** - Sunday Fellowship Hour - In celebration of cherry Blossoms and everything Spring!





# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

## February

*For God so loved the world He gave  
His only begotten Son so that  
whoever believes in Him shall have  
everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

What a special month February is at  
Christ Memorial Christian Preschool!  
We emphasized with our children the  
importance of love in our world.



We began the month exploring the joy of winter by celebrating Winter Fun Day! The children explored stations including indoor ice skating, snowmen making, ice building and penguin races. Our classes also explored many of the parables of Jesus this month. The children especially enjoyed the parable of the lost sheep as they tried to be shepherds catching "balloon sheep"!



Our children spread their love for their peers by exchanging valentines in their classrooms. Students made a special valentine for their families. It was so wonderful to share the love of God at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool.

# 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](mailto:vbs@cmpcusa.org)) if you are interested in helping!

## Mulch Sales

The scouts of CMPC are having their annual mulch sale with free Driveway Delivery the weekend of March 20-21. The Scouts will deliver high quality mulch to your home in time for your spring gardening needs, saving you time and effort of going to your local garden center. Order here by March 8th:



## CMPC CONCERT SERIES - VOLUME I

You're invited to an evening filled with beautiful live music and joyful community spirit!

Join us as **The Gallery Winds Woodwind Quintet, Jeremi Lukanus, Flute 29 Flute Choir**, and other special performers share a delightful program sure to inspire and entertain.

This **FREE** concert is the perfect way to unwind. Come sit back, listen, bring a friend and enjoy an uplifting evening of wonderful performances.

We can't wait to see you there!

Sunday, April 19th  
6:30-8:30pm  
CMPC Sanctuary



## 2025 Contribution Statements

Thank you for your generous and continued financial support for the work of our congregation last year.

The year-end contribution statements are available for you to download from CMPC Bridge between February 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026. Beginning February 1st, the “2025 Contribution Statement” button will appear on your giving record to allow you to download or print your statement.

As a reminder, you can view your giving history at any time in CMPC Bridge.

If you would prefer to have your 2025 contribution statement mailed or emailed to you, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at [joyce.danzig@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com).

## Easter Lilies

Please help us to decorate our sanctuary with lilies for our Easter service. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

Lilies are \$16.95 each and may be ordered until March 23rd at 1:00 pm. Once you submit this form, please go to online giving to make a payment, or send a check. Please make checks out to CMPC with “Lilies” in the memo line.

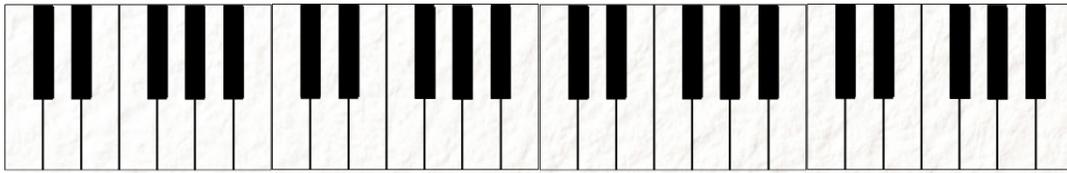
If you need help, please contact the office ([office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org)). There are no paper forms.

Please order here:



## Communion Sunday

There will be two opportunities for Communion in March: March 8th and March 29th.



# 2026 MUSICAL TREATS AND BOUNTIFUL SWEETS

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



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## 51

## To Abraham and Sarah

## I Will Be Your God



1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,



You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,



that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."



This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1–22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).

## Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.