



# CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026**

## GATHERING

**Prelude** "Prelude in Adagio from Toccata in C minor" J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Janna VanderWoude

**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**

Liturgist Allison Miller

L: In the beginning, God said "let there be light"

P: **and through the Word, the light shone.**

L: Since the beginning, light has been shining,

P: **sparks of love and grace embedded in the world.**

L: Even today, the light shines,

P: **revealing life in all its fullness, grace upon grace: May we live in God's light.**

**\*\*Hymn -**

**"Here I am to Worship" (Lyrics on Text Page)**

Call to Confession , followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession (voices together in Bold print)

L: Your word of life shines, O God:

**P: We confess that we actually prefer the shadows.**

**We don't actually want to know all that your light might illuminate.**

When we want to proclaim your good news but not to let it change things: **Forgive us.**

When we have much to say to others but not to ourselves: **Forgive us.**

When we pray for light and then head for the safety of not being seen: **Forgive us.**

**All: Come among us again with your power and re-make us as your children,  
ready to reflect your light and life into all the world.**

**We ask in the name of the One who shines and is never overcome, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, hear this good news: from Christ's fullness we receive grace upon grace.  
Live now in the light!

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

**\*\*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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Text for the Day

Psalm 36:5-9

Gospel Text for the Day

John 8:12, 25-30

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Word in Music

"Light it Up"

Created by Gina Boe  
Brentwood Benson Kids

**Hymn of Response - #458 "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my Feet"**

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

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

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

“Lord, I Need You” by M. Maher, J. Reeves, K. Stanfill, C. Nockels and D. Carson.  
2011. EMICMGPUBLISHING.COM

### **\*\*Doxology- #215 v.3**

### **“What Wondrous Love is This”**

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

### **\*\*Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

## SENDING

### **\*\*Sending Song - #853**

**“We are Marching in the Light of God”  
v.2 “dancing” v.3 “praying” v.4 “singing”**

### Blessing and Charge

### **Postlude**

Fugue I and Fugue II from Toccata in C minor

#### Art Attribution

“Crucified Jesus as the Light of the World”  
Unknown artist, mid-20th century  
St. George’s Cathedral (Episcopal), East Jerusalem

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!

Thank you to Neil Danzig and John Kim for providing audio support this week!  
Thank you to Kevin Wilson for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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# Texts for the Week

## John 8:12, 25-30

<sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

<sup>25</sup> "Who are you?" they asked.

Jesus replied, "I'm exactly who I have claimed to be from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have many things to say in judgment concerning you. The one who sent me is true, and what I have heard from him I tell the world." <sup>27</sup> They didn't know he was speaking about his

Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "When the Human One is lifted up,<sup>[b]</sup> then you will know that I Am. Then you will know that I do nothing on my own, but I say just what the Father has taught me. <sup>29</sup> He who sent me is with me. He doesn't leave me by myself, because I always do what makes him happy." <sup>30</sup> While Jesus was saying these things, many people came to believe in him.

## Psalm 36:5-9 (NRSVUE)

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of  
your wings.

<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of  
your delights.

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

## "Here I Am to Worship" (Gathering Song for the Day)

**v.1** Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You (Refrain)

**Refrain:** Here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

**v.2** King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to this earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor

**Refrain**

**Bridge:** I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross (4x)

**Refrain**

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Care and Wellness Services

The Care & Wellness Committee has a mission to help members of the congregation in times of need. We would like to explain two of our services that are available.

## Meal Train

Guidelines for Requesting – Meal Train is a system whereby volunteers from the congregation provide complete meals for a household when life events cause a temporary need for assistance with preparing meals. Most Meal Trains are every other day for 2 weeks or every third day for 3 weeks, adjustable depending on the need. The C&W Committee will organize short-term assistance with meals upon request for residents of any household in our congregation in which circumstances impact meal preparation: Those circumstances include:

- Death in household
- New baby in household
- Surgery, illness, hospitalization in household

If you would like to be included in the Meal Train as a volunteer to supply meals, please send your name and email to Kris Bloom. (kcbloom@verizon.net)

If you are in need of meals through Meal Train, please send your name and phone number to Kris Bloom. (kcbloom@verizon.net)

## Transportation

Guidelines for Requesting: Volunteer members of the congregation can provide transportation to medical appointments or other short term urgent needs when members are temporarily unable to drive themselves.

- Passengers must be able to get into and out of a car without the driver's assistance.
- Request a few days in advance to allow us time to organize drivers.

## CMPC CONCERT SERIES - VOLUME I

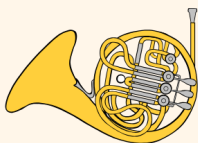
You're invited to an evening filled with beautiful live music and joyful community spirit!

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:



CMPC's CARE Group ministry is sponsoring our 5th Food Collection for the Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) Food Pantry. The Food Pantry currently serves over 100 families, an increase of 20 families in the last year, and is supported primarily through donations.

We will begin accepting donations Sunday, March 29th through Sunday, April 19th, 2026. All items will be delivered to OMHS the week of April 20th.

The items listed below are suggestions and are always appreciated.

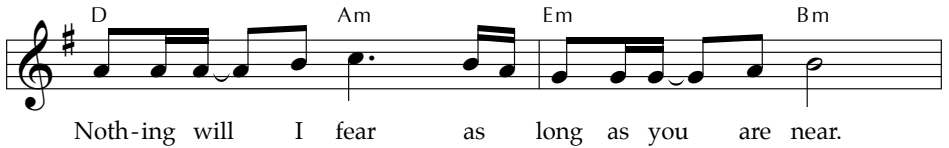
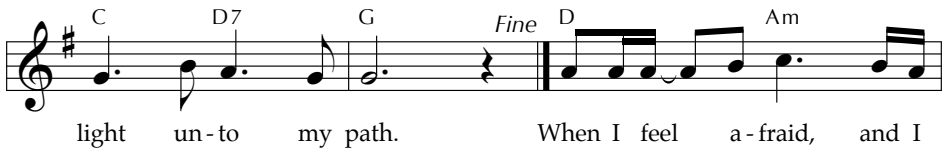
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Jelly (plastic jars preferred)
- Pasta sauce (plastic jars preferred)
- Dry beans
- Snacks
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (larger sizes)



Please ensure that all donated goods are sealed and have not expired. There will be collection bins downstairs as you enter the building from the parking lot, and upstairs in the narthex, outside of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Markita Garner, Cindy Pettit, or Sandi Chapasko. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

## Refrain



The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

## 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

# *Holy Week at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church*

All are welcome!




## **Palm Sunday**

**March 29th, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

"Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" The road Jesus follows to Jerusalem concludes with a celebration of his arrival there: But what does it mean? Do we join the crowd because we ourselves have seen Jesus perform acts of resurrection and renewal, like those who saw him raise his friend Lazarus? Or is it only after we've gone through the coming pain that we truly understand who Jesus is? This service will feature the choral cantata "Touch the Robe" and includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper as we enter Holy Week.

## **Maundy Thursday, The Last Supper April 2nd at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we gather together to break bread, enjoy a simple soup supper, share the sacrament of communion at our dinner tables, and serve each other through hand-washing. Please RSVP here:  This is a family-oriented activity.

## **Holy Week Stations of the Cross**

**April 2, 3-6 PM; April 3 (Good Friday) 10-12 PM and 3-6 PM; April 4 10-12 PM**

This Holy Week pilgrimage follows eight "Stations of the Cross" consisting of a Bible reading and a brief meditative activity. As you progress through this Remembrance of the Way of Jesus you will collect the readings along with copies of the featured artwork by artist Nicholas Markell.

## **Easter Sunrise Service April 5th at 6:30 a.m.**

Gathering in semi-darkness we will gather to worship the Risen Son as the sun rises. All are welcome to join in this simple and meaningful worship experience. The service will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

## **Easter Worship**

**April 5th at 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

"The Lord is Risen: He is risen indeed!" Come, join Christians gathered around the world who remember and celebrate this hope-filled day, uniting our voices in song: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 5th, following 10:30 worship**

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children in preschool and elementary school immediately following the worship service. There will be lots of eggs for children to find! Come and join the fun!



# JOIN THE **CMPC** **SPRING STEPS** **CHALLENGE**

Join us in the month of  
April as we get moving  
together!

**APRIL 1ST-30TH**

1. DOWNLOAD THE STEP UP APP
2. REGISTER THROUGH THE GOOGLE FORM

*Each person or group will register as  
one of the following groups:*

- *A Gentle Walker (15,000 steps per week)*
- *A Steady Stepper (25,000 steps per week)*
- *A Motivated Mover (35,000 steps per week)*

**REACH OUT TO  
FELLOWSHIP@  
CMPCUSA.ORG  
WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS!**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW FAR WE  
WILL GO!**