



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"Spiritual: Ride on King Jesus"

piano arr. By Hall Johnson

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**

L: Come, gather round — the King is coming!

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Don't be afraid — rejoice for the One who speaks peace is coming!

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Look — the One with the power of Life is coming!

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Liturgist Meghan Jones

****Hymn -391**

"This is the Day (Psalm 118)"

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Meghan Jones

Offertory

“Hosanna, Laud Hosanna”

Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wittenburg
Racluca Bojor. 2022

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.

****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**

Liturgist Meghan Jones

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(Song during Communion - # 525 “Let us Break Bread Together”)

You are invited to come forward to the table today to receive communion.

Please form a group line down the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisles.

If you would like to have bread and cup brought to you, please raise your hand slightly.

At the table to the left you may take a piece of bread and a single-serve cup.

Communion to the right is “by intinction”, dipping the bread into a shared cup.

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

When you receive the bread and cup, it is appropriate to respond to the words offered by saying “Amen.”

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Gospel Reading

John 12:23-28

Hymn – #627

“I Love You, Lord” (quietly, 2x)

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

variation from prelude fugue and variation in B minor

C. Frank/H. Bauer

Art Attribution

“Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem”, Alexey Glebovich Smirnov, Soviet Russia, 1960s



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 Zoe Kim 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

Gospel Reading 1: John 12:12-16

² The great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted,

"Hosanna!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the king of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ *Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.*

*Look! Your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt.*

¹⁶ His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

Gospel Reading 2: John 12:23-28

²³ Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them

forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

²⁷ "Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

As we walk the road from Palm Sunday to Easter, imagine all of us, in the wake of Jesus, changing our minds, renewing our minds, altering our opinions concerning self and neighbor and world. The clue to the new mind of Christ is emptying of our need to control and our anxious passion for security. And as our minds change, we come to new freedom. It is Easter freedom, unburdened and fearless, freed for the praise of God and the interest of neighbor.

Walter Brueggemann, *Devotions for Lent: A Way Other than our Own*

Psalm 118:19-26

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of
righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you
that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day
that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you,
give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of
the LORD.

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

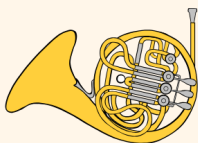
You're invited to an evening filled with beautiful live music and joyful community spirit!

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





PAKISTANI INDIAN FELLOWSHIP



INVITES YOU TO

SHAM - E - CALVARY

Wednesday April 01, 2026 at 6 PM

HOSTED BY: MR. JAVAID SAROIA
PS. IRFAN MICHAEL ROY

IF you want to participate please give your names to



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CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10600 SHAKER DR, COLUMBIA, MD 21046

Dinner will be served after the service

Spring Clean Up

May 2nd

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rain or shine

Save the date!



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!

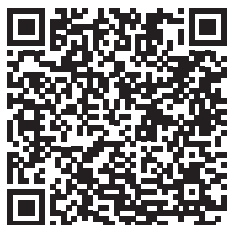
The Spring Steps Challenge!

The fellowship committee is inviting our CMPC community to join in on a spring walking challenge! With the spring weather approaching it is a great time for all of us to get out and get moving! We are encouraging members of all ages to join in on some extra physical activity!

To participate in the step challenge:

Download the free Step Up app -This app will sync with your smart phone and any wearable device such as an apple watch or fit bit to track your daily steps.

Complete the Google Form to be added to our CMPC walkers group!



Fellowship will text you a link to our group and starting April 1st it is time to get moving! Feel free to reach out to Fellowship@cmpcusa.org with any questions. Let's see how many steps we can get in the month of April!



2026 MUSICAL
TREATS AND
BOUNTIFUL SWEETS

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



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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!

This Is the Day

Este es el día

(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (D) (Em7)
F Gm7 F Gm7

This is the day; this is the day;
¡Es - te es el día - a, es - te es el día - a,

(D) (Em7) (A) (D)
F Gm7 C F

this is the day that God has made!
es - te es el día que hi - zo Dios!

(D) (A7) (D)
F C7 F

1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!
2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,
3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.
4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

(D) (A7) (D)
F C7 F

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.
of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,
I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.
from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

(D) (A7) (D)
F C7 F

This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,
turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed
This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.
God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

The author/composer has incorporated elements of his Argentinian culture in this dynamic paraphrase of Psalm 118. In particular, the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (*gauchos*) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning.

GATHERING

(D) (A7) (D) *to Refrain*
 F C7 F *al Estribillo*

sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.
 in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.
 Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:
 glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

SPANISH

- 1 *Ábranme las puertas de la justicia,
y entraré alabando a mi Dios.
Esta es la puerta que Dios nos ha dado,
todos los justos por ella entrarán.*
- 2 *Voy a alabarte porque me has oído
y porque fuiste mi gran salvación.
Esa piedra que todos despreciaron
resulta ahora ser fundamental.*
- 3 *Es el Señor quien ha hecho todo esto;
¡Qué maravilla poder verlo hoy!
Este es el día que el Señor ha hecho,
con alegría gocemos en Él.*
- 4 *Al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo
demos la gloria por la eternidad;
como al principio, tal cual es ahora
y lo será para siempre jamás.*

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

I Love You, Lord

627

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to".

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take".

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a".

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "sweet, sweet sound in your ear.".

This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.