



# CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026

## GATHERING

Prelude

"God So Loved."

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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**

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

**Jesus is the living bread!**

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

**Give us the bread of hope, and compassion that we may also feed others.**

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

**Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn - #401, v. 1, 3, 4**

**"Here in this Place (Gather Us In)"**

Call to Confession , followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

L: God, you give us daily bread for living;

**P: We confess that we complain and lose sight of hope.**

L: Through Jesus you show us your saving love for us, day in and day out.

**P: We admit that we see things only as we have perceived them before.**

**Forgive us for trying to fill ourselves up and be nourished by things that melt away.**

**Allow us to trust that you love us enough to dwell among us and in us by your Holy Spirit.**

**God, teach us and draw us to yourself through Jesus Christ, our bread of Life. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear this Good News: God has confirmed Jesus as his agent to give life, and Jesus won't send anyone away who comes to him. God's love is steadfast: Jesus comes to fill hungry hearts. Trust him, and live eternal life here and now.

**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

Word in Music

"A Lenten Introspection"  
Bells of Joy  
Wes Millard, Narrator

Matthew Compton  
Lorenz Pub., 2017

Time for All God's Children

\*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**

Psalm 107: 1-9

**Gospel Text**

John 6: 26-30

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L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

**\*\*Hymn of Response- - # 497, v. 1, 2, 5 "Bread of Life from Heaven"**

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

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

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

“Prelude” from “Prelude, Fugue and Variation in B minor”

C. Franck/H. Bauer

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- #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

#### Invitation to the Lord’s Table

#### 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.**

Creator of the Cosmos, Holy One, Lover of us all... You are there....you redeem us from trouble, and lead us to a land of promise, filled with milk and honey.

**We thank you, LORD, for steadfast love, and wonderful works to humankind.**

**O LORD, you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.**

Light of the world, Vine to these branches, Bread of Life to us, you are there...Whenever you do this, remember me.

**We thank you, LORD, for steadfast love, and wonderful works to humankind.**

**O LORD, you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.**

Christ is the bread of life:

**Whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection until he comes again.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven, Comfort and Encouragement to us...You are here....that we might share your love with your blessed and broken world.

**We thank you, LORD, for steadfast love, and wonderful works to humankind.**

**O LORD, you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.**

Fount of mercy, Fire of justice, Dearest Friend....until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song. **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. A gluten-free bread option is available. Please raise your hand slightly and a server will bring it to you.

*Offer communion to each other, passing the bread and holding it for all to take together:*

...the Bread of Life, given that we might be holy and whole. **Amen.**

*Then pass the cup among you, holding it for all to take together.*

... the cup of salvation, poured out in love for the world. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

**\*\*Sending Song - #538**

"Hallelujah, We Sing your Praises"

### Blessing and Charge

**Postlude**

"Howeward" from Lyric Pieces Book VII, Op.62 - 6

Grieg

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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!

Thank you to Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week!

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# Texts for the Week

## John 6:26-40 (CEB)

<sup>26</sup> Jesus replied to the crowds who had come looking for him, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. <sup>27</sup> Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life."

<sup>28</sup> They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."

<sup>30</sup> They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*"

<sup>32</sup> Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I told you that you have seen me and still don't believe. <sup>37</sup> Everyone whom the Father gives to me will come to me, and I won't send away anyone who comes to me. <sup>38</sup> I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the one who sent me, that I won't lose anything he has given me, but I will raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is my Father's will: that all who see the Son and believe in him will have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

## Psalm 107:1-9 (NRSVUE)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;

<sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;

<sup>7</sup> he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.

<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

<sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

# 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.

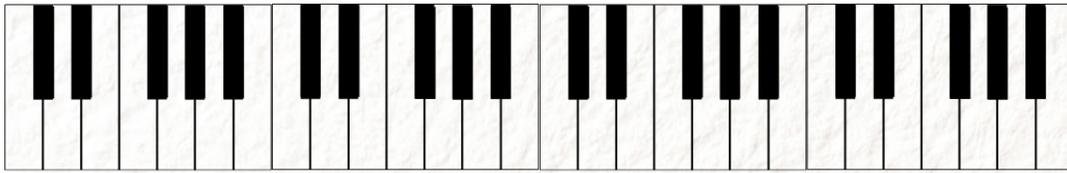
If you need help, please contact the office ([office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org)). There are no paper forms.

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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## Here in This Place

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## 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.

## 497 Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain C G Am Am7 F G7 C

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

F G7 C Am F G7 C Last time

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

G G7 C F

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing thanks,  
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your hearts  
3 Love as the One who, in love for you, gave him - self  
4 Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home  
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this bread

G C Bdim7 E7

hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
for the life of the world. Come to the One who is  
in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, ho - ly  
and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Am Am7 D D7 Gsus G7 to Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - ery breath, praise the One in whom you are re - born.

This Lord's Supper hymn began with the music of the refrain, an Argentine melody for the *Sanctus*. Then the refrain text was written to fit that music, followed by stanzas based on themes from John 6. Finally, a melody for the stanzas was composed in the style of the refrain.

## 538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona**Refrain, sung twice each time*

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our  
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

*Fine*

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Originally created in the Sotho language, this ecstatic South African hymn reached English by way of a Swedish translation and is now found in numerous hymnals. It can serve as a powerful sending hymn for connecting what happens at the Lord's Table with our mission in the world.

