

Welcome!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will worship with us again! Please help us get to know you by filling out the friendship pad (located in the pew) during the welcome. Be sure to check out the "New to Us?" card in the pew rack for information about our worship service, children in worship, who we are, and more! Prayer request cards can be found in the pew and are used to share concerns with the prayer chain and/or the pastor.

Prayer Concerns

Illness: Nancy Burroughs, Chuck Ridgeway, Waldo Renich
Serving in the Military: Col. Bryan J. Laske, U.S. Army; Matt Scherr, National Guard; Lt. Michael Thomas, Navy; Ryan Thomas; Sgt. Zachary Thomas; Lt. Jim Six, USAF; Todd Stubbs; Sarah Theeke, USAF.

Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every member of the congregation!
Pastor: The Rev. Scott W. Hoffman
Music Director: Joy Exner
Accompanist: Lorri Yawney
Communications Coordinator: Katie Foster
Preschool Director: Heather Gallagher
Facilities and Property Manager: Tito Baca
Nursery Attendants: Laura Holderman, Allison Miller
Bell Choir Director: Sally Berlowitz
Sunday Experience Director: Jane Preston
LOGOS Director: Carrie Jenkins
Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg
Moderator of Deacons: Marilyn Mills
Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney
Asst. Treasurer: Bill Anderson



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Calendar:

Sun 11	10:30	Worship
	11:30	PILP Presentation
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 12		Church Office Closed
	6:15	Kickboxing Class, Rm. 18 and 21
	7:00	Atholton Swim Club, Rm. 12
Tue 13	9:15	Preschool Parents, Committee Room
	10:00	Piano Tuning, Sanctuary
	11:00	Bible Basics, Committee Room
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and Downstairs Classrooms
	7:00	New Officer's Training, Rm. 21
Wed 14	5:00	LOGOS, Entire Building
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21
	8:00	Bells of Joy, Sanctuary
Thurs 15	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Room
	6:00	Cub Scouts, FH and Downstairs Classrooms
	6:45	EC Stampers, Rm. 9
	7:00	BSA Monthly, Committee Room
	7:15	Trinity Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 16		
Sat 17	9:00	Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary, FH and Kitchen
	10:00	Senior High Babysitting, Lower Level
	12:00	Music Director, Sanctuary



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* arr. J. Perry

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Response- 91 *Come, Come, Emmanuel*

*Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
 Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

**Call to Worship

L: My soul magnifies the Lord;
P: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
 L: The Mighty One has done great things.
P: Holy is God's name!
 L: Let us worship God!

Elise Jordan

**Hymn – 106

Prepare the Way O Zion

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...
P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Response – 466

Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 You alone, O Lord, are holy.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 Alleluia!

Moment with Children	Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience	Allen Exner
Word in Music	<i>Waiting</i> (from <i>Night of the Father's Love</i>)	by P. Choplin
Prayer for Illumination		
Scriptures	Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 3: 7-18	OT Page 663 NT Page 60
	L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Second Fiddle	Rev. Scott Hoffman
**Hymn – 96	<i>On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry</i>	
Offertory	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	arr. L. Shackley
**Doxology – 606	<i>Doxology</i>	
Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")		
**Hymn – 100	<i>My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout</i>	
**Benediction		
**Postlude	<i>People, Look East</i>	arr. P. Taylor

This morning elder Liz Perraud will be at the front of the sanctuary after worship to welcome you and answer questions about our congregation.

Worship Music this Week:

The prelude, *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*, is an organ arrangement of a dialogue hymn for Advent. The conversation takes place between a traveler and a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of the dawn and the birth of Jesus. The text was written by John Bowring in 1825, and the music that we use today by Joseph Parry in 1876. The hymn is #97 in our hymnal. The first verse: "Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are. Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star. Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell? Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel."

The Word in Music, *Waiting*, is from the cantata *Night of the Father's Love*. During Advent we wait for the celebration of the coming birthday of our Lord, as we continue to wait for His return! This anthem says that we are waiting – "Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us. We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us." It goes on to say that we are listening so that we can hear His word, then asks for patience as we are waiting. The final words of the anthem say, "When we pray, give us faith that You hear every prayer. As we're waiting"

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Ministry Expansion Finance Meeting Today, December 11th following worship
The Finance Committee has been hard at work for months researching numerous borrowing options for our Ministry Expansion Plan. At the session meeting on Monday, November 21st the Finance Committee presented a final proposal that we finance the funds we need through the Presbyterian Church Investment & Loan Program (PILP). The session agreed unanimously and now the final decision rests in the hands of the congregation. Of course, there is a great deal more information to share so, please join us immediately following worship on Sunday, December 11th as the rationale behind this recommendation is presented to the congregation.

Ladies Ornament Swap Saturday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. at Jan Keister's home (8391 Sweet Cherry Ln, Laurel 20723)
Let's gather for an afternoon of snacks and fun! Bring one ornament (no more than \$10) to share, and you'll take home a new one for your tree! Ladies with the last name A-M may bring an appetizer; Ladies N-Z may bring a beverage or dessert. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to janclicker@aol.com.

Senior High Babysitting Saturday, December 17th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The senior high youth will be offering an additional "First Friday" event on the Saturday before Christmas! A pizza lunch will be provided. Parents can enjoy a few hours alone while the High Schoolers watch your children! Use this time for last minute shopping, gift wrapping, etc! \$20.00 for the first child, \$10 for each additional child. Call Heather Barham at 443-878-0213 with questions.



Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 18th during worship
The Christmas cantata, *Darkness into Light* by Mary McDonald will be offered during worship on December 18th. It is a beautiful work that explores the journey and the joy of the Christmas experience. There are original sacred songs and beloved carols, as well as very thoughtful narration.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 18th following worship
The Session has called a congregational meeting for December 18th to elect officers for the new year and to vote on the Ministry Expansion Finance recommendation that will be shared on December 11th. All members are encouraged to attend.

Longest Night Service Sunday, December 18th at 5 p.m.
"The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 18th at 6 p.m.
Join us for an evening of caroling through the Allview community. Afterwards, we'll come back to the church for pizza and hot chocolate!



Cold Weather Shelter Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd
CMPC's week to host the Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter is coming up quickly and, as always, we will need all hands on deck. Please consider lending a hand that week so we can ensure that our guests have the best stay possible.

New this year: we have gone online with our sign ups. You can see what slots are available, read a description of what is needed, sign up to help, and even receive an email reminder!

- If you are willing to help please follow these simple instructions:
- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/GHgqNQ>
 - 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
 - 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.
 - 4) You will receive an email reminder of your position 2 days prior to your date.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Rachel Jenkins (rach_jenkins@outlook.com) and she can sign you up manually.

We will also have laptops up and running in the hallway outside the elevator on Sunday morning, so you can sign up then as well. Please prayerfully consider making a big difference in the lives of those in need this Christmas season!