

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

Calendar:

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| Sun 4 | 10:30 | Worship |
| | 11:30 | GIFT, FH |
| | 12:00 | Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22 |
| | 2:00 | Pakistani Worship, FH |
| Mon 5 | 6:15 | Kickboxing Class, Rm. 18 and 21 |
| | 6:30 | Committee Night, Entire Building |
| Tue 6 | 9:00 | Staff Meeting, Committee Room |
| | 11:00 | Bible Basics, Committee Room |
| | 7:00 | Boy Scouts, FH and Downstairs Classrooms |
| Wed 7 | 5:00 | LOGOS, Entire Building |
| | 7:00 | Great Light PC, Rm. 21 |
| | 8:00 | Bells of Joy, Sanctuary |
| Thurs 8 | 10:00 | Shawl Ministry, Committee Room |
| | 6:00 | Cub Scouts, FH and Downstairs Classrooms |
| | 7:00 | Ministry Expansion, Committee Room |
| | 7:15 | Trinity Choir, Sanctuary |
| Fri 9 | | Church Office Closed |
| Sat 10 | 9:00 | Men's Breakfast, Mimi's Cafe |
| | 12:00 | Music Director, Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 | Private Party, FH and Kitchen |



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Worship Music this Week:

The Prelude (a piano/organ duet) and the Word in Music are different arrangements of *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, an ancient hymn perhaps written during the 14th century. The words first appeared in *Prayer of the Cherubic Hymn* from the Litany of St. James. It is taken from Zechariah 2:13, *Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.* As the Lord comes to be with us on earth, we respond "with fear and trembling" even as he comes with "blessings in His hand." The choral arrangement goes far deeper than the music we usually hear written for the text. The arranger, Heather Sorenson, inserts the word "silence" several times, with notations to sing as soft as possible. Then the music swells and becomes militaristic when the words say, "Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way." The arrangement ends as it begins – softly.

The text for the hymn after the sermon, *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*, was written in 1671 to a tune in the Genevan Psalter composed in 1551. The scripture reference is Isaiah 40: 1-3, *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*

The congregation will sing the music during communion. The two chosen hymns are selections that are not generally sung during the season. The message of both asks for Him to come – we are waiting for His glory.

The postlude, *Sing We Now of Christmas*, is a sprightly traditional French carol written in the 15th century. The first verse/refrain: "Sing we now of Christmas, noel sing we here. Sing our grateful praises to the maid so dear. Sing we Noel! The King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we here, Noel!"



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**December 4, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent**

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. L. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle The Pelletiers

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** Don Neely

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord

P: when I will fulfill my promise to my people

L: Justice and righteousness will fill the land

P: and all will live in peace and safety

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 104** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. 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!

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| Moment with Children | Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience | Liz Perraud |
| Word in Music | <i>Let All Mortal Flesh from The Silence and the Sound</i> | arr. H. Sorenson |
| Prayer for Illumination | | |
| Scriptures | John 10:1-5 Romans 15:4-13 | OT Page 103 NT Page 163 |
| | L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God. | |
| Sermon | One Voice | Rev. Ron Hankins |
| **Hymn – 87 | <i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i> | |
| Offertory | <i>Tidings of Comfort and Joy</i> Bells of Joy | arr. D. R. Edwards |
| **Doxology – 606 | <i>Doxology</i> | |
| Sacrament of the Lord's Supper | | |
| Invitation to the Table | | |
| Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts") | | |
| Sharing of Bread and Cup (Please eat and drink when you are served.) <i>The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.</i> | | |
| Music during Communion: | Hymn #92, <i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i> Hymn #102, <i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> (The congregation is encouraged to sing) | |
| **Hymn – 362 | <i>Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers</i> | |
| **Benediction | | |
| **Postlude | <i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i> | arr. C. Tornquist |

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

Thank you to Bill Ryder for operating the sound board this week!

Welcome, Reverend Hankins!
A native of Somerset NJ, Reverend Hankins has served as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church since September 1, 2003. He is married to the former Ms. Linda Jones of Williamsburg VA and together they share a blended family of four adult children. Rev. Hankins was also honorably retired from the United States Air Force Chaplain Corps in February of 2005, after having served a total of 23 years of military service. Rev Hankins is also a former Moderator for the Presbytery of Baltimore, having served as its Moderator from 2010-2011.

Rev. Hankins is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry degree from Regent University located in Virginia Beach, VA, and expects to complete his doctorate next summer.

Reverend Hankins is a dedicated pastor and community servant, a loving husband and a devoted father. He truly loves the Lord and holds a deep-seated passion for serving all of God's people both within the church and within the local community.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full list of upcoming events, visit www.cmpcusa.org/events

December GIFT: Merry Mission and Music!
Today, Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 a.m.
Join us after worship for our December GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) event with our brothers and sisters from Trinity Presbyterian! We'll be preparing personal hygiene kits for the homeless, sharing a meal, and singing Christmas carols. All ages are invited and encouraged to attend this inter-generational event. There is no charge, but donations toward the meal are accepted to help defray the cost.

Committee Night
Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.
The next Committee Night will be Monday, December 5th. Dinner will be at 6:30 and meetings begin at 7:00. Childcare will be provided.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe
Join the men of CMPC for fellowship and food at the Men's Breakfast! All men over 18 are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.



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 after worship
The Session has called a congregational meeting for December 18th immediately following worship 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!

