

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 pew pad during the welcome.

Welcome cards may be used to share requests for prayer, or other information, with the pastor and/or the church.

The nursery, for those in kindergarten or younger, is located on the first floor of the sanctuary wing. You may bring your young ones there before or during the service.

Sunday Experience is our Sunday morning program for potty-trained preschoolers and K-2nd graders who we walk downstairs to their rooms following the Moment with the Children each Sunday during worship. Parents pick up their children immediately after worship. Children third grade and older stay in worship with a parent. Worship bags are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

CMPC Mission Statement

Grateful to God for his constant loving presence and guided by his Word, we are called to be a people who praise God in worship and in our daily lives, grow Biblically and spiritually in our life together, reach out as witnesses of Jesus Christ, serving those in need, and share Christ's love with one another and everyone we meet.

Prayer Concerns

Illness: Nancy Burroughs, Chuck Ridgeway

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.

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: Missy Sullivan

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: Andrew Exner

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Asst. Treasurer: Bill Anderson

Worship Music this Week:

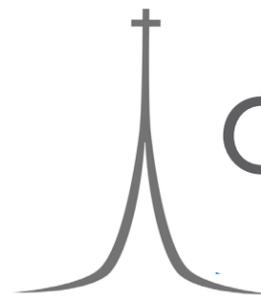
The prelude, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* is ancient, not only in its text, but also in its music. The tune we use today was finalized in the 1800s, though the text was written during the 12th century. The haunting modal melody for the verses is also of ancient origin. It is based on one of the earliest forms of sacred music known as the chant or plainsong, which was the type of music used in the church during medieval times. The lack of strict rhythmic measures gives the tune, *Veni Emmanuel*, a free-flowing style. The hymn highlights the name Emmanuel for Jesus and invites Him to come and redeem us.

The opening hymn, *Prepare the Way, O Zion*, was written by Swede Frans Mikael Frazen in 1812. It is a lilting Advent hymn based on Isaiah 40: 3 – 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 carol has been sung in the Church of Sweden for nearly 200 years.

The Word in Music is *Every Valley*, an original work by Joseph Martin. Set in a classical style, the instrumental introduction is the ancient carol, *Low, How a Rose 'Ere Blooming*. The incorporation of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* within the arrangement is the plea of Christians for thousands of years before Christ was born that continues for us today as we wait for His return. It is based on the familiar text from Isaiah 40.

The hymn after the sermon, *Blest Be the God of Israel*, is a 20th-century paraphrase of the Song of Zechariah from Luke 1: 68-79.

The tune for *Greensleeves*, the music during communion, is a traditional English ballad written by an unknown composer that can be traced back as far as the 1500s. We use the tune for the Christmas carol *What Child Is This*.



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Advent

(Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.)

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

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Order of Worship

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. M. Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle The Garner family

Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*
(see insert)

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship** Ashlee Hoffman

L: Rejoice in the Lord always.

P: I will say it again: Rejoice!

L: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

P: The Lord is near. We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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!

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****Response – 93**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Every Valley
Lindsey Kim, flute

arr. J. Martin

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Malachi 3: 1-6
Luke 1: 67-79

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L: The Word of the Lord.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Zechariah’s Song

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – 109**

Blest Be the God of Israel

Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh

arr. L. Larson

****Doxology**

Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)

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.)

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

Music during Communion:

Greensleeves
Lindsey Kim, flute

arr. C. Davis for Manheim Steamroller

Prayer

****Hymn – 87**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

****Benediction**

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

arr. D. Paxton

Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this week!

Announcements

Cold Weather Shelter December 28th to January 3rd

Sign ups are underway for the cold weather shelter! Be sure to make your choice of tasks and days on the sign up poster outside of the sanctuary. Join us for a busy and full week which spreads the joy of Christmas to others. In addition this year, we would like a Snow Emergency list of people with 4 wheel drive or who live close to the church and can fill in if guests are not able to leave. We have not had a snow issue in our 11 years, but we need to be prepared. For more information contact Jane Wall 301-490-8554 or ludditejane@gmail.com.

Christmas Food Drive

CMPC and the LOGOS youth will be collecting food through December for the Oakland Mills Village Food Giveaway program. Some needed items to give are peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, bags of rice, bags of beans, cereals, juice boxes, snack items (granola bars, jello, etc), pastas, sauces, baby items and toiletries. A bin for donations, with a full list of needed items, is located in the reception area of the church. Thank you for your Christmas spirit in donating to the community food drive.



Warm and Cozy Winter Drive

Cold weather has come and so has the need for warm clothes. Once again this Christmas season the LOGOS youth are collecting gloves, mittens and hats for children in need in our community. There is also a request for men’s gloves. A collection basket is located at the welcome center. Thank you for your donation.

Medicine Bottles for Malawi

The LOGOS youth are collecting empty label-free containers for their mission project to help the people of Malawi, Africa. Pharmacies and hospitals in Malawi often have nothing except torn pieces of paper in which to wrap medicine for their patients. Donations of containers that we would just be throwing away would help to keep their medicines clean, out of the reach of small children, and safe while they are being used. Please remove the label and glue from prescription and over-the-counter containers. This can be done by peeling off the labels or by placing the containers in boiling water until you are able to easily remove the labels and glue. Make sure the inside of the container is wiped clean. There is a collection box for the containers in the reception area of the church. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile project.

Do you have an event or announcement to share? Whether it’s for the Sunday Bulletin, the E-News, the Herald, or all of the above, we’ve got you covered. Submit your content at www.cmpcusa.org/announcementrequest

Ministry Expansion BRIDGE™

BRIDGE™ is the follow up program to our *Grounded in Faith. Growing to Serve* capital campaign. Through BRIDGE™, we will share ministry expansion updates and progress through social media, blogging, and more. For more information on what BRIDGE™ stands for and how to stay updated, visit www.cmppccapitalcampaign.org/bridge or use your smartphone to scan the adjacent QR code!

