

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

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: Marilyn Mills

Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney

Asst. Treasurer: Bill Anderson



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Calendar:

Sun 21	10:30	Worship
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH
Mon 22	9:30	Women's Bible Study, Committee Rm.
	6:15	Kickboxing, Rm. 18 and 21
	7:00	Session and Deacons, FH and Rm. 21
Tues 23	11:00	Bible Basics, Committee Rm.
	2:00	TVIH Discussion Group, Committee Rm.
	6:30	Preschool Board Meeting, Committee Rm.
	7:00	Boy Scouts, FH and Lower Level
Wed 24	5:00	LOGOS
	7:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21
	8:00	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs 25	10:00	Shawl Ministry, Committee Rm.
	2:00	John Bible Study Explorers, Committee Rm.
	6:00	CSP371, FH, Lower Level
	7:30	Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 26	6:30	Women for Women, Andrea Raid's home
Sat 27	12:00	Music Director, Sanctuary
Sun 28	10:30	Worship
	11:30	Chili Cook-off, FH
	12:00	Great Light PC, Rm. 21, 22
	2:00	Pakistani Worship, FH

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 21, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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

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

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Order of Worship

Prelude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. V. Courtney

Welcome and Announcements

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: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;

P: approach our God, who is full of mercy.

L: We will praise God with all our heart

P: and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

L: Let us worship God!

Todd Stubbs

**Hymn – 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. 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 – 447 – We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Ordination and Installation of Officers

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Word in Music

Near the Cross/The Power of the Cross

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 27
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

Sermon

God Only Knows

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn – 49

The God of Abraham Praise

Offertory

The Wonderful Cross/Beneath the Cross/Near the Cross

arr. L. Larson

**Doxology – 710

We Lift Our Voices

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

**Hymn – 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

**Benediction

Postlude

There Is Power in the Blood

arr. R. Marsden

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

Liz Perraud

arr. J. Raney

Announcements

February Women for Women: A "Spud-tacular" Evening Friday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at Andrea Raid's home

Join the lovely ladies of CMPC for a relaxing evening of food, fellowship and fun, including a Baked Potato Bar with all of your favorite toppings! As always, all women and guests are welcome. Please RSVP via the February event on Facebook, by emailing womenforwomen@cmpcusa.org, or by filling out the RSVP insert and dropping it in the offering plate.



Annual Chili Cook-off

Sunday, February 28th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars for our 8th annual chili cook-off. The Fellowship Committee will sponsor the popular Chili Cook-off on February 28th, after the worship service. Our panel of 3 hungry judges will pick the 1st and 2nd place winners from 10 talented chili cooks. The congregation will vote for the "People's Choice Award." We will be sending this year's winner to participate in Bridges to Housing Stability's "Hotter Than Thou" Chili Cook-Off on March 6th in Ellicott City. Our winner will help raise money for Bridge's programs for homeless and at-risk families while competing for the Golden Ladle Award! We hope you're hungry! Be sure to attend this special get together!

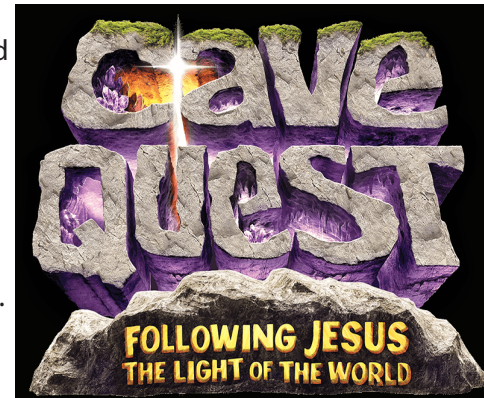
Vacation Bible School 2016

Save June 27-July 1 for CMPC's Cave Quest Vacation Bible School, a week of mornings filled with lots of children excited to learn about Jesus! Registration will open soon for potty-trained preschoolers through rising 5th graders. Check back soon for more information on the CMPC VBS webpage (www.cmpcusa.org/vbs).

How would you like to be involved? Please contact VBS Director Meghan Jones at meghanrjones@gmail.com to hear about opportunities to volunteer for the full week or a few days. Middle school and high school youth are a big part of our week to help lead VBS. Watch for the donation bulletin board. We'll need all hands on deck to help with Wednesday Decoration Evenings!

Medicine Bottles for Malawi

Thank you for your participation in the collection of medicine bottles. The collection period has ended and our bottles are on their way to hospitals and pharmacies in Malawi!



Worship Music this Week

The text for the prelude, *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*, was written by Fanny Crosby in 1869. It is based on Hebrews 12:2 – "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." She penned the text to a tune written by William Doane, which she said reminded her of the cross and its importance in the lives of Christians.

The anthem, *Near the Cross/The Power of the Cross*, blends the classic hymn *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (a different arrangement of the prelude), with Keith Getty and Stuart Townend's contemporary song *The Power of the Cross* creating a wonderful Lenten choral piece. The end of the anthem states, "We stand forgiven at the cross." The anthems offered by the Trinity Choir during Lent share the same theme of "the Cross".

The postlude, *There Is Power in the Blood*, is a gospel hymn written by Lewis Jones in 1899. The refrain says, "There is power, power, wonder working power in the blood of the Lamb; there is power, power, wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb."