Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude "Processional and Joyful Dance" Arr. Margaret R. Tucker
ROCK Bell Choir, led by Sally Berlowitz

Welcome and Announcements

Singing New Songs in the Wilderness: Practice Time!

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you

**Call to Worship Thomas J., Eily F., Quentin C.
L: God's way is not always easy to see,
P: so we come from many places to widen our perspective and broaden our hope.
L: God's guidance is not always easy to trust,
P: so we join our different journeys together to see the bigger picture.
L: God's call is not always easy to hear,
All: so we come to listen again, to discover faithful life as we worship you, Faithful God.

****Hymn -#452 "Open the Eyes of my Heart"**

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Shared Prayer of Confession (bolded parts to be read by all)
Compassionate God, you know that we get anxious in the wilderness.
When we are afraid, we forget the wonders we've seen and the gifts you have given.
Gracious God, forgive us our short memories and help us to trust your goodness.
Forgive us our controlling ways and help us trust your providing.
Forgive us our narrow vision and help us trust you are at work
even when we can't see what you are up to.
Turn us toward your kingdom of hope.
We ask in the name of the One who went to the wilderness to be baptized,
The One who draws us to you by his great love for us---Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness
L: Hear this Good News: ……in the name of Jesus, God forgives us.
All: Trusting in the peace Christ offers, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!

Response - #743 **O God, You are my God"

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. (2x)
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music — Yes, I Believe, FROG Choir — Benjamin Kornelis, Choristers Guild, 2025

Prayer for Illumination — Pastor Janna

Hebrew Bible Texts for the Day

Wilderness Story 1: Moses at the Burning Bush
Readers: Rosie K., Zoey C., Marie B.

Chorus of "In the Wilderness"
Exodus 3:1-12
Chorus of "Grace in the Wilderness"

Wilderness Story 2: Turning bitter water sweet
Readers: Colin F., Molly G., Riley T.

Chorus of "In the Wilderness"
Exodus 15:22-27
Chorus of "Grace in the Wilderness"

Wilderness Story 3: Complaining and Consoling
Readers: Nathan B., Zoe K., Ellie J., Abby J., Ian F.

Chorus of "In the Wilderness"
From Numbers 13:25-14:12
Chorus of "Grace in the Wilderness"

Wilderness Wonderings for Wilderness Wanderings — Pastor Janna

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

EUCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Moment for Mission — Dustin and Holly Garner - Timothy International

Invitation to the Offering — Reader William M.

Offertory — "Peacemaker" — Marlow Carruth

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God's goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

Doxology- **Final Chorus: **"Grace in the Wilderness"**

4x: From the moment that I wake up
To the moment that I lay down
Thank You
I just want to say thank You

You give me grace (grace), grace (grace)
Grace in the wilderness
You give me faith (faith), faith (faith)
Faith when I'm losing it
Nobody knows what we've been through
Nobody loves me like You do
You give me grace (grace), grace (grace)
Grace in the wilderness

**Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship — Reader Evan K.

SENDING

Hymn – **insert** — **"Blessed Be Your Name"**

Blessing and Charge

Postlude — "Acceptance" — Drew Morris
Drew Morris/Yellow Envelope Productions, 2022

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 and Marie Bis for providing audio support this week!
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CEB Versions of Today's Texts:

Exodus 3:1-12

Exodus 15:22-27

Numbers 13:25-14:12

In the Wilderness

By Michael Card (1989)

To be sung before each Hebrew Bible text today

Chorus:

In the wilderness
In the wilderness
He calls his sons and daughters
to the wilderness
And he gives grace sufficient
to survive any test
And that's the painful purpose of the wilderness

Grace in the Wilderness

by Stars Go Dim (2022)

To be sung after each Hebrew Bible text today

Chorus:

You give me grace (grace), grace (grace)
Grace in the wilderness
You give faith (faith), faith (faith)
Faith when I'm losing it
Nobody knows what we've been through
Nobody loves me like You do
You give me grace (grace), grace (grace)
Grace in the wilderness

"Blessed Be Your Name"

(1) Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
(2) And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

(Chorus)
Every blessing You pour out I'll (clap)
Turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
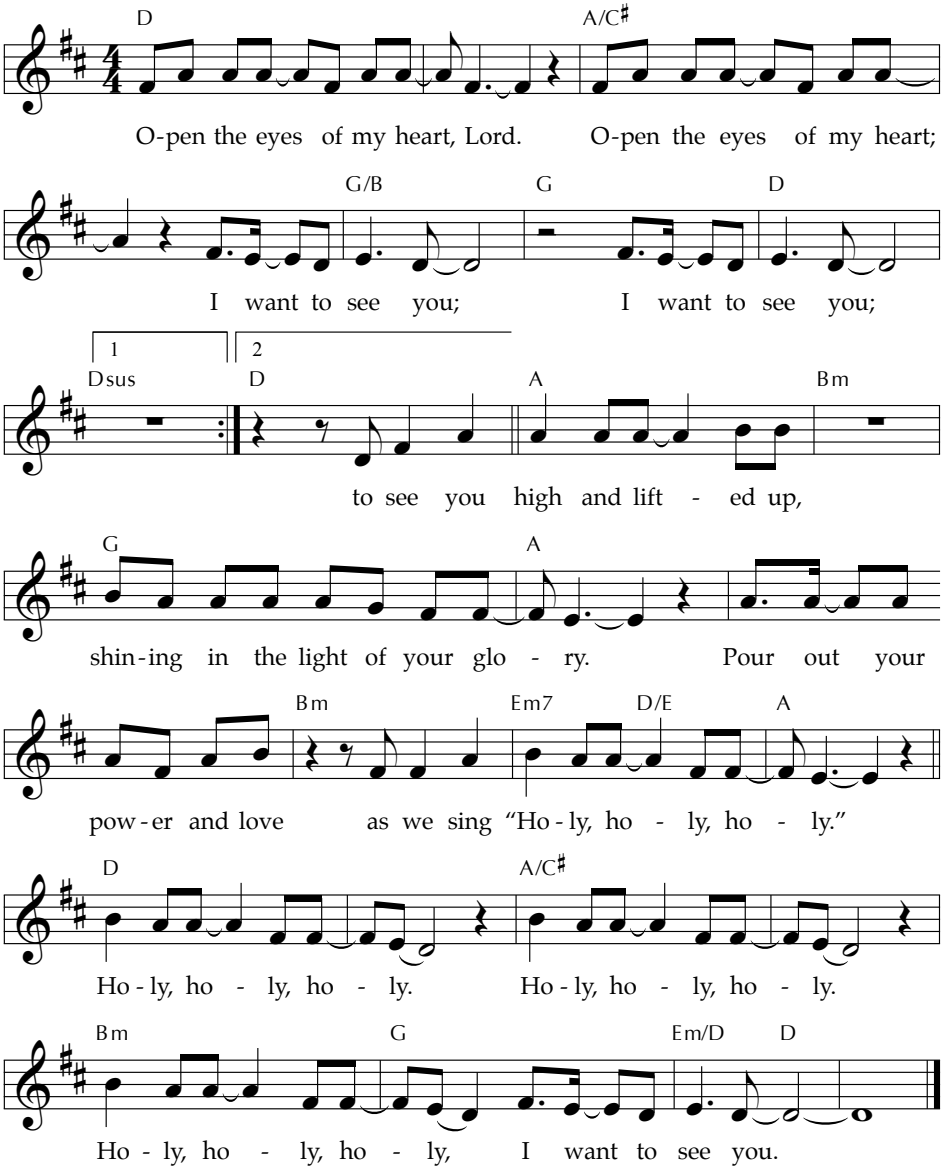
(3) Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be Your name
(4) And Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

(Chorus) See above

(Bridge) You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart



The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1–5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

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Thank you to all of our LOGOS participants for 2026-27.

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