

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"Sheltered in the Arms of God"

Dottie Rambo
arranged by Charlotte Jennifer
Hal Leonard, 1969

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**

Liturgist Sally Berlowitz

L: Come worship the God who creates us,

P: who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.

L: Come worship the God who challenges us,

P: who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.

L: Come worship the God who calls us,

P: who binds us together in community and summons us to follow.

****Hymn - #401**

"Here in this Place"

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Shared Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Holy one, you sent to us Jesus the Christ:

Our foundation, source of all that is good and trust-worthy.

We admit we haven't always built on this foundation

in a way that builds us into the dwelling place of God.

We confess we have sometimes even been the cause of its ruin.

Even if our work should be lost,

save us, Lord, and give us a fresh chance to behave as your own people:

Chosen, holy, God's own possession—

Called to speak of Jesus,

who called us out of darkness to live in his amazing light.

By your Spirit enable us to work

toward the building of your Kingdom here on earth, as it is in Heaven. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Hear this Good News: Once, you weren't a people, but now you are God's people....

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Trusting in the peace Christ offers, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!

****Response - #443**

"There is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Thankyou, O my Father, for giving us your Son

And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"God of Wonders"

Paul Balouce and Steve Hindalong
arranged by Rick Modlin
EMI Christian Music Group, 2004

Time for All God's Children

Pastor Janna

**Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.*

Children ages preschool—third grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Sally Berlowitz

Hebrew Bible Text for the Day

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Liturgist Sally Berlowitz

Gospel Text for the Day

1 Peter 2:1-10

Pastor Janna

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

**The Second Great End of the Church:
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God**

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal, p. 34

Hymn of Response: #312

Take us as we Are

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

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Sally Berlowitz

Offertory

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

William B. Bradbury
arranged by Phillip Keveren
Hal Leonard, 2004

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- #608**

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Liturgist Sally Berlowitz

SENDING

Hymn— #313

"Lord, Make us More Holy"

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

"Called to Serve"

Walter G. Tyler
arranged Linda Hartman
lindahartmanmusic.com, 2020

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 for providing audio support this week!
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Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, October 25, Pastor Bultena will lead worship and immediately following our service, we will have a congregational meeting where the PNC will present its final report and proceed with the Election of a Pastor process.

Texts for the Week

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (CEB)

Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, ² so that you will fear the LORD your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. ³ Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the LORD, your ancestors' God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

⁴ Israel, listen! Our God is the LORD! Only the LORD!

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. ⁶ These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. ⁷ Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. ⁹ Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

1 Peter 2:1-10 (CEB)

Therefore, get rid of all ill will and all deceit, pretense, envy, and slander. ² Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, ³ since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. ⁵ You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.* ⁷ So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. ⁸ This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. ¹⁰ Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



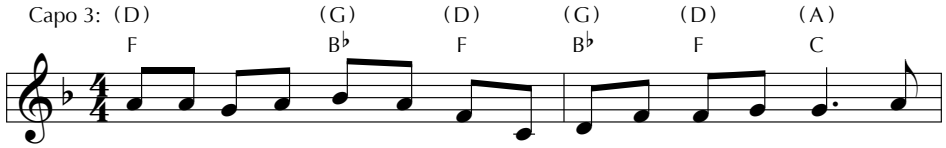
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

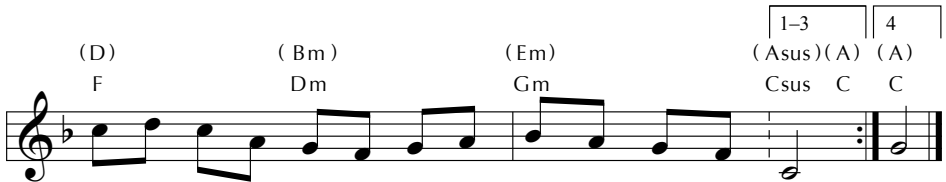
Take Us As We Are, O God 312



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain;
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain;
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain;
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain;



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.



The Class of 2029 Elders and Deacons

The following members are being brought forth by the Nominating Committee for election as Elders and Deacons.

ELDER

Chad Board lives in Laurel, MD with his wife Hilary and two sons, James and Nathan. He joined CMPC in 2013 and served as a Deacon from 2018 to 2020. Chad is also involved with LOGOS and greeting/ushering on Sunday mornings. In his spare time he enjoys exercising, reading, and family trips. He currently works for Deloitte as a consultant for federal projects. Chad is grateful to serve as an Elder and Clerk of Session and welcomes the opportunity to serve the church in a new capacity.

Tiffany Carmean is a long-time member of CMPC, having first joined the congregation in 1984 when her family moved to Columbia. She is a graduate of Howard High School, Salisbury State University, and Loyola College. Since 2001, Tiffany has worked for the Howard County Public School System at the middle school level—starting as a math teacher, progressing to math specialist, and serving as an Assistant Principal for the last 15 years.

Tiffany lives in Columbia with her husband, David, and their daughters, Charlotte (16) and Harper (13). CMPC has been a constant throughout her life. Over the years, she has participated in and volunteered with youth programming, served on youth and adult mission trips, joined dinner groups, served as a liturgist, and contributed to numerous committees, most recently Personnel. Having previously served as a youth Deacon and as an Elder, Tiffany is excited to serve as an Elder once again during this dynamic time in the life of the church.

Suzy Crabb and her family joined Christ Memorial in 1986. Within a few years, Suzy began volunteering in LOGOS, where her daughters were enthusiastic participants. She especially enjoyed mission trips, Montreat Music and Worship trips, and playing in the youth handbell choir. (This last was made possible only with significant help from her daughters and Jennifer Seinfeld!) She also enjoyed many years of volunteering in girl scouts and community theater. In more recent years, she has been a member of the Mission committee, and is happy to see her granddaughters join LOGOS as well.

After working for 37 years in spacecraft operations at Goddard Spaceflight Center and the Space Telescope Science Institute, Suzy is now happily retired!

Wes Millard grew up in a small Congregational Church which he served and volunteered through faithfully until moving to Maryland for college. He is a class of '99 engineering graduate of Johns Hopkins University, and has been working for JHU ever since in spacecraft design as well as teaching and mentoring. Wes and his wife Becky became members of CMPC in 2014 and were married by Pastor Scott in that same year. Their sons William and Robert were born into the CMPC family soon after, and have thoroughly enjoyed communion with members of all ages through the LOGOS program. Besides volunteering in the LOGOS program at CMPC, Wes's experience in home renovation has led to very rewarding volunteer work in the local community with Rebuilding Together, and farther afield.

Dr. Ryan Thomas has been a member of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church since 2011. Prior to attending CMPC, Ryan attended Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, where he was an ordained Deacon and a high school fellowship youth leader; Newton Presbyterian Church in Newton, Massachusetts, where he served on the young adult ministry board of directors and worked with the high school youth group; Northside Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg, Virginia, where he co-led the high school youth group; and St. Peter's Church in London, England, where he served on the Parochial Church Council and taught Sunday school. Here at CMPC, Ryan has served on the Christian Education committee, co-directed the LOGOS program, co-led the FISH program, taught Sunday school, and served as the scouting liaison. Ryan is a retired Colonel from the United States Air Force and currently works as an assistant group supervisor and project manager at Johns Hopkins Applied Physical Laboratory. Ryan believes the holy spirit is at work whenever there is community, and strives to exhibit and forment God's love, wherever that community may be. He and his wife, Elyn, have two children: Sam, a freshman at Atholton High School and Mollie, a sophomore at the College of William and Mary. In his spare time, Ryan enjoys traveling, spending time with friends, riding his bike to work, and cooking.

DEACON

Heather Barham was born in Philadelphia and has been raised in the Presbyterian Church her whole life. Her family moved to Columbia in 1975 and attended CMPC in the eighties. Heather and her husband Pete were married at CMPC in 1999 and both of her children, Maddon and Haley were baptized here. They have been very active at CMPC ever since. Heather is currently serving on the LOGOS Leadership Team and the Fellowship Committee. She looks forward to serving the church as a Deacon.

Tina Helble is retired from Hogan Lovells law firm. Her career was over 38 years as a research analyst/law librarian. She has an MLS from University of Maryland. Tina is the mother of two adult sons.

Her current activities include volunteer work, swimming, biking, gardening, and travelling. Additionally, Tina attends Bible Study, helps at LOGOS, and is part of the Mission Committee. Church has always been an integral part of her life (she was raised Presbyterian).

Tim and Tina feel blessed to be part of this faith-filled, community focused church. By being a deacon, Tina hopes to serve God by assisting the congregation and those in need.

My name is **Abby Jones**. I've grown up in the church, and it's become a huge part of who I am. I've enjoyed LOGOs, Vacation Bible School, and Bells of Joy, and some of my most cherished memories are from LOGOs and Gen On! I went through a period when I struggled with my faith, what I believed, and found it challenging to connect with God. Through prayer and support from others, I have grown stronger in my faith and learned to trust God. I believe fulfillment comes from knowing God's love and staying connected with Him. The Bible teaches us how to live life for Him, and it now guides my life. I'm looking forward to serving because I want to help others grow in their faith, especially younger people. Many people at CMPC have encouraged me and strengthened my faith, and I hope to be that same person for others! Outside of church, I work at Phoenix Upper Main and occasionally volunteer at the Old Ellicott City Farmer's Market. I'm a junior at Catonsville High School, where I'm involved in Best Buddies and Educators Rising. I love working with children and hope to become a teacher!

Jean Millard was born and raised in northwestern Connecticut and became a resident of Maryland three years ago. In Connecticut I was an active member of a small congregational church where my husband and I were married in 1971. For more than 40 years I served on various church positions of leadership and sang in the church choir. While managing our family welding business, I coached our local girls high school tennis team, and maintained gardens in our small-town center.

My husband and I moved to Maryland in 2020 to help care for our two grandchildren during the pandemic. Like our change in homes, we downsized our hobbies to a smaller gardening patch, from tennis to pickleball, and from quilting to crocheting which I do now to support the Magic Yarn Project of Baltimore. Through CMPC I have been actively participating in the 4th Monday Meals for Grassroots and in our LOGOS youth program. It has been a joyous blessing for us to be sitting together as a whole three generation family in the pews on Sunday mornings, and to be part of a loving, caring church community.

Jonathan Thornhill started attending CMPC with his wife, Bethany, and three kids, Colin, Kirsten, and Ian in 2021. Jonathan grew up attending Presbyterian churches in Kentucky and Alabama and has fond memories of youth group activities and trips to Montreat, North Carolina. He previously served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia. At CMPC, he has served as a liturgist and leads bible time with the high school group (FISH) as part of LOGOS. He looks forward to serving the CMPC community as a deacon. Jonathan has a Doctorate in Public Health from Johns Hopkins and works at the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission. Outside of work, he enjoys hiking and coaching youth soccer.

2027 NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

The following people have accepted the nomination to serve as at-large members of the Nominating Committee for 2027:

Chip Garner, Liz Perraud, Colleen Hughes and Elyn Thomas.