

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**Prelude**

As we quiet our hearts for worship,
please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Announcements and Welcome

Pastor Steven Clark

ADORATION OF GOD**The Song of Ascent**

God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation*Away In A Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he ... and he
shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be ... to the ends of the earth.

Invocation**Declaration of Truth**

Numbers 24:15–17

Leader: And he took up his discourse and said,
"The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,
the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,
the oracle of him who hears the words of God,
and knows the knowledge of the Most High,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down with his eyes uncovered:

All: I see him, but not now;

I behold him, but not near:

**a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.**

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.

Hymn of Praise*Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain: *Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear;

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One:

Pastoral Prayer and Confession of Sin

Pastor Ben Phillips

Assurance of Pardon

Zechariah 13:1, 7

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,
declares the LORD ... On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house
of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and
uncleanness ...

OUR GIFTS TO GOD**Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

Please sign and pass the Sunday Register in the hymnal rack.

The Gift of Music*What Will You Do With Jesus?*

Children's Choir

The Doxology and Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn of Testimony*What Child Is This?*

(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate

where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**Reading of God's Word**

Micah 5:1-7

All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8

Prayer of Illumination**Sermon**

Steven Clark,
Senior Pastor

OUR RESPONSE**Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born The son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him From Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoic-ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a'feeding, In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway, The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC December 21

Lock-up

Glen Huff and Mike Johnson

11am

Ushers

Mark Rush, Brandon Stuckey, John W. Batusic,
David Batusic, Andrew Batusic, Jacob Batusic

Greeters

sign up to be a greeter at cmpca.org/greeters

Infants/Toddlers

Mary Ann Sadlock, Karleigh Stephens,
and Murray Gardner

Children's Church

Sarah Beth Gossage

No Sunday Evening Worship Service tonight.

Please join us for our

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24
in the Covenant Life Center
at 4:30pm

Upcoming Weeks:

Sunday, Dec 28: Worship Services in the Sanctuary 8:30 & 11am
Prayer in the Parlor for CMPC and for our Pastors 9:35am
Sunday School 10am
(We will not have Sunday evening service)

Wednesday, Dec 31: No Wednesday Night Alive meal, classes, or groups

Sunday, Jan 4: Worship Services in the Sanctuary 8:30 & 11am
Prayer in the Parlor for CMPC and for our Pastors 9:35am
Sunday School 10am
(We will not have Sunday evening service)

Wednesday, Jan 7: Wednesday Night Alive
Meal at 5:30pm (Please sign up for the meal at cmpca.org)
Classes and Groups at 6:30pm

Sunday, Jan 11: Worship Services in the Sanctuary 8:30 & 11am
Sunday School 10am
Evening Worship Service 6:30pm



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Session

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Unless otherwise indicated, all missionaries are with *Mission to the World*
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Japan: Darlene Johnson, Jonas & Christina Davison, Melanie Johnson

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Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.

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