

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**DECEMBER 3, 2023****GATHERING TO WORSHIP****Prelude***As we quiet our hearts for worship,
please silence all phones and electronic devices.***Welcome and Announcements**Ben Phillips,
Pastor of Ministries**The Song of Ascent***God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.***Congregation***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*Joyful, Joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night
In a manger lies a Baby, child of Mary, son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise you for Your gift of love.All Your works declare Your glory; All creation, joins to sing
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love and praise.Linda Lee Johnson © 1986 Lillenas Publishing UBPIARR ccli #184884**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**

Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in
Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**Invocation****Declaration of Truth:***The Apostles' Creed*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in
Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and
born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there
He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.**The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made
up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.**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*

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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:**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE****Mission Moment****Pastoral Prayer****OUR GIFTS TO GOD****Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings***Please pass and sign the registration pad in the hymnal rack.***The Gift of Music***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Orchestra

*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***As With Gladness Men of Old*

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*(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

Philippians 4: 10-13

Pew Bible, p. 982

*All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.***Prayer of Illumination****Sermon**"Contentment in Christ"
Series: *Philippians*

Dr. Paul Kooistra

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

#211

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****EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**During the Sunday Evening Service, Pastor Dee will look at
"Toilet Maintenance & The Work of Missions:
A Report on How God is Working in Honduras."

Serving Christ at CMPC December 3

Lock-up Jason Cunningham and Steve Wentz

Ushers Don Shanks, Chuck Eidson, Eric Tucker, Marty Moore, Charles Vanderbilt

Greeter Sarah Booker

Infants/Toddlers Arlene and Dan Freeman

Children's Church Laurie Martin

Junior Assistants

11am

Ushers Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Ryan Conley, Michael Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price

Greeters *sign up at cmpca.org/greeters*

Infants/Toddlers Allison Bodin and Sarah Lingerfelt

Children's Church Lara Carson

Junior Assistants Rich and Coleman Friedell

6:30pm

Nursery

Today **This Week at CMPC**

8:30am, 11am Worship Services

10am Sunday School

4:30pm Handbell Practice

6:15pm Kids of the Kingdom

6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday **Wednesday Night Alive**

5:30 Meal

6:30 Orchestra
Choir
WNA Classes
Nursery
Youth Group



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