

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**DECEMBER 17, 2023****GATHERING TO WORSHIP****Prelude***As we quiet our hearts for worship,
please silence all phones and electronic devices.***Welcome and Announcements**Dee Hammond
Pastor of Missions**The Song of Ascent***God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.***Congregation***It Came Upon The Midnight Clear* #200It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King:"
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**

Isaiah 7.14

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."**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***Joy Has Dawned Upon The World*Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love— Jesus born of Mary.Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vuln'erable and helpless.Shepherds bow before the Lamb Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands Prophecy the story.
Gold—a King is born today, Incense—God is with us,
Myrrh—His death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.Son of Adam, Son of heaven, Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry.Words /Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend Copyright © 2004 Thankyou Music UBP/ARR ccli #184884**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE****Reception of New Members****Pastoral Prayer***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**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***And The Glory*

Hand Bells

*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.**Evening Worship Communion Service 6:30pm**Join us as we celebrate our Lord's incarnation by looking at
"Presence and Peace" from Judges 6:11-24. Pastor Ben and Pastor Dee will
also lead us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.**Hymn of Testimony***We Three Kings**(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star**Refrain:***O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy Perfect Light*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reignFrankincense to offer have Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising Worship Him, God most highMyrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying Sealed in the stone-cold tombGlorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia Earth to heav'n replies**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

Luke 1:26-38; 46-49

Pew Bible, p. 855

All: *The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.***Prayer of Illumination****Sermon**

"What Child Is This?"

Dr. Paul Kooistra

OUR RESPONSE**Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.Angels lifting praise before You Sing throughout this holy night
Joyful, joyful they adore You God of glory, Lord of light.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices Trumpets sound and anthems raise
And with joy our hearts are lifted Joined in wonder, love and praise.Joyful, joyful we adore You God of glory, Lord of light
Angels lifting praise before You Sing Thro' – out 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 loveAll 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**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Serving Christ at CMPC December 17

Lock-up Jason Cunningham and Steve Wentz

Ushers Jason Wallis, Tommy Hulsey, Brent Booker, Andrew Booker, Will McVey, Chris Nix

Greeter *sign up at cmpca.org/greeters*

Infants/Toddlers John and Becky Batusic

Children's Church Jamie Smith

Junior Assistants

11am

Ushers Jason Cunningham, Mark Rush, Jack Hutchinson, John W. Batusic, Andrew Batusic, Jacob Batusic

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Infants/Toddlers Walker Gossage and Mary Ann Sadlock

Children's Church Steve Saville

Junior Assistants Caleb Wald and Emma Prince

6:30pm

Nursery

Today **This Week at CMPC**

8:30am, 11am Worship Services

10am Sunday School

6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship Communion Service

Wednesday

No WNA on
December 20, December 27, or January 3



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