

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD****NOVEMBER 26, 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***Emmanuel*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel© 1976 C.A. Music ARR/UBP ccli#184884**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**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.***EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**Tonight Pastor Travis will look at Luke 18.35-43 in our ongoing series from Luke, *Becoming Certain About the Story.***Hymn of Praise***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.Joy to those who long to see thee  
Day-spring from on high, appear  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of thy birth, we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News, glad tidings of a birth  
"Go to him, your praises bringing:  
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend  
Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the ever-lasting wonder:  
Christ was born the Lord of all.Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**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***Away In A Manger*

Duet

*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***Joy Has Dawned Upon the World**(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*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'rable 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**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

Philippians 4:8-9

Pew Bible, p. 982

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

Dr. Paul Kooistra

**OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.Refrain: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe.O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave.O come, thou Dayspring from on high And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.O come, thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Serving Christ at CMPC November 26

**Lock-up** George Tucker and Tommy Hulsey

Ushers Norb Fichter, Dan Freeman, Tom Gaston, Ron Marler, Randy Green, Bob Burdette

Greeters *sign up at cmpca.org/greeters*

Infants/Toddlers Anissa Mundy

Children's Church Lynn Zeller

Junior Assistants

**11am**

Ushers Steve Wentz, Kerry Cook, Jerry Lewis, Kurt Puterbaugh, Caleb Burkhardt, James Hinds

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Infants/Toddlers Tommy and Lilly Geist

Children's Church Melissa Batusic

Junior Assistants Andrew and Allie Batusic

**6:30pm**

Nursery

**Today**

8:30am, 11am **This Week at CMPC** Worship Services

10am Sunday School

4:30pm Handbell Practice

6:15pm Kids of the Kingdom

6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship

**Wednesday**

5:30 Wednesday Night Alive Meal

6:30 Orchestra  
Choir  
WNA Classes  
Nursery  
Youth Group



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