

“That’s resurrection, Kori.”

A friend of mine told me this after I described the feeling. I was listening to a song on repeat — over and over again and I felt light lifting me.

I was driving away from a situation that was no longer fruitful, without a set plan of what was next, and as I drove away the song played on repeat.

In that driving and listening, there was a feeling of unburdening as new life and possibility emerged. Unknown the path may have been, hope was present.

The music did that — connecting my heart to something bigger than the moment.

Music has the power to move us. To bring us to tears, to elicit joy, to move our feet and our bodies, to clap our hands, to deepen our prayers — to seemingly transport us to another time or place completely.

It is a vital part of our worship of God.

This congregation has a long history of making space for a variety of music. We’ve cherished music in our worship from folk bands to praise bands, organ music and piano, children’s choirs, adult choirs, and bell choirs. Most recently we even danced and sang along with delightful music videos as our children and youth led us in worship. During the pandemic you arranged choral pieces digitally, virtually meeting the time and the moment musically, praising God as you went.

Now, in this season we are compelled to ask, what is the right musical fit for our community?

Do we have the capacity to re-launch a praise band, offering worship music regularly?

Do we have an interest in expanding our musical repertoire in other ways as we allow the spirit to guide us in worship and praise?

Join us this summer for a worship series **“Music that Moves Us”** as we explore stories in the bible where music plays a role in the narrative. As we worship God together, you will be asked to mine your own memory for stories and moments that a meaningful piece of music moved you in a profound way.

Please join us with open hearts and minds knowing that God will guide our way forward. You may even find yourself moved.

Peace,
Pastor Kori



Sundays in June

Sunday, June 4

10AM Women's Sunday Worship Service w/Communion - In Person & Online
11:10 AM Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
11:10 AM End of year Sunday School party - Sunday School Room
11:10 AM Women's Sunday Reception - Dodds Hall

Sunday, June 11

10:00 AM Worship Service - In Person & Online
11:00 AM Children & Youth Baked Goods & Lemonade Stand - Dodds Hall
11:15 AM Children's Bell Choir - Choir Room
6:30 PM Discovery Circle - Parlor

Sunday, June 18

10:00 AM Worship Service - In Person & Online
11:15 AM Children's Bell Choir - Choir Room

Sunday, June 25

10:00 AM Worship Service - In Person & Online
11:15 AM Children's Bell Choir - Choir Room
11:30 AM James Brassard Memorial Scholarship Brunch - Dodds Hall



Music this Summer

Sunday, June 18, will mark the last day that Guest Worship will be supplying the leadership of our contemporary music selections. In conjunction with Pastor Kori's upcoming sermon series, "Music That Moves Us," we will be exploring a wide range of musical expressions in our summer worship services.

While both contemporary and traditional music will continue to play an important part of our weekly services, plans are also underway to welcome outside musicians including the Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers, and TAGE, a steel drum band. Additionally, the Celebration Choir will provide anthems every other week while other special music selections will be provided by a handbell quartet and a number of talented soloists and instrumentalists.

We look forward to a summer of musical exploration and discovery and hope that you will join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Reverend James Brassard Memorial Scholarship

The James Brassard Memorial Scholarship for graduating high school senior men will be having its first annual Brunch Fundraiser and Scholarship Presentation. Please join us on **Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in Dodds Hall** to enjoy some great food and give a donation for Scholarships.

Memorial Brick Ceremony

The Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held in the Memorial Garden at Noon on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

The deadline for brick orders is Friday, June 30.

Order forms are in the office or can be emailed or sent by regular mail.

Please note this is a strict deadline and cannot be extended due to the process of ordering the bricks, getting them made, shipping, and installing them into the memorial walkway.

If you have any questions or need help with ordering a brick, please the church office at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

Officers Training

All elders and deacons for 2023–2024 please save the date for the officers training on **July 16 from 11:30am to 2:30pm in Dodds Hall.**

We look forward to begin our next season of leadership at CCPC.

If you would like to help in the planning, please contact Pastor Kori at ccpcpastor@outlook.com.

Website Volunteer

Looking for an eager volunteer to learn how the website clicks and lend a helping hand.

No website experience required, but a good level of comfort with computers is.

Website training will be provided!

Please contact Marty Sippel if you are interested or know of a good candidate.

Women's Sunday

Join us this Sunday for

Women's Sunday on June 4 at 10am

where we will celebrate the women of the church. The service will be led by women.

After the service, all are welcome to the reception in Dodds Hall.

Baked Goods & Lemonade



Come and help support our children and youth on

Sunday, June 11 from 11am to Noon in Dodds Hall.

There will be all sorts of yummy baked goods and some refreshing lemonade.

Donations are encouraged!

All bakers are welcome to contribute baked goods.

Any questions, contact Kim Gedrich at ccpcyouth@verizon.net.



Little Koalas Music Fun

Little Koalas (0-5 yrs) spend some music time together on the First Tuesdays of the except for July and August, from 9 to 9:30am in Dodds Hall.

Make New Friends! Dance and Play to Music!

Email ccpcyouth@verizon.net, to be added to Koala Music info email.

Vacation Bible School

Food Truck Party! On A Roll With God!

Ready to cook up some fun?

Food Truck Party VBS invites kids to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks roll in for the summer's biggest party! Kids will learn to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread."



Ages: 4 years old (must be potty trained)- 6th grade. \$10per

Dates: Tues, June 27- Fri, June 30 (You must be registered)

Time: 4:30-7:15PM (Doors will open at 4:15 for check-in)

To register or questions, contact Kimberly at ccpcyouth@verizon.net

We can't wait to see you soon!

Congregational Meeting

Following worship service on Sunday, June 4, we will have a Congregational meeting for the voting of our class of 2026 officers who will be ordained and installed on Sunday, July 2.

DEACON CLASS OF 2026

Carrie Ahearn

Carole Brady

I am originally from Skaneateles, NY. I met my husband, Jim, and we moved to Maryland in 1982. We moved to Bowie in 1986 and joined CCPC shortly after. Jim and I were involved for many years with BBGC. We were blessed with 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Jim and I shared 40 wonderful years. I stay busy with taking care of my home, babysitting grands and granddoggies, spending time with family, enjoying time at Ocean City and traveling.

Ann Fleming

Ann has been a Presbyterian and member of CCPC for about twenty years. She is an active member of the DEI committee, personnel committee and tech team. She also supports children's activities as a Sunday School teacher and children's sermon volunteer. Ann has led some adult education classes and even preached on Women's Sunday in the past - and coming up again this June.

Ann is a lifelong Bowie resident. She and her husband Mark have four kids in their twenties who have all moved out, leaving a peaceful empty nest. Ann currently teaches 8th grade science at Benjamin Tasker Middle School, right here in Bowie. She'd be happy to tell you about their terrapin research project. Next year she will be moving into ESOL, supporting our newest citizens as they learn English. She manages her school's Green School Certification and is an active member of the City of Bowie's Green Schools Committee. She is also a member of the Bowie Lions Club, who supports her Leo Club, hosted at Tasker. She teaches a Chair Yoga practice at the Lions Den in Old Bowie on Tuesday evenings. Ann is excited to be part of the team starting the first chapter of PFLAG in Prince Georges's County, creating a safe space for parents and friends of the LGBTQIA+ community to support each other.

Ann is looking forward to serving CCPC as a deacon, recognizing the importance of personal relationships in building congregational vitality.

Judyann Glazener

I have been a member of CCPC since 1985. I have been working with the flower committee since, singing in the choir, and working with our Parish Life committee. I have just completed my term as Elder and look forward to serving as a deacon. I am now retired, and before that was Science Chair at Duval high school.

Paula Hays

Paula was born and raised in Grove City, Pennsylvania along with her younger brother, Tom. She joined East Main Presbyterian at age 12 and was active in youth group, choir, and Sunday school. After high school she majored in music education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. After graduating, she taught music in the Pennsylvania public schools for three years. She enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to prepare to work in Christian education and music, graduating with an MA and a husband, Rick. While Rick served as pastor to churches in Rockford, Ohio, and Waverly, Ohio, Paula worked with youth and adult choirs, youth club, Sunday school and Presbyterian Women. She was ordained as an elder in Waverly, chairing the mission committee and volunteering at the food pantry and homeless shelter. She served the Presbytery of Scioto Valley as Resource Center Coordinator and Christian Educator. Later she worked for the Pike County Public Library, managing the branches and bookmobile. She joined CCPC in 2019 and was elected to Session, serving as clerk. She enjoys participating in choir, bell choir, PW and Lady Tigers. The Hays have two children. Elizabeth lives in Greenbelt with her husband Eric and their children, Tabitha and Arthur. Andrew (Drew) lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, with his wife, Angie.

ELDER CLASS OF 2026

Gladys Ayuketah

It is truly an honor to be selected once more to serve as an Elder for the second time. I recently completed my service as a Deacon.

I was born in Cameroon, Central Africa into a traditional Presbyterian family and have remained Presbyterian. My father was a Presbyterian teacher/Educator for over 50 years and was charged to open several Presbyterian schools in West Cameroon. Together with my spouse (Adolf Schwartz) and two kids (Alexis and Abigail), we have enjoyed being a part of CCPC for over 16 years. The Children's Ministry has been my favorite initiative at CCPC. It has been a blessing to have my kids participate in the Children's, Youth Ministries and Contemporary music.

I have worked in clinical research at the National Institutes of Health for over 16 years and recently obtained a doctorate as an Epidemiologist, and working as a clinical trial scientist.

My interests are Bible studies, prayer groups and singing to the Glory of the Lord. I pray that God will guide me in this new calling. Thank you for another opportunity to serve CCPC.

Mary Brock

In what seems like so many “former lives”, I’ve been a housewife, a fast food employee, a police officer and police academy instructor, an EMT, a Starbucks barista, an accreditation manager, an interim director of a Middle East language institute, a Spanish teacher for seniors, and currently still an ESL instructor. As for worship, I led singing for a Catholic folk mass back in the 70s. Later in the 90s, I was part of a Praise and Worship team for a few years and also led a small church service at a drug and alcohol rehab facility for over a year. And now, I lead the weekly Bible study for the church. Woven throughout them all, I’ve belonged to God. God has always been at the helm, whatever I’ve done, guiding me and encouraging me to say “yes” when the opportunities were presented. This is yet another opportunity to say “yes”.

Melodie Dziduch

I have lived in Maryland my whole life. My husband Charlie and I have been married for 41 years. We have 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren. We lived in Bowie for 36 years and moved to Two Rivers in Odenton 6 months ago. I have been a member of CCPC for 33 years, in that time I have served on various committees, as a Sunday School teacher, a Deacon, and an Elder for Children’s Ministry. I have a degree in Nursing and worked in Doctor’s offices for years. Then I worked as an Executive Assistant and Awards Coordinator for a small non-profit for ten years. After another career change, and ten years of catering, I retired in 2020.

Amy Littlefield

I am a lifelong Presbyterian and have been a member of CCPC since 1997. I taught Sunday School for 7 years, served as Deacon twice, and as Clerk of Session. I currently serve as a liturgist and on the Personnel Committee. I am a member of Grace and Glory Circle.

I am originally from Houston, Texas and have been in the Washington area since 1984. My husband Roy and I have lived in our Bowie home since we married in 1989 and raised our 3 children there. We have recently moved to Chester, Maryland where we built a smaller home for our retirement years. I will be commuting to church from there as I can never imagine leaving my church home.

I have a PhD in Educational Psychology and have been teaching for 21 years after staying home with my kids when they were little. I am currently finishing my position teaching high school history and government in a private school for students with learning differences in Alexandria, Virginia. I will begin this fall at a similar school on the Eastern Shore as a Learning Specialist working four days a week.

Jane Mellow

Jane Mellow has been a member of CCPC since 2009. Jane has previously served on CCPC’s session two separate times chairing Mission, Outreach, and Youth Councils. Last year she served on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Jane created and ran the slides for the contemporary service for several years and she has put together the CCPC year in review photos for the past few years. She has participated in multiple CCPC mission trips to build houses in West Virginia and in Tennessee and volunteered for VBS and various youth activities. She is the mother of 21-year-old twins Wesley and Caitlin Shoemaker. She has worked in advocacy, communications, and policy jobs both in and out of the government.

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”*

☞ 1 Peter 4:10 ☞

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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*

Please remember CCPC in your will.



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The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization. It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Call 301-464-5782 or Email info@belaircoop.org

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Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center



Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit

www.ImagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

