**Carmel Presbyterian Church** Reign of Christ Sunday November 20, 2022 10:00 AM



Order of Worship We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God. \* Please stand, as able. Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

#### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways and reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

# Welcome and Greetings -

Prelude	"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	Matthew H. Corl	
* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) –			
Let	the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!		
	Christ will reign forever and ever.		
The	Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.		
	Christ will reign forever and ever.		
Goo	has established the world; God's realm will never be shaken.		
	Christ will reign forever and ever.		
Goo	I will judge the world with righteousness and the people with equit	y.	
	Christ will reign forever and ever.		
The	kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.		
	Christ will reign forever and ever.		
ALL (in prayer) Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior,			
	you pour out your power for the powerless		
	and your salvation for the lost.		
	Remember us in your new creation,		
	so that we may live in peace with you		
	in the presence of the Holy One,		
	to whom be all honor and glory,		
	through you, in the Holy Spirit,		
	now and forever. Amen		

\* Hymn 108

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro

# Call to Confession (Seated) -

# Prayer of Confession (In unison) -

Lord Jesus, you call us to lifelong discipleship, yet we expect programs to transform hearts and minds. You commission us to share your gospel, and we assign the work to a committee. You ask us to turn our attention to neighbors, but we gaze inward, worried about survival. You model servant leadership, yet we fail to develop the spiritual gifts of our members and volunteers. Our worship services can be routine and comfortable, requiring little response. Sometimes, our fellowship resembles a social club, rather than a space for building bridges between people. As a community, we embody unhealthy habits: we gossip, we blur boundaries, we are anxious and reactive. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Strengthen our vitality; help us find our life again. Move us forward, for your sake and for the sake of the world you love. Hear now our silent prayers of confession

(Pray silently: a moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

# Sung Response 403"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"Converse"Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer!Jesus loves me, this I know- For the Bible tells me so.Little ones to him belong. We are weak, but He is strong!"

# **Declaration of Forgiveness**

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

\* Gloria Patri – Hymn 567 "Glory to the Father" John Weaver

# \* Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) -

As God has forgiven us in Christ, so should we forgive one another.

# Christ's peace is not dependent on my understanding, but only on the mercy of God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

# And also with you.

(Greet one another sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

# Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Open my eyes so I may see visions of truth, O Lord, that you have for me. And as I consider my sister on my left and my brother on my right, teach my heart again the loving spirit of humility, for the time may come, and it may already be here, that this beautiful saint will have something to teach me about the reign of Christ in the everlasting kingdom. Praise be to God for the gift of the Holy Word. Amen.

# First Reading —

The first reading is Jeremiah, chapter 23, verses 1-6; p. 681). Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, declares the Lord. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who "tend to" my people: You are the ones who have scattered my flock and driven them away. You haven't attended to their needs, so I will take revenge on you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the Lord. I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the Lord.

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn 191 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" Winchester Old

# New Testament Gospel Reading –

This is from Luke's Gospel, chapter 23, verses 33-43; pp. 83-84. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message"New Songs"Pastor John(Children and youth are invited to stay for the whole worship service. There is no Children's Church this week.)

Sermon

"Loosen Up"

Pastor John

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God's work as we move into God's week.

\* Hymn 150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (Using 'debts' & 'debtors')

#### Invitation to the Offering -

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church in the local and global community. Please place your offering on the offering plate at the usher's invitation, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

"King of Glory, King of Peace"	K. Lee Scott
Sanctuary Choir	(born 1950)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; And that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou did'st note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou did'st clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou did'st hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort To enroll thee: Even eternity's too short To extol thee! **Text by George Herbert, 1593-1633** 

\* Doxology 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old Hundredth (Ushers will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

# \* Prayer of Dedication -

Holy God, your generosity overflows. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the many blessings you have given us. May your gifts continue to prepare us for our new ministry journey, guide our footsteps and watch over us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

# WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

\* Hymn 40

"Joy to the World"

Antioch

Madrid

\* Benediction and Charge -

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude

"Darwall's 148th" ("Rejoice, the Lord Is King") Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

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# Announcements Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. Restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building.

**CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS** of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care** and **Children's Worship (Grades K-3)** during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. We request that if you desire **nursery care** for your child during Sunday worship, please call the **Church Office by Friday noon**, so that the nursery is staffed. **Children's Worship** does not require reserving ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary for Carmel Hall after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; or Melissa MacFarland, Children's Worship leader.

THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY give glory to God and the goodness of God's creation.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH SECRETARY KATHY HOPKINS** – We welcome Kathy Hopkins to Carmel Presbyterian Church as our new church office secretary/manager. Kathy has been a resident of Glenside for 29 years. She'll be married to her husband, Bob for 30 years this coming February. She has two children, Bobby (27 years old) and Shannon (15 years old). Kathy belongs to the St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, here in Glenside. Kathy comes from a large family as she is one of eight children.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN CALLED BY SESSION for Sunday, November 20, 2022, immediately following worship to (1) receive the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and act upon its recommendation to call the Reverend John Diller for the position of Pastor; and (2) receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee regarding the nomination and election of officers. No other business is appropriate at this time.

**NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR SUNDAY SERVICE AS WELL AS THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** Nursery coverage will be available starting at 9:45 am and through the Special Congregational Meeting this Sunday, November 20, so that all members can participate in worship with the Pastor candidate and remain for the congregational meeting.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE TUESDAY, NOV 22** – All are invited to the Glenside Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside. Carmel will be sending five choir members to sing in a community choir.

IT'S TIME TO DECORATE! ADVENT IS HERE! Come join us in decorating the sanctuary to kick-start your Christmas spirit! Decorating will take place in the sanctuary on three consecutive Saturdays at 10:00 am – November 26th, December 3rd, and December 10th. Use the signup link to let us know you are coming - <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship</u> or just show up and lend a hand. All are welcome!

**CELEBRATE AND WELCOME THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** – A **Christmas Lunch** with lunch entrees and tasty desserts will be held Sunday, December 4, 2022, following worship in Carmel Hall. Sponsored by Congregational Life; email RSVP to <u>mdeacon782@coomcast.net</u>

**SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS AND THE MUSIC FUNDS** – If you wish to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias which uphold our Advent season sanctuary traditions or to provide special instrumental and vocal music to enhance our Christmas Services, please fill out a **Form** in the lobby and include a contribution. For more information on **flowers**, contact Deb Gates (215-887-1852); and, for music, contact Abby Palmisano (215-887-1074), press 3.

JOIN CARMEL'S FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON – A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will begin rehearsing on Thursday, November 17, at 7:30 PM. The choir will prepare for the annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 11, and the 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. The choir comprises youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year-round. Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, November 17, and December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby Palmisano if you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS – Carmel's annual Candlelight Carol Service is set for Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm with a special prelude beginning at 7:15 pm. Hold the date and invite friends and neighbors to this wonderful Carmel Church tradition. All the church choirs, bell ringers, and soloists will lift your spirits in the glorious sounds of the season.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP IS "CELEBRATING SABBATH"** – CPW (Carmel Presbyterian Women) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 for bible study and fellowship. Our 9-month study is "Celebrating Sabbath" and focuses on exploring the idea of 'accepting God's gift of rest and delight'. Join us in the Women's Fellowship Lounge for lively discussion and light refreshments.

**CARMEL DEACONS INVITE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE GIVING TREE** – In looking forward to the Christmas season and the hope and joy it brings to so many, Carmel's Board of Deacons invites you to support again this year Gemma Services (formerly The Village) with Christmas gifts for the children they serve. Check the Giving Tree in the lobby and learn of three ways you can participate:

- 1. Pick a **gift** from the top 10 needed items identified by Gemma! They are:
  - Remote control cars/vehicles
  - Rubik's cubes

- Gel pen sets
- Lego sets
- Squishmallow stuffed animals (especially small and medium)
- Card games- Uno, Dos, Phase 10, playing cards
- Crayola art sets
- Barbie dolls (especially non-Caucasian dolls)
- Basketball shooting sleeves
- Nike athletic socks (for boys and girls)
- 2. Donate a **\$25 gift card** (the following merchants): ShopRite, Walmart, Amazon, Target, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, or Wawa.
- 3. *Give online* through Gemma's Amazon wish list! The gifts can be shipped directly to Gemma: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/Is/2PDSAIHUZCXA1/ ref=cm\_go\_nav\_hz?pldnSite=1

*The deadline for gifts and gift cards will be Sunday, November 27th.* More information coming on our Facebook page and in the weekly bulletin and email.

**CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) INVITES YOUTH IN GRADES 3-8! – Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM)** welcomes all kids in Grades 3-8. It meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 in Carmel Hall. Fun, fellowship, and growing together as a group guides the group and leaders. **CYM leaders** Joyce, Katey, Melissa, and Jed look forward to seeing you.

**MUSIC NOTES FROM CARMEL'S BALCONY** – Please hold the date for a new year of church choirs. Join us in the new season of singing and ringing.

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2, meets Wednesdays, from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8, meets Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12, meets Sundays, from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Thursdays, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Mondays, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For questions about any choirs, please contact Abby Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CPC—CONTACT PASTOR PETER** – Have you thought about making Carmel your church home? Interested in learning more about what membership at CPC involves? We are planning to schedule our next adult membership class and would love to discuss how you can take the next step toward membership. We do not have a date set but would appreciate you letting us know your interest by emailing <u>office@presbycarmel.org</u> or contacting Pastor Peter.

**WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at <u>www.presbycarmel.org</u>. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, and the daily lectionary, or send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship is available on YouTube or via Zoom on the phone for those unable to attend inperson worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. You can find our Sunday morning worship live streaming Sundays at 10:00 am with links below: YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJIjIDvsRw</u> **Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:** <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409</u> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

**SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE** several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here:

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

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# Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus John Diller, Candidate for Senior Pastor Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music Sanctuary Choir Nancy Pinkowicz, Liturgist Linda MacFarland, Greeter/Ushers TBA, Shepherd Rodney Hackman & Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators Nancy Pinkowicz, Coffee Hour Host: Carmel Hall (11:00 AM)

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# Joy to the World!



# COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

# Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 am Special Congregational Meeting (Presenting the Pastor Candidate and Election of Church Officers, Sanctuary: 11:00 am Refreshment & Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall (downstairs): 11:00 am-12:00 pm Youth Choir (Grades 9-12), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 am

# **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Handbell Choir, Sanctuary: 7:30-8:30 pm

# **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Glenside Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside: 7:30 pm

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

No Choir Rehearsals or Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM)

# **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

Thanksgiving, Office Closed (No Choir Rehearsals)

# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving, Office Closed

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Advent Decorate the Sanctuary (Wreaths & Window swags, Advent candles): 10:00 am Meet & Greet Carmel's New Senior Pastor, Carmel Hall: 3:00-5:00 pm

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

# **First Sunday of Advent**

Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 am Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope, Sanctuary: 10:00 am Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 am Youth Choir (Grades 9-12): 11:15-11:45 am