Carmel Presbyterian Church observes the season of



Adult Sunday School from 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

Sermon Series "Forgiveness: A Way of Life"

Today's Sermon focus: Sometimes the "depths" of this life prevent us from experiencing forgiveness. This is where faith enters, where faith supports us, and faith sees us through.

Special Worship Services:

April 6, 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Supper/Worship in Carmel Hall

April 7, 7:30 PM - Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

Carmel Presbyterian Church 100 Edge Hill Road Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 887-1074

Carmel Presbyterian Church Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023 10:00 AM

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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.

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This Handbell Choir

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Gathering Mediation

Hymn 189 (stanzas 1 & 2) As Deer Long for the Streams Rockingham

L: In the buds on the trees eager to burst;

in the flowers poking their heads out of the dirt;

in the children chalking spring on the sidewalks:

P: we see how you love us, God of steadfast love.

L: In the tears of a worried father over his son's illness: in the weariness of a mother facing a long shift at work; in the woman who anoints her grandbaby with talcum powder:

P: we see how you love us, our Resurrection and our Life.

L: In the touch of a wife on her husband's papery skin; in the birds which rush into the sky before spiraling down; in the words we are given to offer to the empty-hearted:

P: we see how you love us, Breath of our souls.

Silence

*Hymn 189 (stanzas 3 & 4) As Deer Long for the Streams

Page 16, front of hymnal

L: Creator of life:

P: bring us light, we pray.

L: Mourner of the dead:

P: take away our grief, we pray.

L: Refresher of dry lives:

P: bind us to God forever, we pray, as we say together,

The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Pastoral Welcome

Minute for Mission

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Rockingham

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons Ezekiel 37:1-14 Page 759

Message for the Children

John 11:1-45 Page 98

Sermon My Soul Waits: Forgiveness as Faithfulness

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise

*Hymn 277 O God, Our Faithful God O Gott, du frommer Gott *Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed Page 14, front of hymnal

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Supplication

Call to Offering
Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Sanctuary Choir

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

*Doxology 592

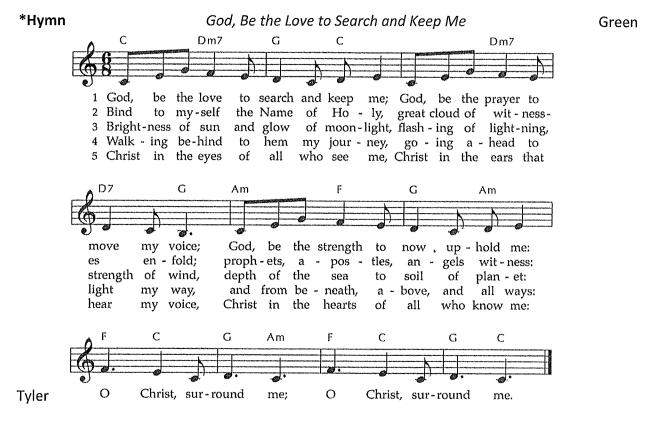
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

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.



This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a lorica (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004
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GREEN TYLER 9.8,9.5.5

*Charge and Benediction Chimes Postlude

The Glory of These Forty Days (Hymn tune: Erhalt uns, Herr)

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

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 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). 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 after the Children's Message and go with their leader to the Children's Church Room off the Chapel. An usher can be of assistance.

CARDS FOR EDGE HILL NURSING HOME: Christian Ed and CYM are again sponsoring a fulfilling community outreach project to create homemade Spring and Easter cards for the residents and staff of our neighbors at Edge Hill Nursing Home. CYM families past or present and interested congregation members are invited to make 5-10 cards and drop them in the lobby plastic tote before April 2. You can be creative, colorful, or just cut and paste in a fun activity for families. Contact coordinator Sarah Stein with questions and supply needs or consult the full announcement coming on Carmel e-mail.

SAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE for our Maundy Thursday gathering, April 6, please email Deb Gates at gatesdl@comcast.net. We will have a Simple Soup Supper with Communion at 6:30pm in Carmel Hall. We request that members bring a salad (A-L) or dessert (M-Z) to share. Also remember to bring your own bowls and utensils. Do you make a great pot of chicken noodle soup or are good at following a recipe? If you'd like to help contribute to our meal, please contact Deb Gates.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are witness to the glory of God and God's good creation.

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Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Senior Pastor
Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Handbell Choir, David Campbell, Co-director or Handbell Choir
Jedediah Smith, Worship Assistant
Linda McFarland, Greeter/Usher
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators
Janet Simon, Susan Abel & Leslie Donaghy, Coffee Hour Host (11:00 AM)

As Deer Long for the Streams

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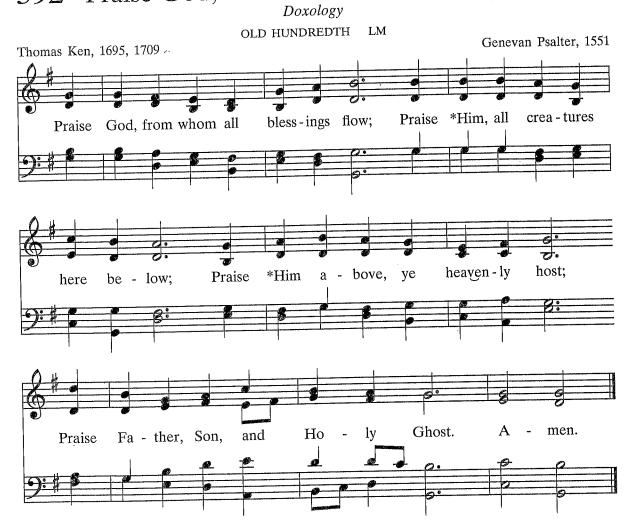
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COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:30-9:15 AM Handbell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 8:30 AM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary, (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room (Grades 9-12): 11:15-11:45 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30-8:30 PM

Christian Education Committee meeting, via Zoom: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Children's Choir (Grades K-2), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM Junior Choir (Grades 3-8), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM CYM (Carmel Youth Ministry), (Grades 3-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

Lenten Bible Study, via Zoom: 6:50-7:30 PM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Festival and Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 PM

SATURDAY, April 1

Bread Baking, Carmel Hall & Kitchen: 6:30 AM

VBS Teams, Lounge: 9:30-11:30 AM

ICGC Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM - 4:00 AM

SUNDAY, April 2 – Palm Sunday

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:30-9:15 AM

Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary - Communion, Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing (and

Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday Breakfast, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Congregational Life Breakfast & Bread pick-up, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM