

*We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.
You hold the heavens in your hand,
all stars rejoice in your glory.
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn
and bless the splendor of the noonday.
The stars in their courses magnify you,
day and night tell of your glory.
Your peace blows over the earth
and the breath of your mouth fills all space. Amen.*



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Carmel Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 10, 2023
10:00 AM

*Indicates please stand as you are able.

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

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.

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

Pastorale on Saint Anne

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

***Call to Worship**

L: Calling all children of the Living God:

the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

P: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

L: The good news is proclaimed in God's words,

and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

P: Let us worship together, every generation.

L: We come together with different abilities and disabilities,

learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

P: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

L: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

P: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

***Hymn 443**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

***Prayer**

***Silent Prayer**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri 567**

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

***Passing of the Peace**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

2 Peter 1:2-10

Page 222

Luke 15:1-10

Page 73

Sermon

"They had Lots to Learn"

Rev. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

***Hymn 210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Blessings of the Backpacks

Rev. Diller

Any youth or adult, whether they brought a backpack or not, is welcome to come to the front.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16, front of hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Graham Godfrey

Sanctuary Choir

Old Irish Melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, O Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I in Thee one.

High King of Heaven, the victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

***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.

***Hymn 272**

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson
(1922-1987)

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. Please 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, that you 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.

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

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Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor

Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Deb Gates, Worship Assistant

Sanctuary Choir

Melissa Deacon & Janet Simon, Greeter/Usher

Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators

Congregational Life, Coffee Hour (11:00 AM)

WONDER “WHAT’S GOING ON?” CHECK OUT CARMEL’S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, and the daily lectionary, or send a prayer request or make financial donation—and not miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar.

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 in-person 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
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

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>

PLEASE HOLD the date for a new season of church choirs.

A new season of singing and ringing starts in September. Please hold the following dates and times for our first rehearsal.

Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2, will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 5:00-5:40 PM.

Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8, will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 5:45-6:30 PM.

Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12, will begin on Sunday, September 17, from 11:15-11:45 AM.

Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Thursday, September 7, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 6-adult, will begin on Monday, September 18, from 7:30-8:30 PM.



8:45-9:30 AM Sundays, in the Lounge (main floor)

Presbyterian Church 101

4 weeks, Sept 24-Oct. 15

This class functions both as a “New Member Orientation” and a “Refresher” course. Participants will be encouraged to purchase/download the Book of Order

Week 1: History of Presbyterian Church: Reformation through Today

Week 2: Foundations of Presbyterian Polity: Why We Are Who We Are

Week 3: Worship, Mission, Discipleship: Why We Do What We Do

Week 4: Blessings and Opportunities: How do we approach our challenges?

Personal and Ecclesiastical Stewardship: Scarcity and Abundance

3 Weeks, Oct. 29-Nov. 12

This class will tackle our difficulty discussing Church Finances. We will explore vignettes from the Bible showing the difference between attitudes of scarcity and abundance.

Advent: Nothing to Be Afraid Of

3 Weeks: Dec. 3-Dec. 17

End Times, Second Coming, Apocalypse...oh, you are one of those who thinks Advent is only about a baby in a manger? This class is designed to arouse, encourage, and challenge our preconceptions about how Christ is and will be active in our world.

Let us know you plan to attend by calling the office or sending an email.

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933; alt.
Trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. O Christ, the great founda - tion On which Your peo - ple stand
2. Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, One church in all the earth,
3. Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, Where strong de - vour the weak,
4. This is the mo - ment glo - rious When He who once was dead

To preach Your true sal - va - tion In ev - ery age and land:
We bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, The sign of sec - ond birth:
Where in - no - cents are fright - ened, The righ - teous fear to speak,
Shall lead His church vic - to - rious, Their cham - pion and their head.

Pour out Your Ho - ly Spir - it To make us strong and pure,
One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered In love be - yond our own,
There let Your church a - wak - ing At - tack the powers of sin brings,
The Lord of all cre - a - tion His heav - en - ly king - dom brings,

To keep the faith un - bro - ken As long as worlds en - dure.
By grace we were in - vit - ed, By grace we make You known.
And, all their ram - parts break - ing, With You the vic - tory win.
The fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, The glo - ry of all things.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heav-en - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Or "God."

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7

Carl F. Schalk, 1983

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

1. God of the spar - row God of the whale
 3. God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 5. God of the neigh - bor God of the foe

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say

Awe How does the crea - ture say Praise
 Grace How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 Love How does the crea - ture say Peace

Descant on stanzas 2, 4, 6

2. God of the earth-quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
4. God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -
6. God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the lov - ing

blast
gal
heart
How does the crea-ture cry
How does the crea-ture say
How do your chil-dren say
Woe
Care
Joy

How does the crea-ture cry Save
How does the crea-ture say Life
How do your chil-dren say Home

COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

Rally Day, Sanctuary: 10:00 AM

Luncheon, games and castle bounce house: 11:00 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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 Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM