

*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  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 17, 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***

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

***\*Call to Worship***

L: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

**P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God does not always accuse, nor harbor anger forever; God neither treats us according to our sins, nor repays us according to our iniquities.**

L: Praise the Lord, all the heavenly hosts, who forever do the Lord's will.

**P: For as far as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for all who fear the Lord. As far as the east is from the west, this is how our sins are removed from us.**

L: Praise the Lord, all the works of the God wherever they may be.

**P: The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

**All: Praise the Lord, my soul!**

***\*Hymn (see insert)***

*At the Cross*

Hudson

***\*Call to Confession***

***\*Prayer of Confession***

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**All: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you the fullness of our lives; that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the log in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

***\*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**

<b>Scripture Lessons</b>	<i>Exodus 14:19-31</i>	Page 58
	<i>Psalms 114:1-8</i>	Page 532
<b>*Hymn 527</b>	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	McAfee
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	Page 18
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Forgiveness"</i>	Elder David Rice

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

<b>*Hymn</b> (see insert)	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	El Nathan
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Page 14, front of hymnal
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		Page 16, front of hymnal
<b>Call to Offering</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i> Sanctuary Choir	Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make God's love too narrow By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify God's strictness With a zeal God will not own.

There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Text: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)

<b>*Doxology 592</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Old Hundredth
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		

**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 485**

*To God Be the Glory*

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Chimes**

**Postlude**

*Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*

G. F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

**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 in loving memory of Willard F. Rice, Jr. (Dave Rice's brother), by Dave, Christina, Nicole and Matthew Rice.

**CPW** – Carmel Presbyterian Women (CPW) will begin their 2023-24 bible study and circle meeting on Tues. Sept. 19th . Our study this year will explore "Sacred Encounters" through the power and presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts as written by Olive Mahabir in the current Horizon series. We would love to have you join us with a lively discussion of Elizabeth's encounter with the angel Gabriel (who knew?). Reach out to Mary Ellen Thomas (215-886-9388) for details of our first meeting.

**CARMEL'S LIBRARY** will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:45-12:30 during the Nursery School year. The library is also open before and after worship on Sunday mornings.

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

**WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at [www.presbycarmel.org](http://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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljiDvsRw>

**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***

*David Rice, Lay Leader*

*Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus*

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music*

*Lisa Scholly, Worship Assistant*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Ken Schuyler, Greeter/Usher*

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

*Dave & Christine Rice and Bob & Lisa Scholly, Coffee Hour (11:00 AM)*

**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.

# At the Cross

E♭ Eb/G Ab Eb/G B♭7/F Eb B♭

1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die?  
 2 Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in,  
 4 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

E♭ Ab/E♭ Eb Fm/Ab Eb/B♭ B♭7 Eb

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
 when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for his own crea - ture's sin,  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way—'tis all that I can do!

*Refrain* E♭ Ab/E♭ Eb Eb/B♭ B♭

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the

B♭7 Eb/B♭ B♭7 Eb Ab

bur - den of my heart rolled a - way, rolled a - way, it was there by faith

E♭ Fm/Ab B♭7 Eb

I re - ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day!



# Glory to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

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John Weaver, 1978

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Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

*f*  
Ped.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line is a vocal line in treble clef, 3/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: a right-hand staff in treble clef and a left-hand staff in bass clef. The right hand starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The left hand starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, and G3. A piano dynamic marking 'f' and a pedaling instruction 'Ped.' are present.

\* \*  
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The vocal line continues with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The vocal line concludes with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment concludes with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

\*May be sung as a canon.

$\text{♩} = 58-63$

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# Near to the Heart of God

McAFEE CM with refrain

Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, Near to the heart of God,  
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, Near to the heart of God,  
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, Near to the heart of God,

A place where sin can - not mo - lest, Near to the heart of God.  
 A place where we our Sav - ior meet, Near to the heart of God.  
 A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, Sent from the heart of God,

Hold us, who wait be - fore Thee, Near to the heart of God.

# I Know Whom I Have Believed 407

1 I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,  
 2 I know not how this say - ing faith to me he did im - part,  
 3 I know not how the Spir - it moves, con-vinc-ing me of sin,  
 4 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love re - deemed me for his own.  
 nor how be - liev - ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.  
 re - veal - ing Je - sus through the Word, cre - at - ing faith in him.  
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

*Refrain*

But "I know whom I have be - liev - ed, and am per-suad - ed that he is

a - ble to keep that which I've com-mit - ted un - to him a - gainst that day."

WORDS: Dantel W. Whittle (1840-1901); para. 2 Timothy 1:12b  
 MUSIC: James McGranahan (1840-1907)

EL NATHAN  
 C.M.Ref.

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 blessings flow; Praise \*Him, all creatures

here below; Praise \*Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Or "God."

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## To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!  
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

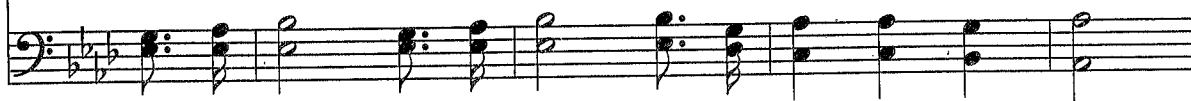
And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!



## **COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

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

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Staff Meeting, Lounge: 10:30 AM

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 21**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Session meets in Lounge: 11:30 AM

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

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM