

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Celebrates



November 5, 2023

“...they are before the throne of God and worship him
day and night within his temple...and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes.”

Rev. 7:15-17

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
ALL SAINTS DAY
November 5, 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.

Text for Meditation

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Pastoral Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Aria

Noel Rawsthorne
(1929-2019)

***Call to Worship and Affirmation**

L: Many saints, who confessed their faith in word and deed before the world, now rest from their labors.

P: Blessed be the name of Jesus, their fortress and their Lamb.

L: The One who is the Light dispelling all darkness draws us into the divine fellowship!

P: Even while we struggle on this earth, those who have gone on before are our inspiration!

L: Do not fear, worshippers of the One true God; though strife is fierce and the warfare be long.

P: We are held in the arms of our Savior and bolstered by the saints singing their heavenly songs! Blessing and glory, honor and power be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Friends, God brings us to the place of worship:

Our homes, a park bench, a soup line, a sanctuary.

Together, let's affirm our faith and give to the Lord.

That sacrifice which always belongs to the Lord. (Please stand)

***Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

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***Hymn for Gathering 527**

Near to the Heart of God

McAfee

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (spoken in unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women who live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession brought to you in your name. (Pray silently)

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Lost, we find our way, as we seek God; overwhelmed by loneliness, we are heard when we cry out; stumbling over our foolish choices, we find mercy when we tell all to our God.

P: **We are no different from all we call saints, for they found life in the mercy and grace of our God. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen. (please be seated)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

*Matthew 5:1-12
Revelation 7:9-17*

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Sermon

“Knowing the Words”

Rev. John Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

Remembering the Saints

(see insert)

***Hymn of Preparation 515**

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory

(see insert)

Shall We Gather at the River
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Robert H. McIver

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus Hymn 581

(sung by all)

**“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.”**

Joseph Roff

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Serving

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Neil Harmon
(b. 1967)

*When you come to receive the elements, you are invited to spend time at the table with the pictures. Share stories, match a name with a face, and pass the peace of Christ

Prayer

**All: Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings.
When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
A season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

All: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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 526**

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In
(Solemn Processional)

Rebecca Groom te Velde
(b. 1956)

All Saints Sunday 2023

Saints of Carmel who died since Nov. 1, 2022
In alphabetical order, using common names

June E. Garrett
Allen Hansen
Walter William Newman
Nancy Phifer
Louise Kay Robinson

L: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and live together in peace.

P: **Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Like those who ran the race before us, let us run with perseverance.**

While the names are read, a bell will be rung

Unison Prayer: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, Our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory forever. Amen.

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 **Children's Worship (Grades K-3)** during the Sunday 10:00 AM worship service. **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 Worship Room** in the nursery. An usher can be of assistance.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 3-8. The Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) meets each Wednesday night in Carmel Hall from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. It is a jam packed hour of food, fellowship and fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME SING FOR CHRISTMAS! A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will begin rehearsing on Thursday, November 16, at 7:30 PM. This choir will be preparing for the annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 10 and the 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service.

The choir is made up of youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year-round.

Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, November 16, November 30 and December 7, 14, and 21 at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you!

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY in loving memory of Douglas Warburton, by his wife Gail.

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

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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

Sanctuary Choir

, Worship Assistant

, Usher & Greeter

Melissa Deacon, Communion Elder

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

The Newman Family, 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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw>

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! To sign up please email Deb Gates at gatesdl@comcast.net and indicate what you’d like to help with and on which date. Thank you for your service.

Offertory

Shall We Gather at the River
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Robert H. McIver

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod;
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.
(Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899)

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Near to the Heart of God

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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.

Now to Your Table Spread

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.12.4.4.8

John Ireland, 1918

1. Now to Your ta - ble spread We come, each one in faith That
2. Hands of the world stretch out Your mys - ter - y to touch In
3. Here is our com - mon wealth In shar - ing what is good, As

You a - lone pro - vide the words of life and death: In
long - ing to be - lieve a truth be - yond our reach, To
though all hu - man - kind a - round one ta - ble stood, This

wine and bread, In prom-ised food We find Your lov - ing heart, O God.
sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your mean-ing for our life.
bread to break, This wine to taste: One peo - ple in the name of Christ.

Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE, 534

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For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

William Walsham How, 1864

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 *3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 **4. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through

Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug- gle,

they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are

D.C. for stanza 4

Thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – *All Saints Sunday*

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary & Communion (and live streaming): 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
Stewardship Committee meeting, Lounge: 6:00 PM
Handbell Choir, Sanctuary: 7:30-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
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, NOVEMBER 9

Floor Cleaning, Carmel Hall kitchen: morning
Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 8:30 AM
Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room: 9:15 AM
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