

*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*  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*November 12, 2023*  
*10:00 AM*

\*Indicates please stand as you are able.

**BOLD** type is for congregation to respond.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

*Prelude*

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Bill Ingram

*Pastoral Welcome & Announcements*

**\*Call to Worship**

If we will but listen,

**God will speak to us in parables,**

**God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents.**

If we will but remember,

**we will discover all we have heard and known,**

**all the wonders God has in store for us.**

If we will but share,

**we can tell our children and grandchildren -**

**even those not yet born -**

**the glorious stories of our God.**

*Hymn 559*

*We Gather Together*

Kremser

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. We claim to have listening ears, but we often turn those ears from the cries for help in time of need. We claim to seek the light of grace, but all too easily we are distracted by the world's shininess. We claim to want to learn the Way of Peace, but only when it nests within my immediate well-being and personal security.

The human culture is a wayward culture; self-justification is our preferred pattern. If you will speak to us again- sing if you have to- we will find ourselves filled with your holiness and we will be a transformed people. With great anticipation, and assurance of your mercy, hear our silent prayers in the name of Christ who saves. (Pray silently)

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria Patri Hymn 567**

*Glory to the Father*

John Weaver

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### **Anthem**

*Cantate Domino*  
(text: Psalm 98:1, 6-8)  
Junior Choir

Michael Bedford

(Latin Text) (English translation)  
Cantate Domino canticum novum! (Sing to the Lord a new song!)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
Shout with joy to the Lord, you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Cantate Domino canticum novum! (Sing to the Lord a new song!)

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.  
With the trumpet and sound of horn oh, shout with joy before the Lord.

Cantate Domino canticum novum! (Sing to the Lord a new song!)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture Lessons**

*Psalm 87:1-7*  
*Matthew 25:1-13*

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#### **Message for the Children**

#### **Sermon**

*Enough Light?*

Rev. John Diller

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*Hymn 366**

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

St. Catherine

### **\*Affirmation of Faith (Brief Statement of Faith, paragraphs 1, 4-6)**

### **Veteran Recognition**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **Call to Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Keep Your Lamps!*  
Sanctuary Choir

Andrea Thomas  
(Spiritual)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary, children don't get weary,  
children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

*\*Doxology 592*                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      Old Hundredth  
*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD**

*\*Hymn 561*                                      *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*                                      America

**\*Charge**

Go now to tell the stories of our God.

**We will listen to the lives of those around us as we do.**

Go now to discover the gifts of everyone you meet.

**We will remember Jesus, who blessed us with hope and life.**

Go now to share all that is within you.

**We will tell everyone - from the smallest child to the oldest person -  
of the Spirit who longs to shape us into one community.**

**\*Benediction**

*Chimes*

*Postlude*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J. S. Bach

**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 Charles F. Newman, Jr. by his daughter, Jan Heckman

**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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*Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor*

*Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus*

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

*Heather Coelho, David Campbell and Abigail Palmisano Co-Directors of the Handbell Choir*

*Handbell Choir, Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir*

*David Rice, Worship Assistant*

*Cindy & Bob Gerhard, Usher & Greeter*

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

*, Coffee Hour (11:00 AM)*

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

## We Gather Together

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KREMSER 12.11.12.11

Netherlands folk hymn, 1625  
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

*Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626  
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;  
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;  
And pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glo - ry be Thine!  
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## Glory to the Father

567

*Gloria Patri*

John Weaver, 1978

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

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

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

\*May be sung as a canon.

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## Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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ST. CATHERINE 8.8.8.8.8

Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Trans. John Wesley, c. 1739; alt.

Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864  
Alt. James George Walton, 1874

1. Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can  
2. O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but  
3. O Love, how gra - cious is Thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
Thy pure love a - lone; O may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
fore Thy pres - ence flies; Care, an - guish, sor - row melt a - way,

And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
Wher - e'er Thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus, noth - ing

lone, I'd live, My - self to Thee en - tire - ly give.  
heart re - move; May ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
may I see, Noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but Thee.

SERVICE MUSIC

# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

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."

NATIONAL SONGS

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My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Samuel Francis Smith, 1831

*Thesaurus Musicus*, London, c. 1740

1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
 4. Our \*fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing; Land where my \*fa - thers died, Land of the  
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that  
 To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With free-dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun-tain - side Let free-dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take, Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

\*Or "parents."

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

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

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM  
Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30-8:30 PM

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Presbytery Meeting at Carmel, Sanctuary and Carmel Hall: 12:00-8:00 PM  
Worship Service, Sanctuary: 2:00 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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 16**

Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM  
Festival Choir and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 PM

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Abington Social Club, Carmel Hall & Kitchen, 5:30-10:00 PM  
ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30PM

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM  
Children's Choir rehearsal, Choir Room and Sanctuary: 9:30 AM  
Worship in the Sanctuary (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



# Christmas Music Memorial



A special music memorial at Christmas time is intended to provide instrumental and vocal music to enhance our Christmas services. If you wish to contribute to this special music memorial please fill in the form below and mail it with your check to the church office.

If you have any questions, please call Abby Palmisano at 215-887-1074, press 3. Please fill in all the information.

The deadline for these memorials is Sunday, December 3rd.



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Please fill in all the information.

*Please mail to the church at 100 Edge Hill Road, Glenside, PA 19038 or place in the MUSIC MEMORIAL MAIL BOX in the church office..*

*Thank you*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

or IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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# Christmas Flowers

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Please fill in all the information. \$15.00 for (2) dedications in total.  
**Please mail to the church at 100 Edge Hill Road, Glenside, PA 19038**  
Thank you!

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias which uphold our Advent season sanctuary traditions, please fill in the form below and mail it with your check to the church. **A contribution of \$15.00 for up to 2 dedications** will adequately meet our needs. Dedications can be "in memory of" or "in honor of". The flowers are delivered by our Shepherds Carmel family shut-ins, those in nursing homes and those who have recently suffered the loss of a family member.

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please call Deb Gates at 215-887-1852.

The deadline for these dedications is

**Sunday, December 3rd.**

