

*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-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 19, 2023
10:00 AM

*Indicates please stand as you are able.
BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

We Gather Together
(Hymn tune: Kremser)

John Ferguson
Healey Willan

****Call to Worship:***

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

P: We come today to rest in you.

L: You have been the voice that guides us;

P: We come today to listen.

L: You have been the host who feeds us;

P: We come today to be filled.

L: You have been our joy and crown;

P: We come today to sing your praise!

****Hymn 551***

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

****Call to Confession:***

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. But we also know that you can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to you.

****Prayer of Confession***

Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. And if the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Hear the good news! Who is our God?

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We are forgiven, rescued, and redeemed. Alleluia! Amen.

****Gloria Patri Hymn 567***

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

****Passing of The Peace***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Jesus Loves Me
Children's Choir

Swedish Folk Tune
arr. Helen Kemp

Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, He is always, always near.
If I always trust and love him, There is nothing I need fear.
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, He is always, always near.

Jesus loves me, night and morning, Jesus hears the prayers I pray.
And he never, never leaves me When I work or when I play.
Jesus loves me, night and morning, Jesus hears the prayers I pray.

Prayer of Illumination:

Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth. Speak to us today, that we might understand your will and walk in your ways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 123:1-4
Matthew 25:14-30

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Children's Message

Sermon:

Risky Business

Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 335**

Though I May Speak

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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16, front of hymnal

Call to Offering

When we give, we combat the lie that we do not matter in this world. So as we enter a time of giving, I invite you to reflect on how your life, your skills, your time, and your money matters to this congregation and to God's mission in the world.

Offering

(see insert)

What Gift Can We Bring?
Sanctuary Choir

Jane Marshall
(1924- 2019)

***Response Hymn 553**

(stanzas 1 & 3)

For the Fruit of All Creation

East Acklam

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green

***Pledge Dedication Liturgy**
(see insert)

Janet Simon

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn**
(see insert)

God of the Fertile Fields

Italian Hymn

***Charge and Benediction**

Friends, go in peace, and be peace. Go in hope, and be hope. Go in faith, and be faithful. And as you go, may the grace of God cover you, the love of Christ shine within you, and the Spirit's courage propel you forward, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Chimes
Postlude

Thanksgiving

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

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.

WE WELCOME BACK Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich as she leads us in prayer and faith today.

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! **There will be no CYM on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.**

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 for the Glory of God and all of his creatures.

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. Michelle Denney Grunseich, Guest Pastor

Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Lynne Schutt, pianist for the Children's Choir

Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

Janet Simon, Worship Assistant

, Usher & Greeter

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

Margie Reith, Nancy Weiss & Ruth Kucera, 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/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 and indicate what you'd like to help with and on which date. Thank you for your service.

Offertory Anthem

What Gift Can We Bring?
Sanctuary Choir

Jane Marshall
(1924- 2019)

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?
Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise, now and forever,
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

Text: Jane Marshall



L: My fellow Carmel members and friends, thank you for joining me and all those who came before us in support of Christ's own call to mission, ministry, and discipleship.

P: It is a joy to serve in as many ways as we are granted opportunity through Christ our Lord. To give of ourselves is to receive. To give in faith is to receive more faith. To give freely is to receive freedom.

L: Although our hearts bristle at the banality of it all, the worship space we share, the support staff we have in place, and the ministry activities of all the corners of the Church require funds.

P: I trust that the Spirit is active: guiding, encouraging, and transforming the people and ministries at and around Carmel to meet the current needs as well as to hear those we have yet to notice. I give only from a place of gratitude for all the Lord has done and is doing.

L: Let us pray:

All: O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom. We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

George Job Elvey, 1859

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home;
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

567

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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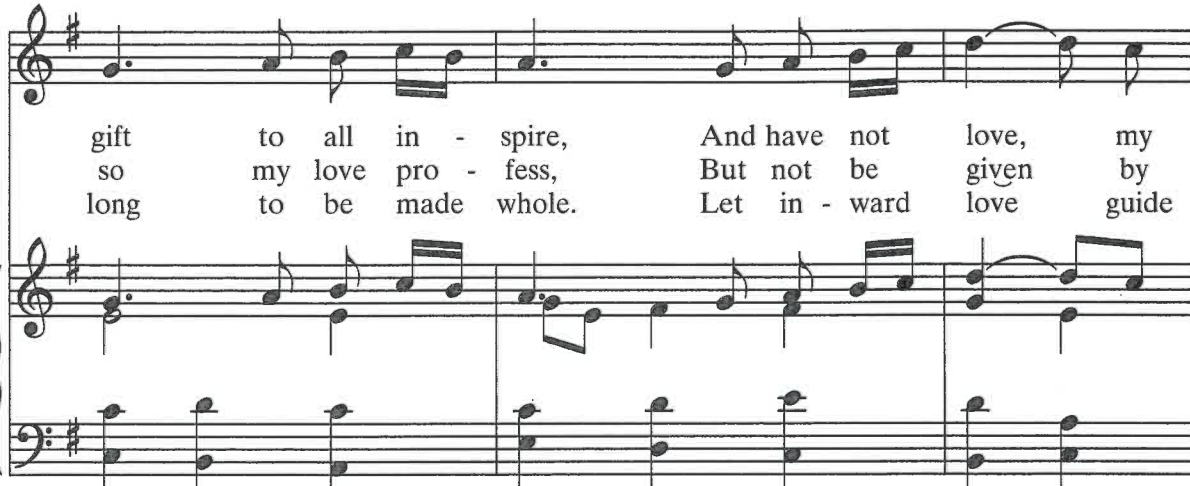
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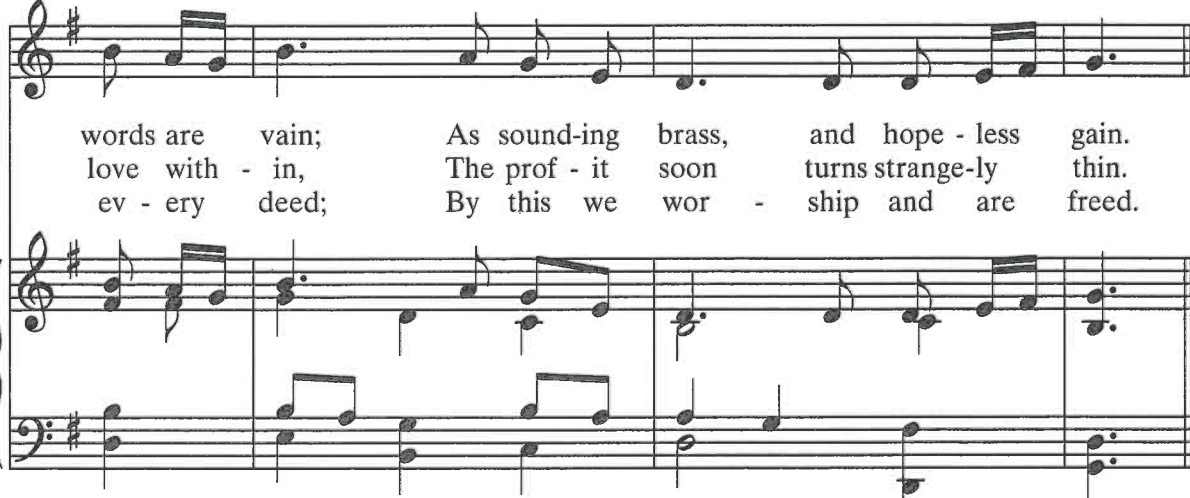
Hal Hopson, 1972

English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1988


1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its



gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my
so my love pro - fess, But not be given by
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide



words are vain; As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
love with - in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
ev - ery deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.

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714 God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC MEMORIAL

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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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 above and return it 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.**



Christmas Flowers

Please fill in all the information.

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

IN MEMORY OF _____

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BY _____

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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 above 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 Carmel Shepherd's to shut-in members, 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.





Candlelight Carol Service

Music by all of Carmel's choirs,
soloists and handbell ringers.
Congregational singing of
beloved carols and scripture
readings.

**Sunday, December 10, 2023
7:30 PM**

Special Prelude 7:10 PM

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COMING EVENTS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Glenside Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Lukes the Evangelist
Roman Catholic Church, Glenside: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Nursery School Thanksgiving Feast, Carmel Hall: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAPPY THANSKGIVING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – Christ the King Sunday

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Hymn Sing, Sanctuary: 9:50 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM
Come Home for Homecoming (Coffee Hour), Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM