

Carmel Presbyterian Church
A Congregation of the PC(USA)



Homecoming at Carmel

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*Carmel Presbyterian Church
Christ the King Sunday
And Grace will Lead Me Home
November 26, 2023
10:00 AM*

*Indicates please stand as you are able.

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King
(Hymn tune: Italian Hymn)

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100)

Rev. James Eby

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Prayer:** O God, in Jesus Christ we celebrate your power at work.

You raised him from the dead
to rule with you forevermore.
Enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may see the hope
to which Christ calls us,
a realm of eternal peace: home with our Lord. Amen.

Hymns for Homecoming

438 Blest Be the Tie that Binds
293 This Is My Father's World
276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Stanzas 1 and 3)
304 Jesus Loves Me
403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gathering God, this week we gave you thanks when we weren't so busy worrying about getting things just right. We patted ourselves on the back when the main course turned

out perfectly- so much so that the one relative...you know the one, actually offered a compliment. Did you notice?

Forgive us, God of the universal invitation and welcome. We limit our actions while our prayers assume your limitless actions. Help us to notice how you are at work for all your children, and then find the faith to join in with gratitude that mirrors our flowery prayers. If there is such a thing, supply us with the extra table leaf that even more can sit at my table, and let me count it as a blessing. Hear now our silent prayers of confession offered in your precious name. (pray silently)

**Declaration of Forgiveness*

**Gloria Patri Hymn 567*

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

Passing of the Peace

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Ephesians 1:15-23

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Matthew 25:31-46

Page 26

Sermon

"And Grace will Lead Me Home"

Rev. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn 387*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

**Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)*

Page 14, front of hymnal

Prayers of the People (Thanksgiving, Intercession, Petition)

Call to Offering

Offertory

O Lord, You Are My God and King
Sanctuary Choir

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916
tune: Jerusalem

O Lord, You are my God and King, And I will ever bless Your name;
I will extol You every day, And evermore Your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised, Your greatness is beyond our thoughts;
All generations shall tell forth The mighty wonders You have wrought.

How rich in grace are You, O Lord, Full of compassion, merciful,
Your anger always slow to rise; Your steadfast love You show to all,
For You are good in all Your ways, Your creatures know Your constant care.
To all Your works Your love extends, All souls Your tender mercies share.

Your works will give You thanks, O Lord, Your saints Your mighty acts will show,
Till all the peoples of the earth Your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is Your kingdom, Lord, Forever strong, forever sure;
While generations rise and die, Your high dominion will endure.

**Doxology 592*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

**Prayer of Dedication*

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Hymn 280

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

**Charge and Benediction*

Chimes

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Hymn tune: Darwall's 148th

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.

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.**

PREPARE AND LIVE IN EXPECTATION DURING ADVENT, during Advent, which begins December 3. Family activity packets, "God With Us" by Illustrated Ministry, and adult devotional guides, "How Does a Weary World Rejoice" by Sanctified Art, are available in the Narthex. Provided by the Christian Education Committee.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS AND MUSIC If you would like to donate toward holiday flowers or music in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the attached form or insert and submit to the office by December 3rd. These donations help to cover costs to decorate the sanctuary and provide a lovely plant to our homebound members as well as enhance our music during the holiday season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DECORATING Come on out and get in the holiday spirit by helping to decorate the sanctuary this advent season on December 2nd and/or December 9th at 10am in the sanctuary. The more the merrier!

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!

THERE ARE FREE BLUE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNALS in the Church Office for anyone to take to keep at home. These hymnals were given to Carmel by the Philadelphia Presbytery Office and are a great thing to use at home for online streaming or for personal devotions. Stop by the church office today to get a free hymnal or deliver a copy to a shut-in who cannot come to worship.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of Jim Thompson and his parents, Marguerite & John Thompson by Barbara Thompson

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*

Nancy O'Brien, Worship Assistant

Susan Lohoefer, Usher & Greeter

*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! 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.

Glory to the Father

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Gloria Patri

John Weaver, 1978

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

f
Ped.

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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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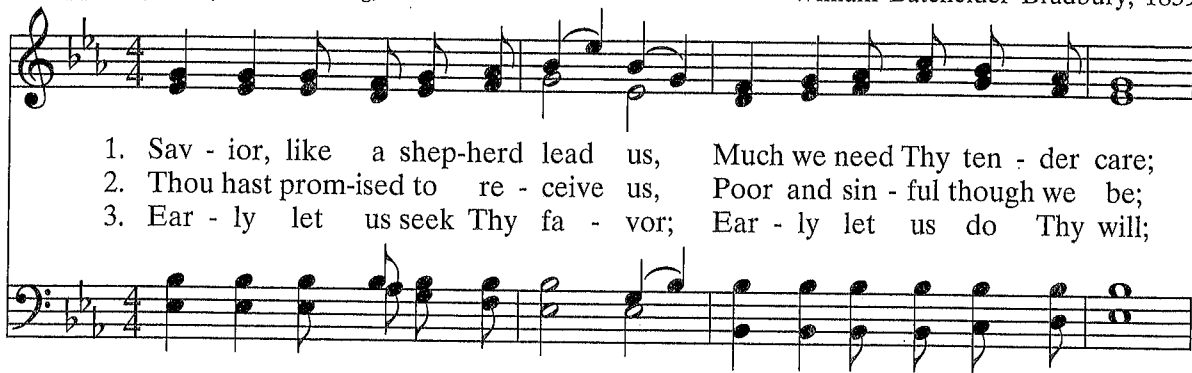
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387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

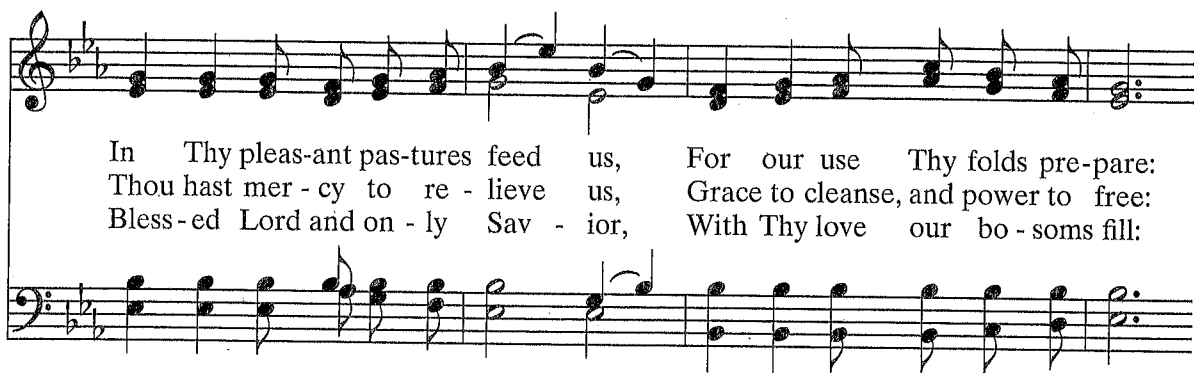
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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



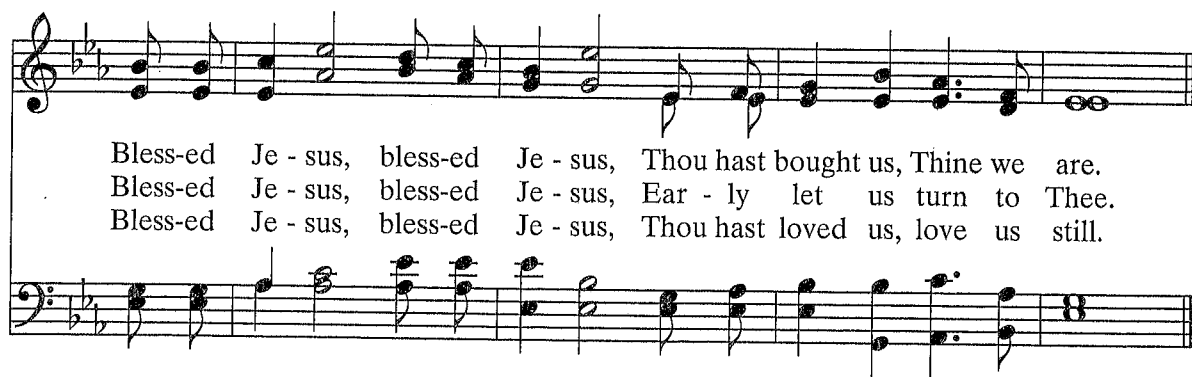
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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

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

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

* Or "God."

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779
 Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
 years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw
 Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha
 Is pi yukpalashke

Kiowa

Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

Cherokee

Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

Creek

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 Ah non ah cha pa kas
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 Um e ha ta la yus.

Navaho

Nizhóníígo jooba' diits' a'
 Yisdáshítinigí,
 Lah yóóiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,
 Doo eesh'íí da rít'éeé.

Text: Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.



Dec. 3: Afraid of saying "Yes"

Dec. 10: Afraid of saying "and..."

Dec. 17 Afraid of paying attention

Anticipating God's Affirmation

Anticipating God's Extravagance

Anticipating God's Activity



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

Nursery Care Available
Handicapped Accessible

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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 _____

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 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.**



COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – Christ the King Sunday

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:20 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Session meets in Chapel: 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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
Carmel Youth Ministry (grades 3-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Men's Breakfast, Carmel Hall: 6:00-10:00 AM
ICGC all night Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM – 4:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM
Christmas Brunch (Coffee Hour), Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM