

Carmel Presbyterian Church

The congregation will choose the hymns and carols for today's worship

- Christmas Hymns are #'s 21-61, although you are not limited to these
- Two stanzas will be sung- you may choose or the pastor will choose
- Please make only one suggestion in order to maximize participation

* indicates please stand as you are able

Bold indicates Congregation participation

Hymns/Carols I would like to sing today:

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Still, Still, Still* arr. Christopher Trampling

**Call to Worship*

L: Praise! Praise the Lord all you angels on high!

P: Praise! Praise the Lord sun and moon, and all stars!

L: Praise! Praise the Lord all that is created and all that the Lord commands!

P: Praise! Praise the Lord all princes and kings, young men and women together!

ALL: The throne of heaven is now known to earth, for our Savior has come!

**Hymns/Carols Chosen by the Congregation*

**Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession*

Providing God, we rejoice that you have been faithful yet again. You are so consistent that we have learned how to mark the days and years according to the work of your hands. O that we could be so consistent. Instead, we falter in our trust, we hide our receiving, and we hold back your rightful praise. Forgive our weakness, the sins of our actions and inactions. Bring us again to the joy of forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, hear now silent prayers of confession.

**Declaration of Forgiveness/Gloria Patri* Sing: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hymn 23 refrain

**Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

<i>Scripture Lessons</i>	Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	New Testament page 178 New Testament page 55
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Sermon "Pray, Expect, Rejoice" Rev. Diller

**Affirmation of Faith* Hymnal page 14

**Hymns/Carols Chosen by the Congregation*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *I Wonder as I Wander*, David Campbell, Soloist arr. John Jacob Niles

**Doxology* #592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Prayer of Dedication*

**Hymns/Carols Chosen by the Congregation*

**Charge and Benediction*

**Chimes*

**Postlude* *The First Nowell* Ashley Grote (b. 1982)

This week at Carmel:

Today 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall
 1:00 p.m. Glory Church, Chapel
 4:00 p.m. ICGC, Sanctuary

Mon. Jan 1, 2024 OFFICE IS CLOSED

Wed. Jan 3, 2024 5:00-5:40 p.m. Children’s Choir (Gr. K-2)
 5:45-6:30 p.m. Junior Choir (Gr. 3-8)
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Carmel Youth Ministries
 7:30 p.m. ICGC, Sanctuary

Thu. Jan 4, 2024 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Sat. Jan 6 2024 7:30 p.m. ICGC, Sanctuary

Sun. Jan 7 2024 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Communion
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall
 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir
 1:00 p.m. Glory Church, Chapel
 4:00 p.m. ICGC, Sanctuary

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YOU ENJOYED THE CHOIRS, now it’s up to you to help our choirs grow! Yes, we are looking at you- you who enjoyed all the choir offerings during Advent, Candlelight Carol Service, and Christmas Eve. We are looking at you, who brought your friends and family to these services and who said something like, “That was really nice!” We are looking at you, and we are hoping that you are interested enough in the ongoing worship leadership that choirs provide that you will encourage someone to give choir a try. Children’s Choir, Gr. K-2, Junior Choir, Gr. 3-8, and Sanctuary Choir are all great opportunities to deepen one’s relationship with each other and with God through common fellowship.

I Wonder as I Wander, David Campbell, Soloist

<p>I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die For poor on’ry people like you and like I I wonder as a wander, out under the sky.</p>	<p>If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky or a bird on the wing, Or all of God’s angels in heaven for to sing, He surely would have it, ‘cause he was the King</p>
<p>When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherd and all. But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.</p>	<p>I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die For poor on’ry people like you and like I I wonder as I wander, out under the sky</p>