Carmel Presbyterian Church observes the season of



Adult Sunday School from 8:40-9:25 in the Lounge

Sunday Worship at 10:00;

Sermon Series "When Jesus Said..."

Today's Sermon focus:

How can I know the Kingdom is near?

Special Worship Services:

March 28, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Supper and Worship in Carmel Hall

March 29, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

Carmel Presbyterian Church 100 Edge Hill Road Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 887-1074

Carmel Presbyterian Church February 18, 2024 First Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM

* Please stand, as able. Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Two Variations on Aus der Tiefe rufe ich (Hymn 77) (Forty Days and Forty Nights) Malcolm Acher

- *Call to Worship (from Psalm 25:1-10)
- L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you, O God, I put my trust.
- P: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; make me to know your ways, O LORD.
- L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- P: Remember your mercy, O Lord, even more so than the extent of my sin.
- L: Dear ones: The Lord is good, and will instruct us in the way. Only be humble, and teachable, else we will not follow.
- P: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his promises and his truth.

*Hymn 403

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

Converse

*Call to Confession

L: In Christ Jesus the God of our salvation rends the very fabric of heaven.

P: Just look, brothers and sisters, love and salvation is poured out for us. Let us not be closed to the presence of our God who has opened so much for us!

L: Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (pray silently)

Extended Silence

What does one do in silence? Here are some ideas:

- Listen
- Wait
- Remember
- Reflect
- Wonder

*Declaration of Forgiveness

L: God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: Praise be to God. We are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri Hymn 579

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 9:8-17

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Mark 1:9-15

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Sermon

The Kingdom of God has Come Near

Rev. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 363

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Sojourner

Service of Reception: New Members

Presentation

Renunciations

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

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Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Call to Offering

Offertory

A Lenten Prayer
Sanctuary Choir Women

Robert J. Powell

Lord, I ask a blessing For my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven As I kneel and pray.
Forty days did Jesus Face temptation strong;
Give me strength to conquer Knowing right from wrong.

Lord, I ask a blessing For my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven As I kneel and pray.
I would be like Jesus turning from all sin,
With His love to keep me True and faithful within.

Lord, I ask a blessing For my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven As I kneel and pray.
When I look to Jesus, He will show the way;
Help me come to meet Him Pure on Easter Day.
Text: Billie Echols

*Doxology 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Promise

(see Insert)

*Charge and Benediction Chimes

Postlude

Hymn Tune: Gerontius (Praise to the Holiest in the Height) John Marsh

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.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of our son, Christopher, by Gary & Carol Moll.

CARMEL IS AGAIN PROVIDING adult devotional guides and family activity packets for the 40 day period of Lent. Look in the Narthex for "Wandering Heart," the illustrated devotions booklet from Sanctified Art, and "God Is Still With Us," with activities for families from Illustrated Ministry. Enrich your preparation for Easter with these materials.

CELEBRATE EASTER - Join the Festival Choir. You are invited to join our Sanctuary Choir to help form a special Festival Choir for our Good Friday and Easter services. It is just a commitment of five weeks. Carmel members and friends who cannot make that weekly Thursday night commitment throughout the academic year, but would like to sing in a choir, are invited for these special services. Anyone who can match pitch and can smile is welcome to sing.

Rehearsals for Easter begin on Thursday, February 29, at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will run for five weeks: Thursdays, February 29, March 7, March 14, March 21 and Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 PM. We will be singing for the Good Friday service on March 29 at 7:30 PM and the 10:00 AM Easter service on March 31.

Please contact Abby Palmisano and let her know that you can come, or just come to as many of the rehearsal dates as you can make. If you have any questions, please call Abby at 215-887-1074 (press #3). Hope to see you then!

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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 donations—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.

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
David Rice, Worship Assistant
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators
Nancy Pinkowicz & Linda MacFarland, Coffee Hour

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



- 1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
- 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o dy;
- 3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but - ter-flies will soon be free! there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y, In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,



un - re-vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.



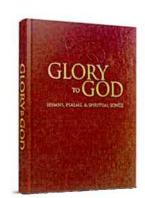
Beginning Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, Carmel will use, as its regular hymnal, the new "Glory to God" hymnal.

The session invites Carmel's members and friends to rejoice and be glad by dedicating a new hymnal(s) in memory or in honor.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

Some Glory to God facts:

- Over 850 selections, packaged in a lighter, thinner hymnal
- Hymns drawn from a wider range of cultures and genres
- Hymns arranged specifically for imaginative use with choirs,
 congregations, cantors, small groups



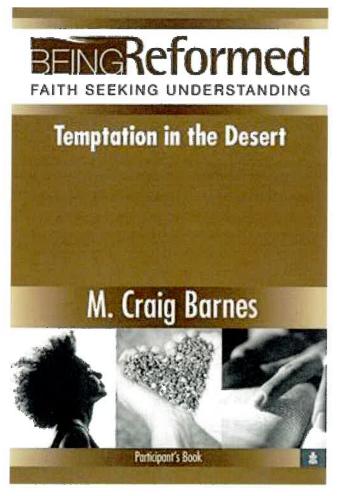
Hymns you know and love are found in this hymnal, including many that are not found in our current hymnal, including:

- Shall We Gather at the River

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Please include \$30/dedication. Use back for more dedications. Make checks payable to Carmel.

Bible Study



The story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness after his baptism offers important instructions for us as we consider our Christian life. This study discusses ways the temptations that Jesus faced are still real for us today.

6 sessions, Feb. 18- March 24

Sunday School: 8:40-9:25 Sundays (refreshments!)

***Mid-week option: Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21 at 10:30 a.m., Pastor's office and Zoom. Must contact Rev. Diller if you wish to join via Zoom.

Register: office@presbycarmel.org, 215-887-1074

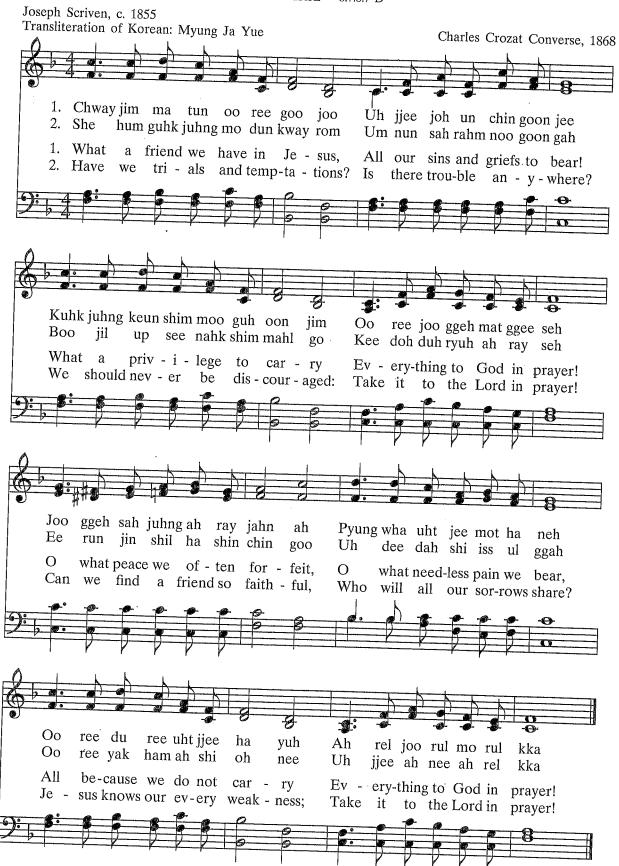


The Nursery School will be having a candy sale fundraiser. If you would like to order some delicious Gertrude Hawk candy our orders are due February 26th. The candy will be in just in time for Easter!! Look for order forms in the Church office or go to www.gertrudehawk.com, click on the fundraising button and enter the code 703475 in the Group Member Sign Up box. Click on Carmel Nursery School and start your shopping! Thank you for your support!

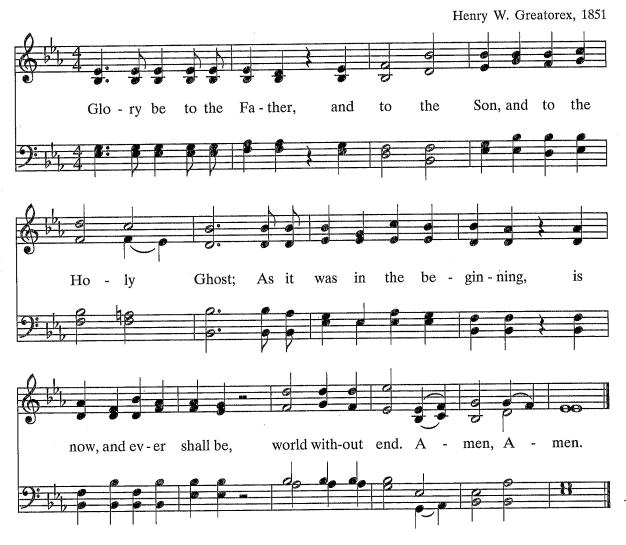
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Glory Be to the Father



I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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SOJOURNER Irregular



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* Or "God."

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COMING EVENTS

(This is not everything happening at Carmel. Contact the church office for more information).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:40 AM-9:25 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Handbell Choir, Sanctuary: 7:30-8:30 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Carmel's Women's Circle: 7:30 PM (off site)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Lenten Bible Study, John's office and Zoom: 10:30 AM

Literacy Program, Children's Room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:30 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 (grades 3-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Literacy Program, Children's Room off Chapel: 4:00-6:30 PM

Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 8:30 AM Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:40 AM-9:25 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM