



Carmel Presbyterian Church

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Carmel Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Feel free to stand or sit.

Congregation voices **Bold** responses

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

In dulci jubilo

Noel Rawsthorne
(1929-2019)

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Sing (please choose from the following list)

112 On Christmas Night...	122 Silent Night, Holy Night
113 Angels We Have Heard...	123 It Came upon the Midnight...
114/115 Away in a Manger	124 Still, Still, Still
116 The Snow Lay on the Ground	128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
118 While Shepherds Watched...	129 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
119 Hark the Herald Angels Sing	132 Good Christian Friends...
121 O Little Town of Bethlehem	133 O Come, All Ye Faithful
134 Joy to the World	136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain
137 He Came Down	138 Who Would Think That...
140 Once in Royal David's City	143 Angels, from the Realms
144 In the Bleak Midwinter	145 What Child Is This
146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child	147 The First Nowell
150 As with Gladness Men...	151 We Three Kings

***Call to Worship** (Praise to God, based on Psalm 148)

L: Snow-capped mountains and sand castles on beaches,

P: comets flashing across the night, meteors crashing into moons

L: Dolphins playing tag in the ocean and trout resting on river bottoms,

P: storks nesting on chimney tops, and doves cooing in the mornings,

L: Children making angels in the snow, teenagers knotting in hallways,

P: grandparents watching favorite movies, nervous singles on a first date,

L: All creation joins in one song:

P: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 110**

Love Has Come

Bring a Torch

Prayer of the Day (a prayer of Adoration and Confession)

Silent Prayer

Response Hymn 140
(Stanza 4)

Once in Royal David's City

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Declaration of Joy in Forgiveness

L: In these moments, let God's peace dwell in your hearts. For God gives us hope, gives us peace and gives us new life in the forgiveness of God's grace.

P: We will be thankful, for in receiving God's forgiveness, we are enabled to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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Colossians 3:12-17

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Luke 2:41-52

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Sermon

Wrappings

Rev. John M. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 629**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles' Creed)

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

A Scottish Christmas Song

arr. K. Lee Scott

David Campbell, soloist

(b. 1950)

Israel came to Zion's city, All the world was taxed then;
Blessed Mary brought to Bethlehem More than all the world again:
A gift so blest, so good, the best That ever was seen, was heard or done;
A King, a Christ, Prophet and Priest; Jesus to us, to God a Son.

Happy night! a day was never Half so happy sweet and fair:
Singing angels, blessed ever, Fill the skies with sweetest air.
Amazed men fear, they see, they hear, Yet doubt and ask how that was done.
'Twas bid, "Behold, it is foretold, This night God hath himself a Son."

There appeared a golden usher, Kings attending on its train:
The bright sun could not outblush her, Such a star never shone again.
Behold it stays, seeming it says Go in and see what there is done:
A babe, whose birth leagues heaven and earth: Jesus to us, to God a Son.

(Text: Anonymous)

***Doxology 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn- (chosen from Carol sing list)**

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Aaron Shows

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, 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.

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 3-9. The Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) meets Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM in Carmel Hall. It's a jam-packed hour of food, fellowship, and mission. Bring a friend and join in the fun each Wednesday. We are looking forward to seeing you. **CYM will resume on January 8, 2025.**

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION AND CONGREGATION OF CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is scheduled for February 2, 2025. Please send your reports to Kathy in the office by January 20, 2025.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are to the glory of God and all of his creations.

CARMEL'S LIBRARY The library is open before and after worship on Sunday mornings.

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP on Sunday, December 29, 2024 and January 5, 2025.

THE NEXT SOUP GROUP will be held on Friday, January 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM in Carmel Hall. Two delicious soups will be served along with a salad, bread and a delectable dessert. Please consider starting off the new year by taking part in this fun mission. RSVP to Kathy at the Carmel Office: office@presbycarmel.org.

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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJJlDvsRw>

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 scan the QR code below or use this link:
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>



Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Director of Music and Organist

David Campbell, soloist

Lynne Schutt, Worship Assistant

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

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B \flat F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F \sharp 7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B \flat C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B \flat C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

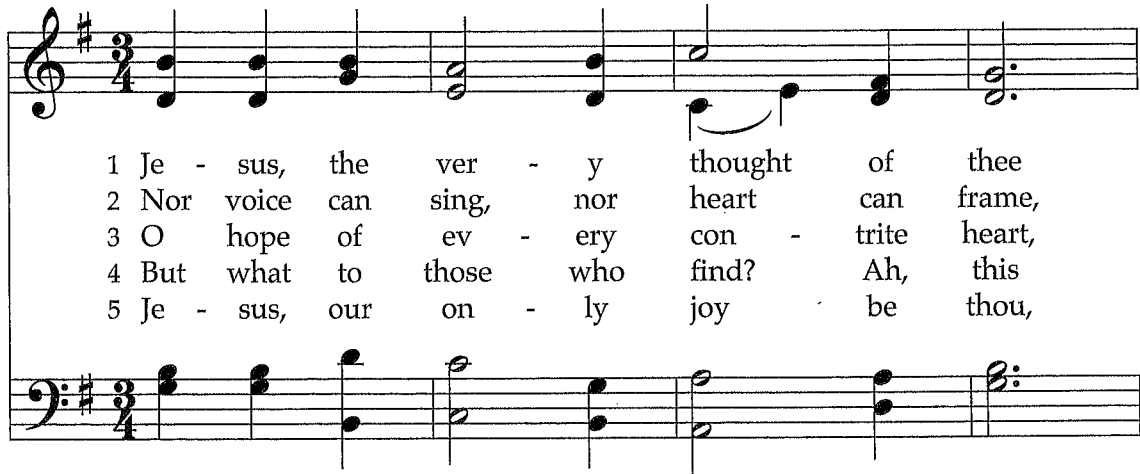
cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

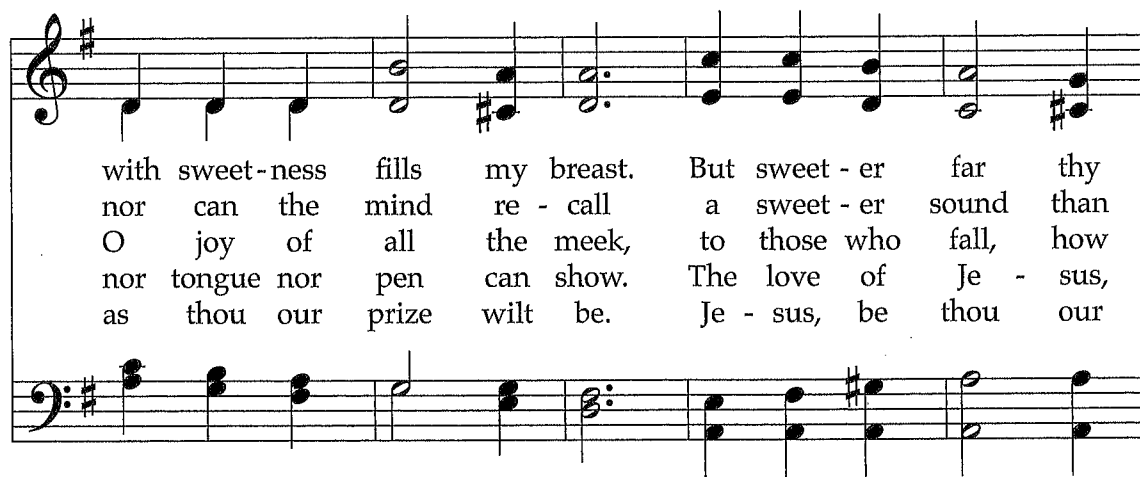
mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

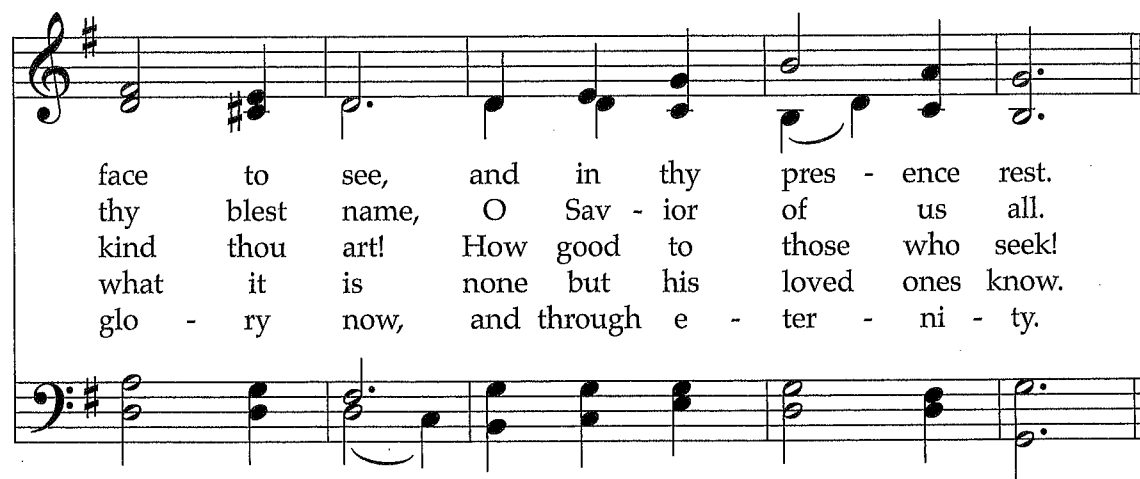
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,



with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our



face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

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.

COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – First Sunday of Christmas

Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day

Happy New Year!
Office is closed

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Nursery School resumes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:25 AM
Worship with communion, Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir rehearsal, Choir room: 11:15-11:45
Commission on Mission meets, Lounge: 11:30

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