

*You hold the heavens in your hand,
We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.
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
Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025
10:00 AM

**Feel free to stand or sit.*

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

We Three Kings

Noel Rawsthorne
(1929-2019)

****Call to Worship*** (Ephesians 3:7-12)

L: Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace.

P: This grace was given to me to bring news of the boundless riches of Christ.

L: In him, all will see the mysteries of the ages which until now were hidden from all created things.

P: This is so through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might be made known to all in authority.

ALL: We join in worship Jesus Christ, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

****Hymn 662***

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

****Call to Confession***

****Prayer of Confession***

We search for your light, O you who placed the stars, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love.

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

L: Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

P: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Gloria Patri 581***

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 447**

We are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 60-1-6, 19

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Hymn for Meditation 142

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Une Jeune Pucelle

(please remain seated)

Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon

The Sun is not Enough

Rev. John Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation 151**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Kings of Orient

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory

Star Carol

Robert A. Hobby

Sanctuary Choir

(b. 1962)

Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
Out of thee the Lord from heaven Came to rule his Israel.
Fairer than the sun at morning Was the star that told his birth,
To the world its God announcing Seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle Make oblations rich and rare;
See them give, in deep devotion, Gold and frankincense and myrrh.
Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: Incense doth their God disclose,
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, Myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

May we lift our eyes in wonder, See thy star and worship thee;
May the nations sing rejoicing, Offer praise on bended knee.
Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped At thy glad Epiphany,
Unto thee, with God the Father And the Spirit glory be.

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus Hymn 572

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thomas Pavlechko

The Lord's Prayer

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

***The Serving**

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 112**

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Sussex Carol

Sending

L: Now, God sends us out by a different road.

P: So we may find those who have been left by the side of the world.

L: Now, Jesus walks with us down a different road.

P: So we may serve those who are lonely and frightened.

L: Now, the Spirit illumines a different road.

**P: So we may take our sisters and brothers by the hand
to walk in wonder and grace.**

Blessing

Chimes

Postlude

Sussex Carol
(Hymn tune name)

Noel Rawsthorne

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 Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please send your reports to Kathy in the office by January 20, 2025.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of Wes Rose, forever in our hearts, by the Rose Family.

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

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP today, 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/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 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

Sanctuary Choir

Joyce Kornfeld, Coffee Hour

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

Support Carmel Youth Ministry's
Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr.
Day of Service Project Collection

Carmel Youth Ministry will be partnering with the residents of Fort Washington Estates in a collection that will benefit the Face-to-Face organization in Germantown.

Items being collected are:

- Toiletries: (TRAVEL SIZE/SMALL SIZE ONLY)

Individual bars of soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, skin/hand lotion, disposable razors, washcloths, shaving cream

- Snack Bags: (Snacks for Children)

Cheese crackers, cookies, juice boxes, trail mix/granola bars or easy to chew items.

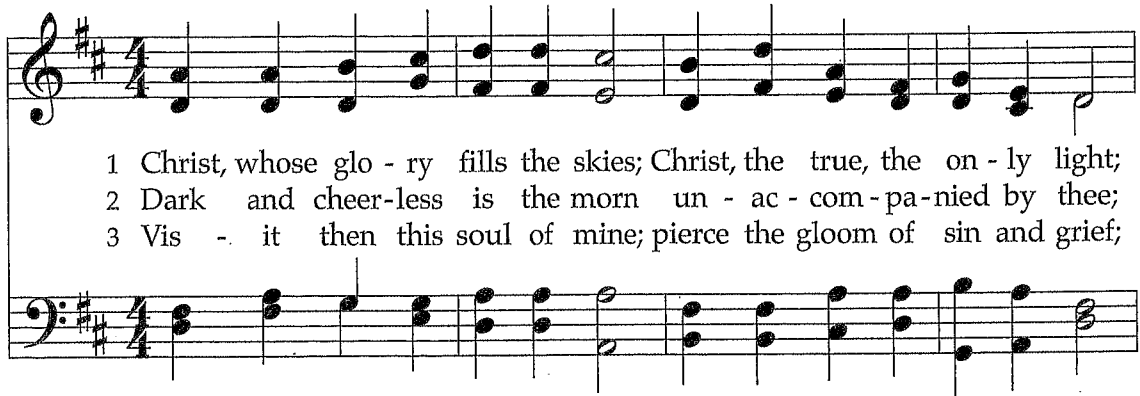
Carmel's youth will partner with the residents to organize the items collected and then spend time with the residents playing fun games.

Place all donations in the bin in the lobby by **Sunday, January 19th**.

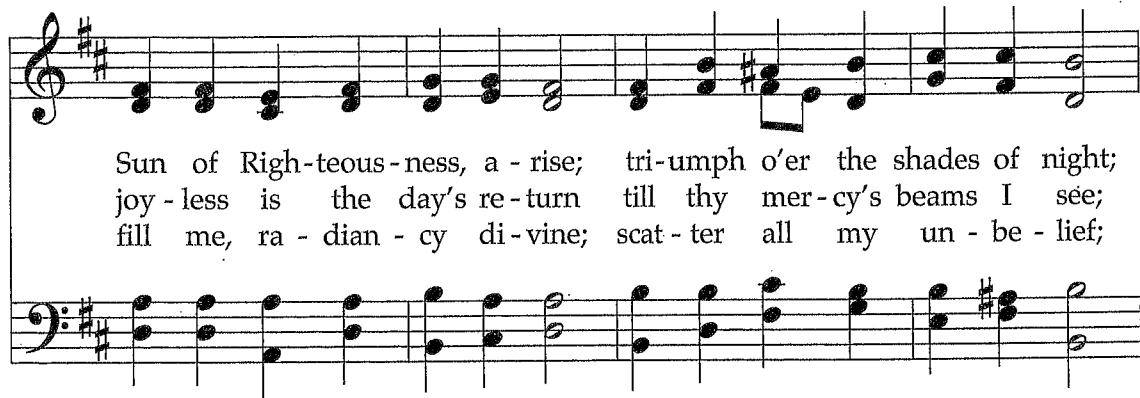
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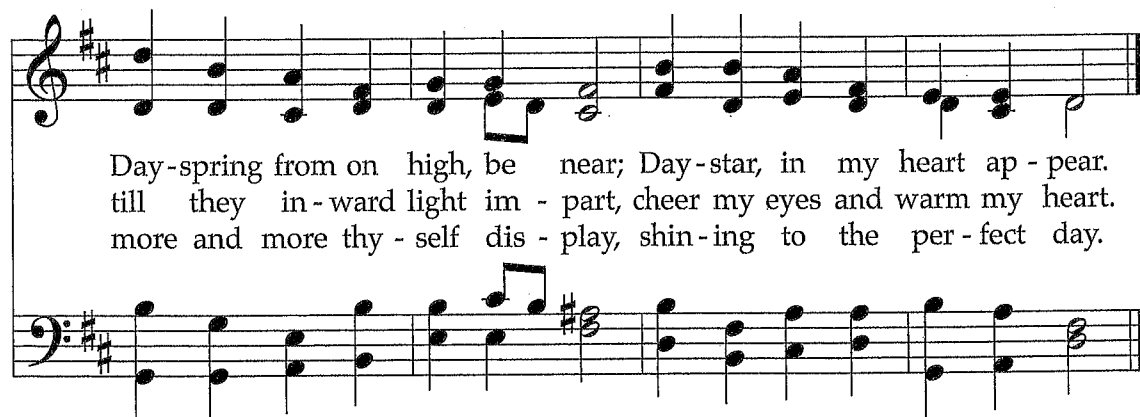
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740
MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

RATISBON
7.7.7.7.7

Glory Be to the Father

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

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime 142

Capo 3: (Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)
 Gm Cm Dm7 Gm



1 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time, when all the birds had fled,
 2 With-in a lodge of bro-ken bark the ten-der babe was found.
 3 The ear-liest moon of win-ter-time is not so round and fair
 4 O chil-dren of the for-est free, the an-gel song is true:

(Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)
 Gm Cm Dm7 Gm



Great Spir-it, Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs in-stead.
 A rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped his beau-ty round.
 as was the ring of glo-ry on the help-less in-fant there.
 the ho-ly child of earth and heaven is born to-day for you.

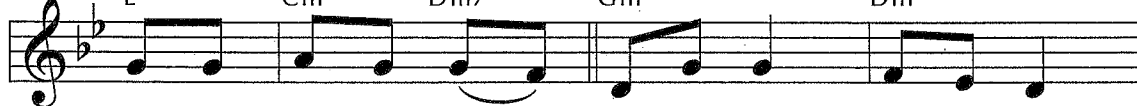
(Bm) (Am) (G)
 Dm Cm Bb



Be-fore their light the stars grew dim and wan-dering
 But as the hunt-ers brave drew nigh the an-gel
 The chiefs from far be-fore him knelt with gifts of
 Come kneel be-fore the ra-diant boy who brings you

Refrain

(C) (Am) (Bm7) (Em) (Bm)
 Eb Cm Dm7 Gm Dm



hunt-ers heard the hymn:
 song rang loud and high: Je-sus, your king, is born;
 fox and bea-ver pelt.
 beau-ty, peace, and joy.

(C) (Bm) (Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)
 Eb Dm Gm Cm Dm7 Gm



Je-sus is born. In ex-cel-sis glo-ri-a.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This English text preserves the earliest known Canadian hymn, originally written in the Huron language by a missionary, later translated into French, and eventually paraphrased in English. It is set to a French Noël tune old enough to have been used for the original version.

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

G C D7 Em Am

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

Bm7 Em F Am Dsus D G C

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

D7 G G7 Am G Cmaj7 G Dsus

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

D C Am7 D7 Em C

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Am Dsus D7 G Em F Dm7 G

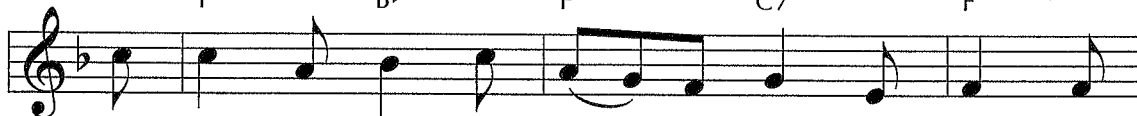
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A7) (D)
 F B^b F C7 F



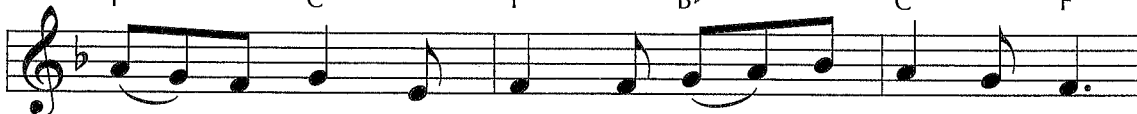
1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and
 4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

(G) (A) (D) (G)
 B^b C F B^b



news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
 deem - er made us glad; then why should we on
 health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
 an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

(D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F



Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,
 earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,
 fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;
 we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

(A) (Em) (D) (A)
 C Gm F C



news of great joy, news of great mirth,
 when from our sin he set us free,
 heav - en and earth with joy may sing,
 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

(D) (G) (A) (G) (D)
 F B^b C B^b F



news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 all for to see the new - born King.
 peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

The words of this carol first appeared in 1684 in a collection by an Irish bishop, Luke Wadding. Whether they were his own work or something gleaned from popular use is not clear. The tune name recalls that the tune was collected in 1904 from Mrs. Verrall of Monk's Gate, Sussex.

COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – Epiphany of the Lord

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, sanctuary: 9:25 AM
Worship with Communion in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir rehearsal, choir room: 11:15-11:45 AM
Commission on Mission meets in lounge: 11:30 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Handbell Choir, choir room: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Children's Choir, (gr. K-2), choir room and sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM
Junior Choir, (gr. 3-8), choir room and sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM
Carmel Youth Ministry (gr. 3-9) Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Sanctuary Choir, choir room and sanctuary: 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 – Baptism of the Lord

Session commission meeting for examination of new officers, lounge: 9:00 AM
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Service of ordination and Installation of new officers
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir rehearsal, Choir room: 11:15-11:45

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