

*Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint. Amen.*



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Carmel Presbyterian Church
November 16, 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM

**Feel free to stand or sit.*

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Gemma

Florence Dyer

Prelude

Joyful Praise
Handbell Choir

Susan E. Geschke

****Call to Worship***

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

And also with you.

All: Let us worship God!

****Hymn 645***

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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****Call to Confession (Psalm 32:5)***

Then I acknowledge my sin to you,

and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my

transgressions to the Lord,"

and you forgave the guilt of my sin

****Prayer of Confession***

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.

Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service.

Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Declaration of Forgiveness (Psalm 103:11-12)***

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us."

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

****Gloria Patri Hymn 581***

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 447**

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

Anthem

I Thank God!
Children's Choir

Dolores Hruby

I thank God! Thank you, God, for a voice to sing,
Thank you, God, for the fall and spring,
Thank you, God, for everything, O I thank God!

I thank God! Thank you, God, for the stars I see,
Thank you, God, for a sturdy tree,
Thank you, God, for making me, O I thank God!

Text: Dolores Hruby

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 12
Luke 21:5-19

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Sermon

Rev. Michelle Denney-Grunseich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 738**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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***Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

Liturgy of Dedication

(see insert)

Buckets of Blessings

Gary Moll

Call to Offering

Offertory

(see insert)

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me
Sanctuary Choir

David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

***Doxology 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 772**

Live into Hope

Truro

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Piet Post

(1919-1979)

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.

A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will take place Sunday, November 23, immediately following worship in the Sanctuary. The business at hand is to hear the report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to approve the 2026 Pastor's Terms of Call.

THERE WILL BE NO Children's Worship on Sunday November 23, 2025.

GREENING THE SANCTUARY on Saturday, December 6, 2025, we will be greening the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM. We hope you can join us as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are given to the Glory of God, by Iglesia de Cristo la gran Comision (ICGC).

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

THE MORNING FLOWERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE are in loving memory of Craig Badger and his birthday, November 10th, by his family, the Lohoefers, Kozaks, Mahons and Badgers.

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.

FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS. All are welcome to join our Sanctuary Choir to sing the special services in December. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in Choir Room. See the November Courier for more information.

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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw>

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>



Offertory

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me
Sanctuary Choir

David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to all peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
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Text: Isaiah 12: 2-6, Carl P. Daw Jr. paraphrase

Responsive Dedication – Buckets of Blessings

Leader: For every family who will use these buckets in the days of cleanup and repair, we pray for strength.

People: May these tools lighten the load and lift the spirit.

Leader: For every volunteer and relief worker who will carry these buckets into damaged homes and neighborhoods, we pray for safety and endurance.

People: May these supplies sustain their hands and hearts.

Leader: For communities facing the slow work of recovery, for emotional and spiritual tending as well as practical repair, we pray for hope.

People: May these Buckets of Blessing be signs of God's presence with them.

Leader: We dedicate these ten buckets to service and to love. May they be used to restore dignity, to remove debris and despair, and to create space for new life.

People: In dedication we commit ourselves to ongoing care, financially and in prayer.

Prayer Over the Buckets (unison)

Bless these gifts, O God. Bless the hands that filled them and the hearts that gave. Let these buckets go where help is needed—into homes, into neighborhoods, into the hands of people who are starting again. Use them to bring order out of chaos, cleanliness out of ruin, and hope out of despair. Empower us to continue giving—of time, of resources, of presence—so that the work of recovery is not done alone. May the grace of the Creator, the compassion of Christ, and the power of the Spirit go with these buckets and with all who give and receive. Amen.

Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. Michelle Denney-Grunseich, Guest Preacher

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Director of Music and Organist

Katey Schuyler, Worship Assistant

Handbell Choir, Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

Co-director of the Handbell Choir, Heather Coelho

Lynne Schutt, pianist for the Children's Choir

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

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

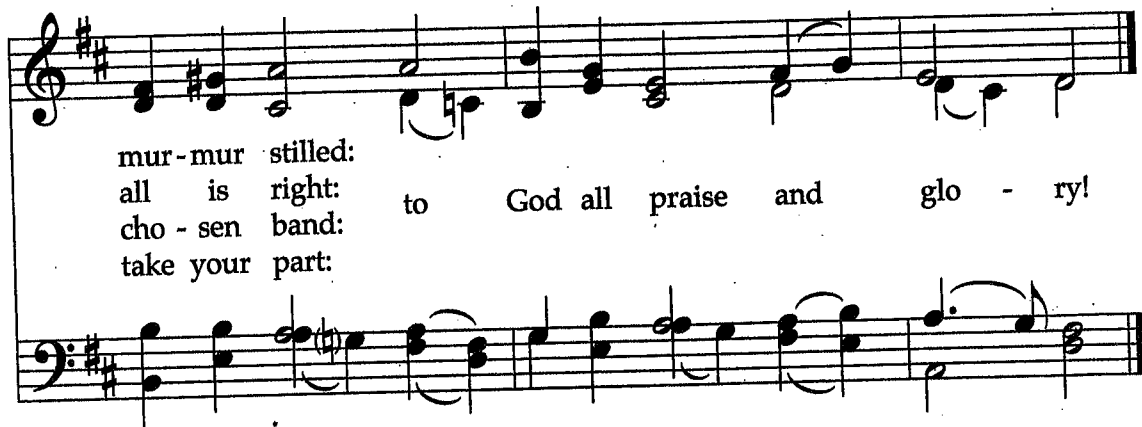


heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING



mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for Thanksgiving. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#). The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a church choir or band. The lyrics are written below the top staff, with some words aligned with specific notes. The lyrics are: "mur-mur stilled: all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry! cho - sen band: take your part:". The music ends with a double bar line.

Glory Be to the Father

581

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.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his 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.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please mail to the church at 100 Edge Hill Road, Glenside, PA 19038 or place in the FLOWER MEMORIAL MAILBOX in the church office.

Thank you!



IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY: NAME _____

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 return it to the church office with a check.

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 to our 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 the Church office at 215.887.1074

The deadline for these dedications is
Monday, December 1



Christmas Music Memorial

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 below and return it, with your check 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 dedications is Monday, December 1.



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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 MAILBOX in the church office. *Thank you!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

Or IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

On the memo section of your check, please write music memorial.



COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 8:30 AM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 9:15 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
Commission on Mission meets, Lounge: 11:30 AM
Deacons meet in Chapel: 11:30 AM
High School Youth Group, Tower Room: 6:00-7:30 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

CPW – Bible Study in Lounge: 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Children's Choir (grades K-2), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM
Junior Choir (grades 3-10), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM
Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) (grades 2-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Festival Choir and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – Christ the King Sunday

Eradicate Systemic Poverty Sunday in Sanctuary: 9:20 AM
Worship with Communion in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary: 11:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
High School Youth Group, Tower Room: 6:00-7:30 PM

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