



*Jesus
brings
peace*

*Advent at
Carmel*

*Carmel Presbyterian Church
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM*

**Feel free to stand or sit.*

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Flor Peeters, Marilyn Biery

Lighting of the Advent Candle

L: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Advent Means coming.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

L: Isaiah envisioned a world where the wolf shall dwell with the lamb. Ever since that image first found its way into our faith-language, faithful searchers began to interpret changes in the world around them. In time, we learned to anticipate God's transforming hand, and we learned to call out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Hymn 107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* Rejoice, Rejoice
(stanza 1 ony)

L: Please join me in prayer:

P: God of peace, prepare our hearts to receive your Son. Make straight the paths that lead to you. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

****Hymn 104*** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* Valet will ich dir geben

****Call to confession***

****Prayer of Confession***

Goodness Incarnate, we must confess that we have not lived as your children. We muddy the clear waters of baptism as we walk over those we claim we love. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those we are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, while you hope we would fill the lives of others with your grace and hope.

Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us to be as willing to draw near to others, so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (pray silently)

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Here is the good news:

We can speak with the whispers of hope until despair is silenced;

We can sing the carols of compassion until all join in the chorus;

We can shower others with wonder and delight and join in God's dance of grace.

Thanks be to God. We are forgiven! Let us welcome others with open arms, just as we have been embraced in God's love and laughter. Amen.

***Response**

Cradle Song

"Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there."

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 447**

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Romans 15:4-13

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Matthew 3:1-12

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Sermon

From Me to Thee

Rev. John M. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation 138** *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

White Rosettes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory

(see insert)

A Shoot Shall Come Forth

Text based on Isaiah 11 and 32:18

Richard Horn

(1938-2004)

Sanctuary Choir

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**

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

Flor Peeters, Robert Lau

Prayer: Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us, granting us present nourishment. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. In the name of the One who came and is coming. Amen.

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 80**

You Shall Go Out with Joy

The Trees of the Field

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Prepare the Royal Highway

Wilbur Held

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.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR YOUNG WORSHIPPERS by offering **Children's Worship (Ages 3 to 3rd grade)** during the Sunday 10:00 AM worship service. **Children's Worship** does not require a reservation ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message** and go with their leader to the Children's Ministry Room. An usher can be of assistance.

PLEASE JOIN US on Sunday, December 14, for a Christmas lunch immediately following the worship service, in Carmel Hall. Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share!

GEMMA SERVICES HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM ENDS TODAY. We are collecting unwrapped gifts including toys, sports clothing, personal care and art & crafts. Gift list requests are posted on the Christmas tree in the Church lobby. A \$25.00 gift card donation to Amazon, Target or Walmart are gratefully accepted as well.

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 Elaine J. Rice, Dave's mother, who went to be with the Lord on 12/12/20 and joined her husband and elder son, by David, Christina, Nicole and Matthew.

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

David Rice, Worship Assistant

Eric Krieg, Greeter

Ken Schuyler, Lorrie Raquet, Eric and Ellen Krieg, Ushers

Ellen Krieg, Lorrie Raquet, Melissa Deacon and Ken Schuyler, Communion Servers

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

Offertory

A Shoot Shall Come Forth
Text based on Isaiah 11 and 32:18
Sanctuary Choir

Richard Horn
(1938-2004)

A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse, And a bud shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of life shall be with him, The spirit of wisdom and truth.
Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, And the lion eat straw with the ox,
For the hand of a Child shall lead them To the peaceable kingdom of God.

From out of the wells of salvation Will he draw us the water of life;
His waist shall be girdled with justice, The heart of his heart shall be Love.
Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, And the lion eat straw with the ox,
For the hand of a Child shall lead them To the peaceable kingdom of God.

He'll come from the end of his heaven, And the earth shall be torn from its place;
Our lives shall be filled with his radiance As floodwaters cover the sea.
Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, And the lion eat straw with the ox,
For the hand of a Child shall lead them To the peaceable kingdom of God.

107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.



Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed

1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-
 2 Shep-herds watch and wise men won-der; mon-archs
 3 Cen-tu-ries of skill and sci-ence span the

form and save the earth might not be a
 scorn and an-gels sing; such a place as
 past from which we move, yet ex-pe-rience

plan or ar-my, proud in pur-pose, proved in
 none would reck-on hosts a ho-ly help-less
 ques-tions wheth-er, with such prog-ress, we im-

worth? Who would think, de-spite de-ri-sion, that a
 thing. Sta-ble beasts and by-passed strang-ers watch a
 prove. While the hu-man lot we pon-der, lest our

Hindsight is nearly always clearer than foresight, and with gentle good humor this Christmas hymn points out how great was the gap between human expectation and God's actual way of providing a means of salvation for us. God's ways continually exceed our claims to comprehend them.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

child should lead the way?
ba - by laid in hay; God sur - pris - es earth with
hopes and hu - mor fray,

heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.

Candlelight Carol Service

Music by all of Carmel's choirs,
soloists and handbell ringers.
Congregational singing of
beloved carols and scripture
readings.

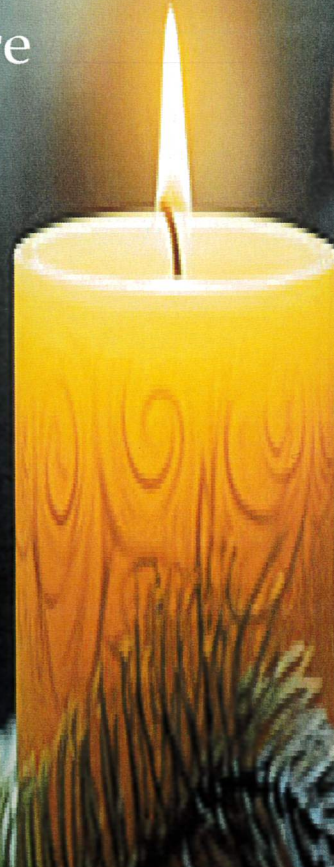
**Sunday, December 7, 2025
7:30 PM**

Special Prelude 7:15 PM

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Come join us after worship for a
**Christmas
Cookie Exchange**

Sunday, December 21st at 11:00am

Carmel Hall



Bake 2-3 dozen cookies or holiday treats to share.

Bring to Carmel Hall on the 21st by 11am.

Bring a tin to collect a variety of cookies and treats
to take home and enjoy.

RSVP by signing up in the lobby. Please only sign
up for a cookie flavor/treat that has two or less
signups.

Questions call Melanie
at 215-280-8649



COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 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
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 6:00 PM
Candlelight Carol Service, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM, with prelude starting at 7:15 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Session meets with Deacons in the Chapel: 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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, DECEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship with Communion in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Christmas Brunch, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
High School Youth Group, Tower Room: 6:00-7:30 PM

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