

You, O Lord, desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.



Carmel Presbyterian Church

100 Edge Hill Road

Glenside, PA 19038

(215) 887-1074

www.presbycarmel.org

Carmel Presbyterian Church
March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

**Feel free to stand or sit.*

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Adagio in C Minor

Miriam Reveley

****Call to Worship, Psalm 121, in Unison***

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep

your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.

****Hymn 50***

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds' Pipes

****Call to Confession***

L: Because we know our Redeemer lives, our hearts have courage to approach the throne of grace.

P: More than courage, we have assurance. Help me, Jesus, to anticipate your peace.

****Prayer of Confession***

We are all too human, Faithful God, and so think we have nothing to learn from others. We look for easy answers: online, from the shiny objects and the loudest voices, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle us, rather than transform our lives.

Oh, how we marvel when we stop long enough to consider the length to which we stumble. Help us to marvel even more upon remembering your faithfulness, how you keep watch over us in the brightness and in the darkness. Your forgiving touch will make it so. (pray silently)

***Kyrie 578**

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison
(Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy)

Ore' Poriaju' Vereko'

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy? All come from God, the One who loved us, and the world so much, that Jesus came to bring us salvation.

Keeper of our souls, be with us;

Watcher of our days, lead us;

Salvation of our lives, have mercy on us. Amen.

***Response Hymn 175**

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Anthem
(see insert)

Fairest Lord Jesus
Junior Choir

arr. Carl Schalk
(1929-2021)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Genesis 12:1-4a

Page 144
Page 9

Sermon

Receiving Faith by Faith

Rev. John Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation 521**

In Remembrance of Me

Red

Celebration of The Lords Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory
(see insert)

I Lift Up My Eyes
Psalms 121
Sanctuary Choir

Margaret Burk
(b. 1990)

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus Hymn 572

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thomas Pavlechko

**Serving*

Rockingham

Healey Willan, Donald Hunt

(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

Unison Prayer: From the comfort we have so carefully arranged, you call us, O God. May we love and serve as nourished disciples so that all may experience the benefits of your truth. Thank you for the invitation; let us embrace the gift, respond to your sending, and make known the forgiveness of our God. In Jesus' name. Amen

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn 543*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

**Charge and Benediction*

Chimes

Postlude

Richmond

Alan Viner

(Praise to the Holiest in the Height)

Offertory

I Lift Up My Eyes
Psalm 121
Sanctuary Choir

Margaret Burk
(b. 1990)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Text: Psalm 121, NRSV

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus
Junior Choir

arr. Carl Schalk
(1929-2021)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou God and man the Son, W
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

COPYRIGHT PERMISSIONS: Music in this service is streamed and reprinted with permission under
One [License.net](https://www.license.net) License #735006-A. All Rights Reserved. "We Are Forgiven," ©Hal Hopson, permission to use in
process

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.

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. Anyone who can match pitch and can smile is welcome to sing. Rehearsals for Easter begin on Thursday, March 5, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will run for five weeks. Please contact Abby Palmisano and let her know that you can come or just come to as many rehearsals as you can. If you have any questions, please call Abby at 215-887-1074 (press #3). Hope to see you then!

CARMEL SENDS VOLUNTEERS to the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry, filling four spots for two dates each month. The next volunteer opportunities are Friday, March 6 from 5:30-8:00 pm and Thursday, March 12 from 5:30-8:00 pm. Friday evening is replacing the previous Saturday daytime hours beginning in March. You can sign up on the lobby poster or call the church office.

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

THE MORNING FLOWERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE are in honor of our parents, Bob and Cindy Gerhard.

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 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
Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir
Dave Rice, Worship Assistant
Lynne Schutt, Pianist for the Junior Choir
Lorrie Raquet, Ellen Krieg, Leslie Donaghy, Dave Rice, Communion Servers
Dave Rice, Coffee Hour
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators

Deep in the Shadows of the Past 50



1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-vived, for lead-ers, long a - go,



some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
 while some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,



The dawn-ing hope of hu - man-kind by them was sensed and shown:
 and by their tents, a-round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,
 or with their let-ters and la - ments, their proph-e - cy and praise,
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom-ise, strength, and call,



a prom-ise call-ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un-known.
 they praised, re-mem-bered, hand-ed on a past that prom-ised more.
 re - cov-ered, kin-dled, and ex-pressed new hope for chang-ing days.
 the mod-el of e - merg-ing faith, a - live with hope for all.



This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

521 In Remembrance of Me

Capo 3: (G) (Bm) (C) (D7)
 B \flat Dm E \flat F7

1 In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. In re -
 2 In re - mem - brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)
 E \flat Cm F F7 Gm

mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of
 mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of

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

me, pray for the time when God's own will is
 me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors

1 (C) (D7) 2 (C) (D7) (G)
 E \flat F7 E \flat F7 B \flat

done. in, let them in.

(E \flat) (G) (E \flat)
 G \flat B \flat G \flat

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re -

(Cm) (G) (Em) (D)
 E \flat m B \flat Gm F

mem - ber too, that this is my bod - y and

This text is built on four familiar words of Christ at the Last Supper, as recorded in Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:24-25. Radiating from that corporate memory of the church, additional actions are encouraged in Christ's voice using allusions to other passages of Scripture.

LORD'S SUPPER

(C) (G) (A) (A7) (D7sus) (D7)
 Eb Bb C C7 F7sus F7

pre - cious blood shed for you, shed for you.

(G) (Bm) (C) (D7)
 Bb Dm Eb F7

3 In re-mem-brance of me, search for truth. In re-

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)
 Eb Cm F F7 Gm

mem-brance of me, al-ways love. In re-mem-brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (D7sus) (D7)
 Eb Ab F Bb F7sus F7

me, don't look a-bove, but in your heart, look for

(G) (D7sus) (D7) (G)
 Bb F7sus F7 Bb

God. Do this in re-mem-brance of me.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.



FAMILY FUN BINGO
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
6:30 – 8:00
Carmel Hall

No charge ---- Fun prizes for all ages

Light meal, dessert & beverages
provided

What should I bring?

- a snack to share
- a dauber (we'll have extra)
- a breakfast item for the WG Food
Cupboard

RSVP requested - office@presbycarmel.org

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

Think of Me

A SENIOR RECITAL

STARRING

Evelyn Abraham

SOPRANO

— STUDENT OF —
CHRISTOPHER HODSON

MARCH 21



6:00 PM

EGNER MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Easter Music Memorial



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 _____

Please write "Music Memorials" in the check memo section.

----- Cut here -----

A special music memorial at Easter time is intended to provide instrumental and vocal music to enhance our Easter services. If you wish to contribute to this special music memorial, please fill in the form above and return it, with your check to the church office.

Thank you.

Please call Abby Palmisano at 215-887-1074, ext. 3, if you have any questions.

The deadline for these memorials is **Sunday, March 29, 2026.**



EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to contribute to the Easter flowers which uphold our Easter sanctuary traditions, please fill in the form below 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 call the Church Office at 215-887-1074.

The deadline for these dedications is **Sunday, March 29, 2026**



----- Cut here -----

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 _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ ENVELOPE NUMBER _____



COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

Lent Special Prayer Series, youth meet in the Chapel, adults meet in

Lounge: 9:00 AM

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM

Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM

Worship with Communion, Sanctuary: 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12), Tower Room: 6:00-7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

VBS meeting, Lounge: 6:30 PM

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – Third Sunday in Lent

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 8:30 AM

Lent Special Prayer Series, youth meet in the Chapel, adults meet in

Lounge: 9:00 AM

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM

Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM

Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM

Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary: 11:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

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