

*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
February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 AM*

**Feel free to stand or sit.*

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Adoration

Florence B. Price
(1887-1953)

****Call to Worship***

L: What can prevent us from coming into the house and worshipping the Lord?

P: I will not allow my fears, nor my sorrows, nor my worries to prevent me from entering the Lord's house in praise.

L: What can prevent us from coming into the house and worshipping the Lord?

P: I will not allow my prosperity, nor my comfort, nor my security to prevent me from entering the Lord's house in praise.

ALL: Thanks be to you, my God and my Savior, for welcoming me along with these saints. Let us worship the name of the Lord in the spirit of righteousness and truth!

****Hymn 755***

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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****Call to Confession***

****Prayer of Confession***

Creator of all things, though you place within us the knowledge of your being, we are too busy and fractured to take the time to know you better. As such, we have grown accustomed to misrepresenting your truth and your goodness. Rather than call it "sin," we rationalize it; we call it a "misunderstanding" or worse, we blame you for not giving us enough information. Forgive our arrogance. We want to be followers of Jesus even when it is inconvenient. Let your touch of grace and mercy provide the strength we need to witness to your love at all times. Come close enough now to hear our silent prayers. (pray silently)

****Seasonal Response***

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Hymn 314

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Friends, even the things we have rejected will come to us in fullness when we are humble before God. In Christ Jesus, the Way provided by God, you are forgiven.

P: May our hearts receive the good news of forgiveness that we may live as beloved children of the Light. Amen.

***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

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

Children's Choir

(Text: based on Matthew 5:16)

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a basket? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine.
Hide it under a basket? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine.
Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Share my light with others! Yes! I'm goin'-a let it shine.
Share my light with others! Yes! I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 58:1-12

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Matthew 5:13-20

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Sermon

Toolbox

Rev. John Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 377**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

**Call to Offering
Offertory**

*O Love of God
Sanctuary Choir*

David S. Harris

O love of God most full, O love of God most free,
Come warm my heart, come fill my soul, Come lead me unto Thee!

Warm as the glowing sun, So shines Thy love on me;
It wraps me round with kindly care, It draws me unto Thee.

The wildest sea is calm, The tempest brings no fear;
The darkest night is full of light, Because Thy love is near.

O love of God most full, O love of God most free,
Thou warmest my heart, Thou fillest my soul,
With might Thou strengthenest me.
(Text: Oscar Clute, 1837-1901)

***Doxology 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 702**

Christ Be Beside Me

Bunessan

***Charge and Benediction**

**Chimes
Postlude**

Prelude from 'Te Deum'

Marc Antoine Charpentier
(1634-1704)

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.

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOUP GROUP on Friday, February 13 at 6:30pm in Carmel Hall. A simple meal of two delicious soups, salad, bread and dessert will be served. We will put Valentine's Day treat bags together for residents and staff at Edge Hill Nursing Home. Please RSVP to Kathy in the office, 215-887-1074 or email office@presbycarmel.org.

OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER DATE at the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry is Saturday, February 21, 10:00am-1:30pm. Please sign up on the poster in the Church lobby.

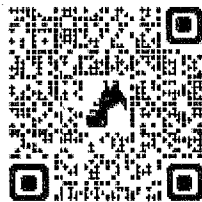
THE MORNING FLOWERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE are in loving memory of Rev. Dr. John A. Lampe and Esther J. Lampe, by their children.

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/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>



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

Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

Lynne Schutt, pianist for Children's Choir

Barbara Podrost and Chris Mudge, Coffee Hour

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

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv - en; arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

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.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "A New Heaven and a New Earth". It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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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

Christ Be Beside Me

702



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see - me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuls, 1985
Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN
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Special Prayer Series

February 22-March 22, 9:00-9:50

The LIFFA (Learning in Faith For All) Team is providing a very special Lenten series for all ages. The topic is Prayer.

Here is the schedule:

Feb. 22	Joint/Intergenerational class. Discussion/small group activities designed as an introduction to prayer and to each other. We will meet in Carmel Hall.
March 1 March 8 March 15	Youth - meet in the Chapel with Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler, Mrs. Gates, and/or Mrs. Mudge using age-appropriate materials. Adults - meet in the Lounge with Pastor John
March 22	ALL back in Carmel Hall. We will review what we learned over the past three weeks, share how our prayer practices have evolved, and give plenty of thanks for God's compassion and grace.

Please Register: office@presbycarmel.org, or 215-887-1074

Adult Class- please acquire On Prayer: In Modern English

**Available on Amazon Kindle

Or

\$10 through Carmel office



The Nursery School will be having a candy sale fundraiser. If you would like to order some delicious Gertrude Hawk candy, the orders are due February 23rd. The candy will be in the week of March 23rd, just in time for Easter!! Look for order forms in the Church office or go to www.gertrudehawk.com, click on the fundraising button and enter the code **703475** in the Group Member Sign Up box. Click on Carmel Nursery School and start your shopping! You can also scan the QR code on the back of the candy catalog. Thank you for your support!

JOIN OUR EDUCATIONAL TOY DRIVE

Dear Carmel Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

To make participating in this important initiative as convenient as possible, we have created a dedicated Amazon Wish List! This list features specific items carefully selected by our classroom teachers for each age group, ensuring every donation directly meets a need.

How to Donate:

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OR donate

Amazon Gift Cards if it is more convenient for you.

Warmly,
The Carmel Nursery School Staff

RUNNING JANUARY 27TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH



COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room and Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
Congregational Life meeting, Carmel Hall: 11:15 AM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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, FEBRUARY 12

Task Force meeting, Lounge: 6:45 PM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room and Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – Transfiguration of the Lord

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM