

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.



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Carmel Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2026
First 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

Introduction of a New Response Hymn 578

Prelude

Jesu, Kreuz, Leiden und Pein
(Jesus, I Will Ponder Now)

Robert Below

****Call to Worship***

L: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

P: Happy am I when the Lord attributes no waywardness in me.

L: There was a day...there are still days when my groaning is with me all day and all night.

P: It is the hand of the Lord that tries to turn me back. I resist, and my strength leaves my body.

L: But when I finally turn to the Lord, speak freely of my sins, and work no longer to hide them from my God who knows all, I find the beautiful gift of forgiveness.

P: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the Lord. In our times of distress, our Lord will not forsake us. Friends in Christ, let us worship the God of our salvation!

****Hymn 741***

Guide My Feet

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****Call to Confession***

****Prayer of Confession***

God of Eden's morning, we know that Lent is a hard time for us. In a culture that idolizes accumulation, you call us to sacrifice ourselves for others. In a world where power is rewarded, you invite us to deny ourselves. In a society which encourages us to 'feel good,' you point us to the struggles of siblings- the burdens others bear.

We confess that we find the tides of the world easier to follow. By your mercy, forgive us. Remind us that as we journey with Jesus, we learn the true steps of discipleship. As we listen to his call to obedience, let us learn how to say 'no' to all that tempts us. As we see his suffering, may we live out the good news which has come to us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess other ways we have turned from you. (pray silently)

****Kyrie Hymn 578***

Kyrie eleison

Ore' Poriaju' Vereko'

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Left to ourselves, we would be easily controlled by sin and temptation. But God has given us the free gift of grace, and so we are set free to live as disciples.

P: This is the gift which brings us hope;

this is the gift which brings us joy;

this is the gift which brings us life.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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**

***Response Hymn 447**

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 32

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Matthew 4:1-11

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Sermon

The Grace to Resist

Rev. John Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

McKee

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory

(see insert)

Here, O My Lord

Sanctuary Choir

Eleanor Daley

(b. 1955)

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus Hymn 572

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thomas Pavlechko

The Lord's Prayer

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

***Serving**

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Op. 122 no. 5
(Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness)

J. Brahms
(1833-1897)

Prayer: We give you thanks, O God, for here at your table you have transformed us from individuals into the body of Christ. Make us strong in your service that we may be messengers of your reconciling love for all people. In the name of our true hope, Jesus the Christ. Amen

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 273**

He Is King of Kings

He Is King

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Voluntary No. 1

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

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 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.

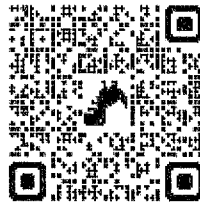
THE MORNING FLOWERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE are in loving memory of longtime Carmel member, Patricia Sorber, by her daughter, Meg Sorber.

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, Pasto

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Director of Music and Organist
Sanctuary Choir

Melissa Deacon, Ellen Krieg, Lorrie Raquet and Linda Parker Communion Servers
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators

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Offertory

Here, O My Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

Here, O my Lord I see Thee face to face,
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven,
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song,
this is the heavenly table spread for me,
here let me feast, and feasting still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee. Amen.

(Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889)

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

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He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and
 2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
 3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;
 broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
 by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

D.S.

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

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. Kornfeld, 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

JOIN OUR EDUCATIONAL TOY DRIVE

UPDATE

Dear Carmel Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

These are the NEW UPDATED QR Codes to see the wish lists for our toy drive.

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How to Donate:

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3 YR OLDS



4 YR OLDS



5 YR OLDS



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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 22 – First Sunday in Lent

Lent Special Prayer Series, all ages, Carmel Hall: 9:00 AM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship with Communion, in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Session meeting, Lounge: 11:30 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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 26

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

Lent Special Prayer Series, youth meet in the Chapel, adults meet in
Carmel Hall: 9:00 AM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Junior 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