

CENTENNIAL *Celebration*

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**First Sunday of Advent
Communion**

December 3, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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CENTENNIAL GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERY
OF NORTH CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Rev. Wes Nordman

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“Let the Praises Ring”

Lincoln Brewster

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jack F. McNary

Pastor: Lord, you have been our refuge

People: from one generation to another.

Pastor: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,

People: from age to age you are God.

Pastor: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

People: so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.

Pastor: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

People: and prosper the work of our hands.

* HYMN OF JOY

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 611
Glory to God



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Jack F. McNary

Pastor: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For your presence among us whenever your Word has been proclaimed, your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

ALL: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future you promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle,
and Josh Farro

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Brenda Mock and Jan Olson

ADVENT PRAYER

All: Lord Jesus, as we search for signs of hope this week, help us to become the signs of hope that others are searching for. As these candles are but a glimpse of the light of the heavens, help us to be a glimpse of heaven's hope. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Pastor Keith L. DeVries &
Pastor Ivan N. Herman

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)

ANTHEM

"Sing with One Accord"

Charles Kirby

Sanctuary Choir

O come and let us all with one accord
Sing out with cheerful voice and praise the Lord
The word that God is love let us with joy proclaim
And let us magnify God's Holy name

Now let the worlds of nature always give
Their praise to God, Creator while they live
Let those who love God come together now and sing
The glory of our Savior Lord and King!

For by God's word the universe was made.
The earth and planets in their orbits laid
All things exist because of God's divine command
And shall throughout all time securely stand!

So let us all in heaven and earth agree
To sing the praise of God in unity
Let all God's loyal servants sing with one accord,
With joyful hallelujahs praise the Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-19

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

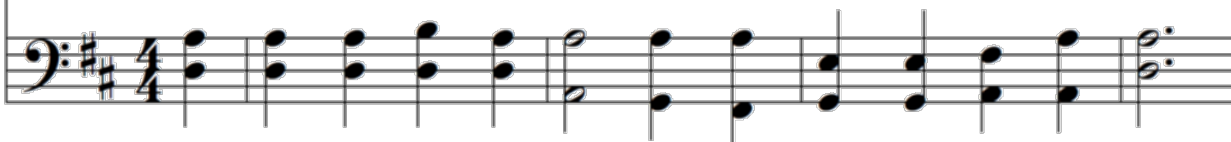
SERMON

***Remaining Faithful
in God's Grace***

Rev. Pamela Jacobi Starbuck



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



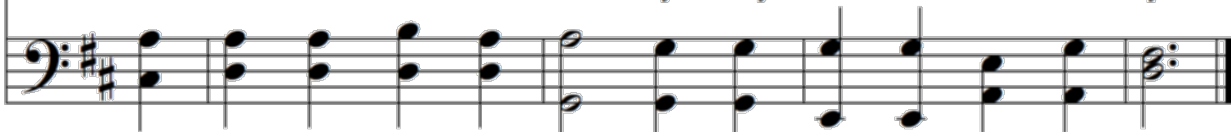
She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

(If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

CENTENNIAL COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: We lift our hearts to God, praying: Come, Lord Jesus.

People: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Pastor: All glory and honor to you, O God Almighty, for the promise of your saving love—new life and hope springing forth from the stump of Jesse's tree; a world where wolf and lamb, leopard and kid, lion and calf will live together in safety and peace and a little child will lead us. Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Pastor: All glory and honor to you, O God Almighty, for by your grace you sent us a Savior—one who delights in worshiping you and brings equality and justice to people who are humble and poor, one who has destroyed the power of death and will be faithful and righteous forever. Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Pastor: Our souls magnify your glory, and our spirits rejoice in your presence. As we mark the centennial of this congregation, we are thankful that from generation to generation you have done great things for your people, showing the strength of your hand and sharing the mercy of your heart. We give you thanks for Jesus, who gave up a heavenly throne to scatter the powers of sin and death, lifting the lowly from the dust and filling the hungry with good things. Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit to strengthen us with the bread of life and fill us with the cup of blessing. Send us forth to help and serve as members of Christ's body. Prepare us for the great day to come when we join our ancestors and descendants to magnify your name forever. Until that day, use the works of our hands to establish your holy realm, and strengthen our hearts as we wait for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(Servers will bring the communion elements to your seats.

Please hold the bread and all partake together; please partake of the cup as it is passed.)

COMMUNION SONG

"In This Very Room"

Ron and Carol Harris

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN

"Hymn of Dedication"

Charles M. Mentor

written for the dedication services of the Carmichael Community Church,
October 1927



Lord, we pre - sent ___ for thy in - hab - i - ta - tion This tem - ple,
U - ni - ted we ___ in prayer - ful ded - i - ca - tion Gath - ered from
Here we would wor - ship thee with sweet - est sing - ing; Here let our
Here lit - tle child - ren come to seek thy bless - ing; Here ar - dent
Oh, keep us free ___ from boast - ful de - mon - stra - tion; Thou art, O



to - ken of our a - dor - a - tion; This sym - bol of ___ our
man - y old de - nom - i - na - tions; May we re - ceive ___ thy
prayers in faith to thee go wing - ing; Here let our hands, ___ our
youth in works their zeal ex - press - ing; Here ripen - ed Age, ___ its
Lord, our on - ly sure foun - da - tion; With - out thy pres - ence,



hearts' true con - se - cra - tion, Our God, most ho - ly.
Spi - rit's in - spir - a - tion For good, Cre - a - tor.
feet in ser - vice spring - ing Give thee the glor - y.
need of thee con - fess - ing All bow be - fore ___ thee.
vain our sup - pli - ca - tion; Grant us thy bless - ing.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"The Rejoicing"

George Frideric Handel

from *Music for Royal Fireworks*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Creating God, your Holy Spirit has given birth and life to your church. We have sought to be a faithful and loving people, seeking to live out a gospel of reconciliation and peace. As we mark a century for the life of this congregation, lead us to rebirth in Jesus Christ that we will continue to walk in your way and to live in your love.

We don't seek to survive another hundred years, but to fill today and every day with understanding for all your children and an abiding love for you. Continue to shape us in your beloved image, with hearts and minds open to your reforming spirit.

God, you live within and beyond time, we pray that during this season of Advent you would help us prepare Christ's way, and help us center our hearts, minds and prayers on you. Even as Christ is coming to make all things new, open our hearts to your holy presence already in our midst.

We pray your sacred love would transform us: where there is anger, let us give singing; where there is injustice, let us show simple courage; where there is division, let us create communion far beyond Sunday morning; where there is despair, hurt, fear, and loneliness, let us build peace.

Hear us now as we join our voices with generations past, present, and future praying the prayer Christ is teaching us all,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

* SONG

“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”

Ben Calhoun, Jason Ingram,
and Seth Mosley

No ocean, no valley, no mountain too high
No power on earth, there's no distance too wide
No height or no depth could keep me from your love.
No failure, no weakness, no doubt in my mind
No prison around me could keep You outside
Not even death can pull me from Your arms

Nothing ever could separate us.

Nothing ever could separate us.

Nothing ever could separate us now.

And when I can't see You still I know You're here
And when I can't feel You, Your promise is clear

Nothing I face can keep me from your love
My Savior, my Healer, my Life and my Hope

My Treasure, forever with you I belong
And even in death we won't be torn apart

Nothing ever could separate us.

Nothing ever could separate us

Nothing ever could separate us now.

You gave it all to have me.

You took the cross to save me.

Nothing ever could separate us.

Nothing ever could separate us.

Nothing ever could separate us.

Nothing ever could separate us now.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Audio/Video: Steve Parker and David Stoffel

Music Director: Keith Atwater

Organist: Rick Schlosser

Piano: Gabe Bisho

Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Merlyn van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Tara Calderon and Laura Leek



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