



CARMICHAEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Parish Notes

December 17, 2023

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Register Your Attendance!

Let us know you're watching and worshipping with us by filling out the form [HERE!](#)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship with Carmichael Presbyterian Church. We are shaped in our faith by worshipping together, and it is the most visible way that we express our faith. Through Word and Sacrament, we are sustained by the presence of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live out our calling in the wider world.

We are grateful for your presence in worship! This service is livestreamed for those unable to be physically present, and we celebrate that we can be connected to each other in different times and places for worship. This service combines traditional and contemporary music styles with creative liturgy and the gifts and talents of the members and friends of our faith community. We invite you to participate in worship joyfully with your whole self—head, heart, voice, & body.

During Advent, may this season of holy waiting bring you renewed wonder.

~Pastor Keith and Pastor Ivan

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CPC

Sunday School for kids age 4-5th grade starts after the Time for Young People (about 10:15 a.m.) in Room 207. Sunday School for middle and high schoolers (6th-12th grade) starts at 11:15 a.m. in the Upper Rooms.

Nursery Care is open for children age 4 and under from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Room 102

Coffee Fellowship is available in the DeVries Gathering Place following worship. Grab a cup of coffee or a cookie and enjoy fellowship.

Restrooms are available between the DeVries Gathering Place and Parlor and outside McMillen Hall. An all gender restroom is located on the second floor across from the elevator.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

You are invited to worship on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary either in person or via live stream. You can also watch the recording of the service any time after Sunday. There are several ways to join Sunday worship services:

Come In-Person: To help us be a more welcoming congregation and greet each other, please wear your name badge or, if you don't have one or can't find it, pick up a sticker name tag as you enter the Sanctuary.

Go to the church website: <http://carmichaelpres.org/> and click on the "live stream" link

Go to the URL: <https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres/>

Use the YouTube App or Smart TV: search for carmichaelpres (and subscribe to our channel if you haven't yet)

Remember in Prayer:

- Victims of Natural Disasters & Violence Worldwide
- Bud Banker
- Sharlene St. Clair
- Joyce Purvis
- Carol Jones
- Billy & Joan Bristow
- Paul Kinsella
- Phil & Jimmi Mishler
- Kathy Shay
- Patti Grimm
- Joy Jones
- Bill & Christine Randall-Walker
- Bob Beckert
- Hazel Smith
- Pat Chaney
- Thamsyne Brown
- Megan Schiff (Jeannie Graham's daughter)
- Jim Clark (former CPC pastor)
- Noele Condon (Kate Erlich's friend)
- Mary Patton (Janann Poteet's daughter)
- Rebecca Albertson (Barbara & Alan Bishop's daughter)
- Charlotte Faith Syres (Pattie Shaw's great-granddaughter)
- Mike Peterson (Patty Kepner's husband)
- Marcy Tognolini (friend of Lana Wallis)
- Beth Mallone (friend of Laura Garwood)
- The Orozco Family (friends of Laura Garwood)
- Laurien Spiller (coworker of Leon Wartinger)
- Jan Babbit (friend of Anita Lawson)
- Dianne Rowley (Laura Leek's mother)
- Emily Hurd (Jim & Suzan Wurz's great-niece)
- Patsy Rawlinson (Sharlene St. Clair's sister-in-law)
- John Beseda (Terry Summers' brother-in-law)
- Sara Larsen (friend of Judi Stewart)
- Tia Camp (friend of Brook Silvermail)
- Joshua Needham (Dick & Carole Jacobi's nephew)
- Jennifer & Myles Norman (friends of David Stoffel)
- Carl Aamot (Kate Eisel's brother-in-law)
- Bruce Erfer (John Erlich's son-in-law)
- Gloria Marquez (Peter Davalos's niece)
- Susan Hendrickson (friend of Sharon MacLean)
- John Williams (friend of Keith DeVries)
- Diana West (former CPC Preschool director)
- Christopher & Tina Wiseman (Jessica Wattles' cousin & family)
- Pat Ison (Terry Sakuda's cousin)
- Barbara Lee (friend of Bette Johnson)
- Jay Geha (Bonnie Pearson's son)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting.

You are not alone. You are invited to a Blue Christmas worship service TODAY at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a gentle, contemplative service that offers comfort and hope for those carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration.

CHRISTMAS GIFT MINISTRY

Today is the last day to donate to CPC's Christmas Gift Ministry! CPC's Deacons are on a mission to raise \$13,960 to provide gift cards for food and presents for 38 families in our community, and they need your support! Look for the gift box in the Gathering Place to make your donations toward Christmas gifts and a special dinner for families in the Carmichael area. Donations can be made in the Gift Box in the DeVries Gathering Place, to the church office, or at www.carmichaelpres.org/give/ (click on "Donate Now" and choose Deacons Gift Ministry).

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Today, we receive the Christmas Joy Offering which honors God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Find out more about how your gifts to this offering are used by reading the insert included with this week's *Parish Notes*.

WEDNESDAY DINNER

Share a meal and conversation with other CPC folks in McMillen Hall on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome for \$5 dinner, \$3 salad bar, and \$1 per slice pizza (\$20 max per family). Chef Lynette Ledesma is preparing delicious meals, but she needs help! If you can help with cooking, clean up, or set up on a one-time or on-going basis, contact Pastor Ivan at ivan@carmichaelpres.org or 916-486-9081 and he'll help you get connected!

FOOD CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Food Closet has several openings for volunteers in the coming weeks and into 2024. Volunteer jobs include stocking and prepping groceries, packing and distributing bags to clients, and answering client telephone calls to sign up for distribution that day. Sign up at: <https://signup.com/Group/6669865565156600103/> or email carmfc5645@gmail.com for more information.

In Sympathy

Please remember in prayer the family of **Diane Cloud**, who passed away recently.

A New Arrival

We rejoice with grandparents **Alan & Barbara Bishop**, parents **Michael & Rebecca Albertson**, and siblings Sydney, Micah, and Leah, in the birth of **Lenora Ann Albertson**, on December 7.

Special Friends

Please hold in prayer these folks whose circumstances often keep them from attending in-person worship. We include a few names each week.

Mel Majesty
Betty Moore
Lee Paxton
Mary Lou Pettit

Centennial Publications

Copies of the Centennial Cookbook (\$5), the new CPC history book, *Stories of Faith: Carmichael Presbyterian Church at 100* (\$16), and "A Bit of Centennial History" (free) are available in the church office.

DONATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2024

You can donate flowers to adorn our Sanctuary during worship on Sundays in 2024! The cost is still \$35 for one bouquet or \$70 for both bouquets. It's easy to do: Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA4AE29A5FE3-46395523-sanctuary> to choose an open date at least one week in advance. Fill in the information and submit your payment to CPC with "flowers" in the memo line. Or, call the church office and we'll be glad to help you sign up over the phone.



Christmas Eve at CPC

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Join in worship as we light the fourth Advent candle & enjoy music from the Sanctuary Choir & Mission Bells.

FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
5:00 p.m.

Children help fill the Bethlehem village with nativity characters while we hear the Christmas story through carols, Scripture, and songs from the Sanctuary Choir.
All children receive a special gift!

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
11:00 p.m.

Celebrate Christmas with the Lord's Supper, reading the Christmas Story, and music from Hannah Ludwig, mezzo-soprano.

All services will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres>

CPC's Mission

Responding to God's love through Jesus Christ, we:

- Welcome all
- Nurture relationships
- Grow in faith together
- Connect with and serve our community & the world

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Sunday, December 17 @ 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18 @ 9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 18 @ 10:30 a.m.
Monday, December 18 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19 @ 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 19 @ 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 19 @ 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 19 @ 5:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 @ 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 @ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 21 @ 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 21 @ 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 21 @ 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 21 @ 6:00 p.m.
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Thursday, December 21 @ 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 22 @ 10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, December 23 @ 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday, December 24 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 24 @ 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24 @ 11:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube
Sunday School in Room 207
Coffee Fellowship in DeVries Gathering Place
Waterfall Singers in Room 104
Youth Sunday School in Upper Rooms
Blue Christmas Service in Sanctuary
World Relief in Rooms 107 and 109
Buildings & Grounds in Library
Stephen Ministry Leaders in Library
Mission Bells in Music Room
Staff Meeting in Library
Companions Study in DGP & Room 204
GA in Room 202
Food Closet Task Force via Zoom
Girl Scouts in Room 202
CCA Soccer in McMillen Hall
Session in Howard Crowley Room
Friends for Survival in DeVries Gathering Place
AA in Parlor
Alzheimer's Support Group in DGP
Wednesday Dinner in McMillen Hall
Youth Group in Upper Rooms
Companions Study in DeVries Gathering Place
Sanctuary Choir in Music Room
Men's Morning Fellowship via Zoom
Naomi Circle in DeVries Gathering Place
Mary Martha Circle in DeVries Gathering Place
Food Closet Pick Up
Carmichael HART in McMillen Hall
SPAA in Gathering Place
Alanon in HCR
Church Office Closes at Noon
Shower Ministry in Courtyard Room
County Work Crew
Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube
Coffee Fellowship in DeVries Gathering Place
Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service
Church Office & Food Closet Closed

CPC STAFF

The church office is usually open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, December 4.

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