



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 31, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Chris Studer

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

John Wallace

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

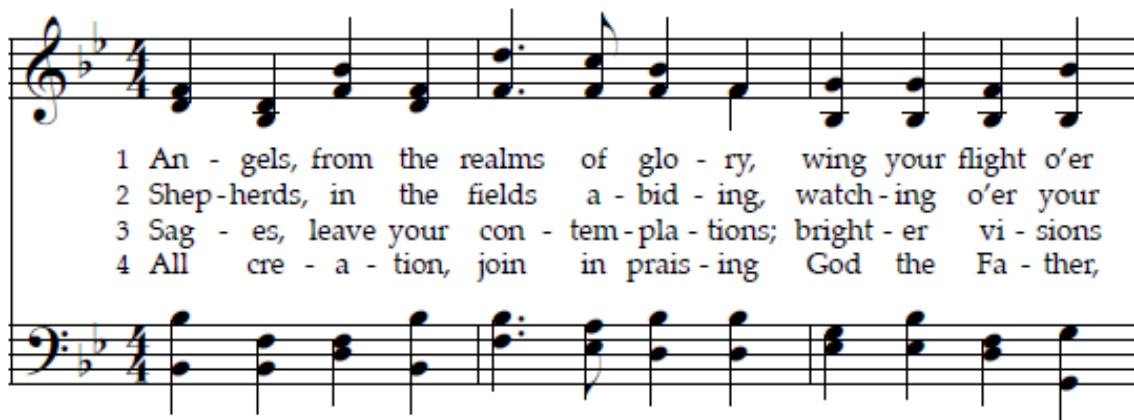
**People: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands –

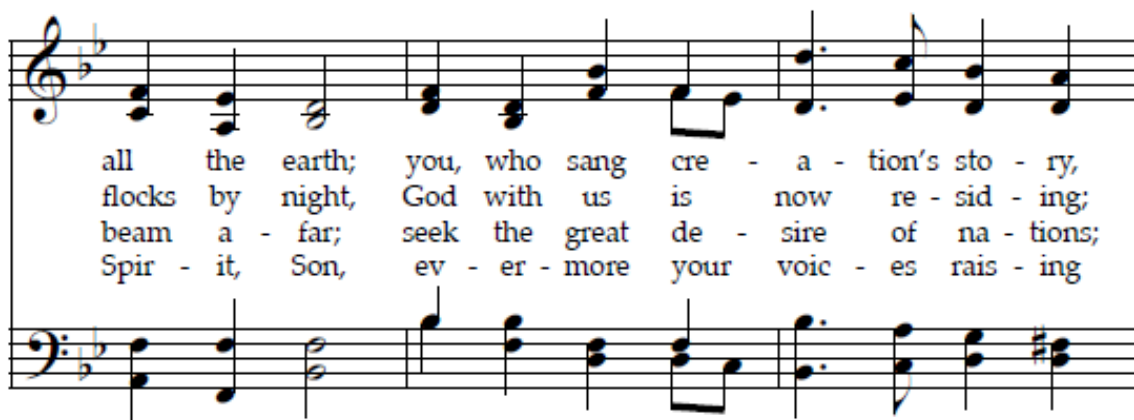
**People: O prosper the work of our hands!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## "Angels from the Realm of Glory"



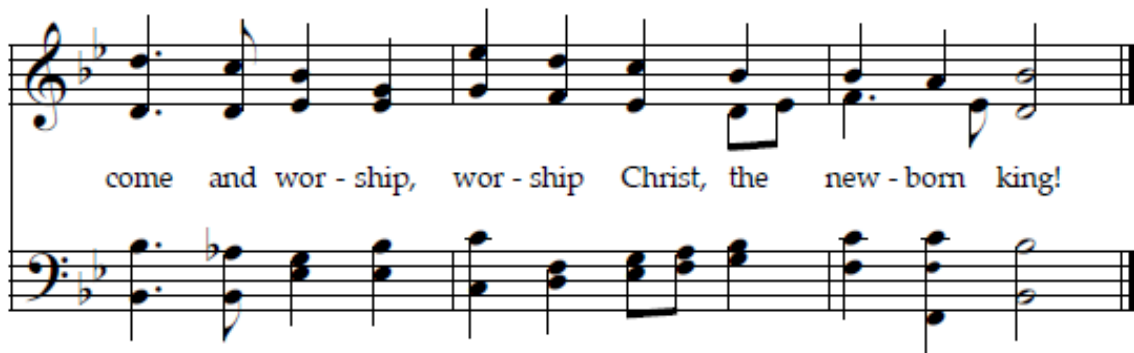
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,  
 you have seen his na - tal star:  
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever  
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
For You are good

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever  
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
For You are good

You are good all the time, All the time You are good (4x)

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever  
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are, for who You are, for who You are  
For You are good

CONFESSION AND PARDON

John Wallace

Leader: Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Scripture also promises us that we are now made right with God by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Acknowledging this truth about ourselves and with gratitude for the truth about God, let us confess our sins in God's presence and before one another.

**All: Gracious and loving God, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we look back and recognize the many ways we have fallen short of your glory: missed opportunities to share your love,; times when we were silent when we could have spoken up for what was right; indifference to your claim on our whole lives through Jesus Christ; and a lack of gratitude for your amazing grace by which you save us and call us to be your people. Lord, forgive us.**

**As we look ahead to a new year, free us from thinking we can save ourselves. Help us to follow where you lead. Show us how to be your children and your**

**heirs, forgiven and freed to live for our God and for one another in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Silence**

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

*(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 207.)*

\* SONG

**“God With Us”**

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love, To be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life to be Light, To shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior, In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption, God with us, You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world, For Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin to bear shame, And to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior, In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption, God with us, You are God with us

You are here, You are holy, We are standing in Your glory  
You are here, You are holy, We are standing in Your glory  
You are here, You are holy, We are standing in Your glory  
You are here, You are holy, We are standing in Your glory, Lord

Our Deliverer You are Savior, In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption, God with us, You are God with us  
Our Deliverer You are Savior, In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption, God with us, You are God with us

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ecclesiastes 3:9-14

<sup>9</sup> What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup> I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

SERMON

**Carpe Diem**

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

\* SONG

**“Lord You Have My Heart”**

Martin Smith

Lord you have my heart, and I will search for Yours.  
Jesus take my life and lead me on.  
Lord you have my heart, and I will search for yours.  
Let me be to you a sacrifice.

And I will praise You Lord (I will praise You Lord),  
And I will sing of love come down. (I will sing of love come down)  
And as You show your face (show your face), we'll see your glory here.

Lord you have my heart, and I will search for Yours.  
Jesus take my life and lead me on.  
Lord you have my heart, and I will search for yours.  
Let me be to you a sacrifice.

And I will praise You Lord (I will praise You Lord),  
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And as You show your face (show your face),  
We'll see your glory here, We'll see your glory here.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**“Go Tell It On the Mountain”**

arr. Chris Studer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we praise you that in you we live and move and have our being. As you have always guided your people by your grace and mercy, we seek your guidance in the new year. Help us to demonstrate the love of Christ in all we do as a church and in our personal lives. When we worry about life, help us to put our trust in you and strive first for your kingdom and righteousness. In our failures, let us look to you for forgiveness and correction. In our successes, may we give glory to your name rather than brag about our accomplishments.

God of all wisdom, we often do not know how to pray as we ought. Thank you that your Spirit intercedes for us with signs too deep for words, for there is much in our world about which to sigh. Lord, in your mercy we pray for peace, for justice, for reconciliation, for healing, for truth, for new hearts, and for clear vision to see you at work in our world. We pray for the courage to commit ourselves again to Jesus Christ as Lord. May we seek your will in all things, even as Jesus always put your will above his own.

Lord of all time and space, as we mark another year, remind us that in your sight one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. Your steadfast love and mercy are the sure foundation for our lives. We thank you for the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of your Son, our Savior. As your children and heirs, may we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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.)*

\* CLOSING SONG

**"I Am For You"**

Cooney

There is a mountain, there is a sea, there is a wind within all breathing.  
There is an arm to break every chain, there is a fire in all things living.  
There is a voice that speaks from the flame:  
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you is my name.

There was a man who walked in the storm, caught in between the waves and the lightning,  
Sharing his breads with those cast aside, healing by touch the lost and the dying.  
Sending us forth he says to his friends:  
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you to the end.

We are anointed servants of God. We have been born again of the spirit.  
We are the word God speaks to the world; Freedom and light to all who hear it.  
So let us be the word of the Lord  
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you evermore.

There is a world that waits in the womb. There is a hope unborn God is bearing.  
Though the power of death prowls the night, there is a day our God is preparing.  
Sing 'round the fire to waken the dawn:  
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you, we are one.  
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you, we are one.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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