



# CARMICHAEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Parish Notes

December 14, 2025

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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. This community affirms that every person has worth as a unique creation and a child of God. We strive to welcome into full participation people of every age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, culture, immigration status, political affiliation, economic condition, physical and mental ability, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression. Nametags and pronoun pins are available at the sign-in tables at the entrances to the worship space.

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.

If you are visiting, we extend God's blessings to you on your journey. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging and beautiful world.

*~Pastor Keith and Pastor Ivan*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CPC

**Sunday School** for kids age 4 through 5th grade starts after the Time for Young People (about 10:15 a.m.) in Rooms 205 and 207. Youth Bible Study for middle and high schoolers (6th-12th grade) starts at 11:00 a.m. in Room 204.

**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. All gender restrooms are located on the second floor across from the elevator and across from Room 206.

## 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 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
- Margo Scandella
- Karen Curtis
- Barbara Farley
- Hazel Smith
- Emily Moulton
- Cindy Morris
- Sharleen Millering
- John Simpson
- Elise Treon
- Dan Franke
- Bill Walker
- Jean Jones
- Heidi Van Regenmorter
- Jymmye Black
- Mike Miller
- Don Cox
- Chauncey Hayes
- Mary Lou Pettit
- Julie Leporiere
- John & Kate Erlich
- Marcia Law
- Jan Hill
- Amber Smyth (Jimmi Mishler's granddaughter)
- Erika Heald (friend of ElizaBeth Phillips)
- Sarah Winston (Laura Garwood's sister)
- Becca Hugh (friend of Bill & Misty Dunn)
- Luke Peterson (Dick & Charlotte Frink's grandson)
- Joanna Duthler (friend of Cathy Wride)
- Lisa Roppolo (friend of Anita Lawson)
- Dennis Hickey (Carolyn Biggers' son)
- Laura Voelker (Kate Erlich's cousin)
- Marty Welch (friend of Anita Lawson)
- Eduardo Kioshima (Dani Romais's father)
- Marilyn & Bill Garwood (Laura Garwood's parents)
- Nancy Marker (friend of Beth Lindley)
- Diana Jacks (Terry Sakuda's sister)
- Martha Jones (friend of Marti Wallace)
- Robert Ellsworth (Kate Erlich's brother-in-law)
- Anne Smith (friend of Marti Wallace)
- Corinne Coakley (friend of Carolyn McGregor)
- Mary Patton (Janann Poteet's daughter)
- Linda Hopper (Lisa Torgerson's mother)
- Debbie Scott (Mary Thomas's sister)
- Charlotte Faith Syres (Pattie Shaw's great-granddaughter)
- Ben Hidalgo (husband of Gail Ball's granddaughter)
- Julie Roseaia (Carolyn Biggers' sister)
- Jaxon Dwonch (Kathy Lewis's friend's great-grandson)
- DG Dela Peña (Lynette Ledesma's cousin's daughter)
- Sarah Cagley (Allison Cagley's daughter)
- Brandi Rusniak (family friend of Janann Poteet)
- Jay Geha (Bonnie Pearson's son)

## COMMUNITY ADVENT EVENT

Celebrate the Advent season with crafts, cookies, Christmas karaoke, and more TODAY from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in the fun – bring a friend or two! Come and go as you please during the event – it's "open house" style.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT MINISTRY

Help spread the hope and cheer of the Christmas season to children and their families from 6 local schools by providing funds for food gift cards to WinCo and Visa gift cards that the families can use how they see fit. To participate in this CPC tradition, please donate generously online at <https://carmichaelpres.org/give/>. You can also send a check to the church, drop it in the Sanctuary donation boxes, or stop by the Christmas Gift Ministry table in the DeVries Gathering Place after service - look for the Christmas tree! Thank you for giving generously to spread Christmas cheer in our community.



## Christmas Eve at CPC

### 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 music 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 special music from Hannah Ludwig, mezzo-soprano and Zorana Randjelovic-Flores, piano.

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



## Donate Flowers for 2026

You can donate flowers to adorn our Sanctuary during Sunday worship in 2026! As with so many things, the cost for 2026 is going up a bit: \$65 for one bouquet or \$115 for both bouquets. It's easy to do: go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA4AE29A5FE3-60693685-sanctuary> or scan the QR code 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 help you sign up over the phone.



## Special Friends

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

**Linda Gracey**

**Margaret Herman**

**Leon & Cathy Hodge**

**Dick & Carole Jacobi**

## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Next Sunday, December 21, we will 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*.

## YEAR-END GIFTS

Many thanks to those members who have fulfilled their 2025 general fund pledges and those members who have met their 2025 commitment for their Paving the Way pledge. As of mid-November, \$277,835 has been received during 2025 for the Paving the Way campaign. This represents 33% of the total amount of \$841,587 pledged for the Paving the Way campaign. Any contributions that you would like included on your 2025 giving statement must be brought to the church office by Tuesday, December 30 or postmarked/electronically posted by Wednesday, December 31. **If you have not completed your 2025 pledge, or can make an additional gift, please do so by December 31.** If you have any questions, please contact Paul Shultz, Financial Administrator at [paul@carmichaelpres.org](mailto:paul@carmichaelpres.org) or 916-486-9081.

## LAST WEDNESDAY DINNER OF 2025

Share a meal and conversation for the last time this year in McMillen Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17. Enjoy a delicious dinner for \$7 per person, with a \$25 max per family and/or pizza for \$1 per slice. Youth Group for grades 6-12 meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and the Sanctuary Choir rehearses starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday dinners will take a break for the holidays and resume on January 7, 2026.**

## EPIPHANY MIXER FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Over the past few years this congregation has been growing with families with young children participating on Sundays and during the week. We would like to provide an opportunity for parents of elementary-age and younger kids to connect with each other! Join Pastor Ivan and Youth and Children's Ministry Director Michael Lombrano on Sunday, January 11 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the DeVries Gathering Place for a Rosca de Reyes, light snacks, beverages, and conversation as we share about our heart for serving families. While mainly intended as a time for parents, children are welcome and childcare will be available.

## 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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[https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/  
environment/earth-care-congregations/](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/)

## THIS WEEK @ CPC

Sunday, December 14

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Sunday, December 14 @ 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 15 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, December 16 @ 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, Dec. 17 @ 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 @ 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 @ 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 20 @ 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 21 @ 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday, December 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube

Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207

Inclusion Parent Group in Room 204

Coffee Fellowship in DGP

Waterfall Singers in Room 204

Youth Bible Study in Upper Rooms

Nominating Committee in Crowley Room

Family Advent Event in McMillen Hall

Food Closet Distribution

Staff Meeting in Library

Companions Study in Parlor

GA in Room 202

CPC & NCCP Luncheon in DGP

Food Closet Distribution

World Relief in Room 109

Girl Scouts in Room 202

Session in Howard Crowley Room

AA in DeVries Gathering Place

Caregiver Support via Zoom

Alzheimer's Support Group in DGP

Wednesday Dinner in McMillen Hall

Youth Group in Upper Rooms

Companions Study in DGP

Sanctuary Choir in Music Room

Men's Morning Fellowship via Zoom

World Relief in McMillen Hall

Mary Martha Circle in DGP

Food Closet Distribution

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Carmichael HART in HCR

SPAA in DeVries Gathering Place

Alanon in Howard Crowley Room

Shower Ministry in McM & Courtyard Rm.

Supper on Saturday in McMillen Hall

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube

Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207

Coffee Fellowship in DGP

Waterfall Singers in Room 204

Youth Bible Study in Room 204

Kiwanis Band Rehearsal in Music Room



# CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



LYNN BLEDSOE



The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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## WAYS TO GIVE



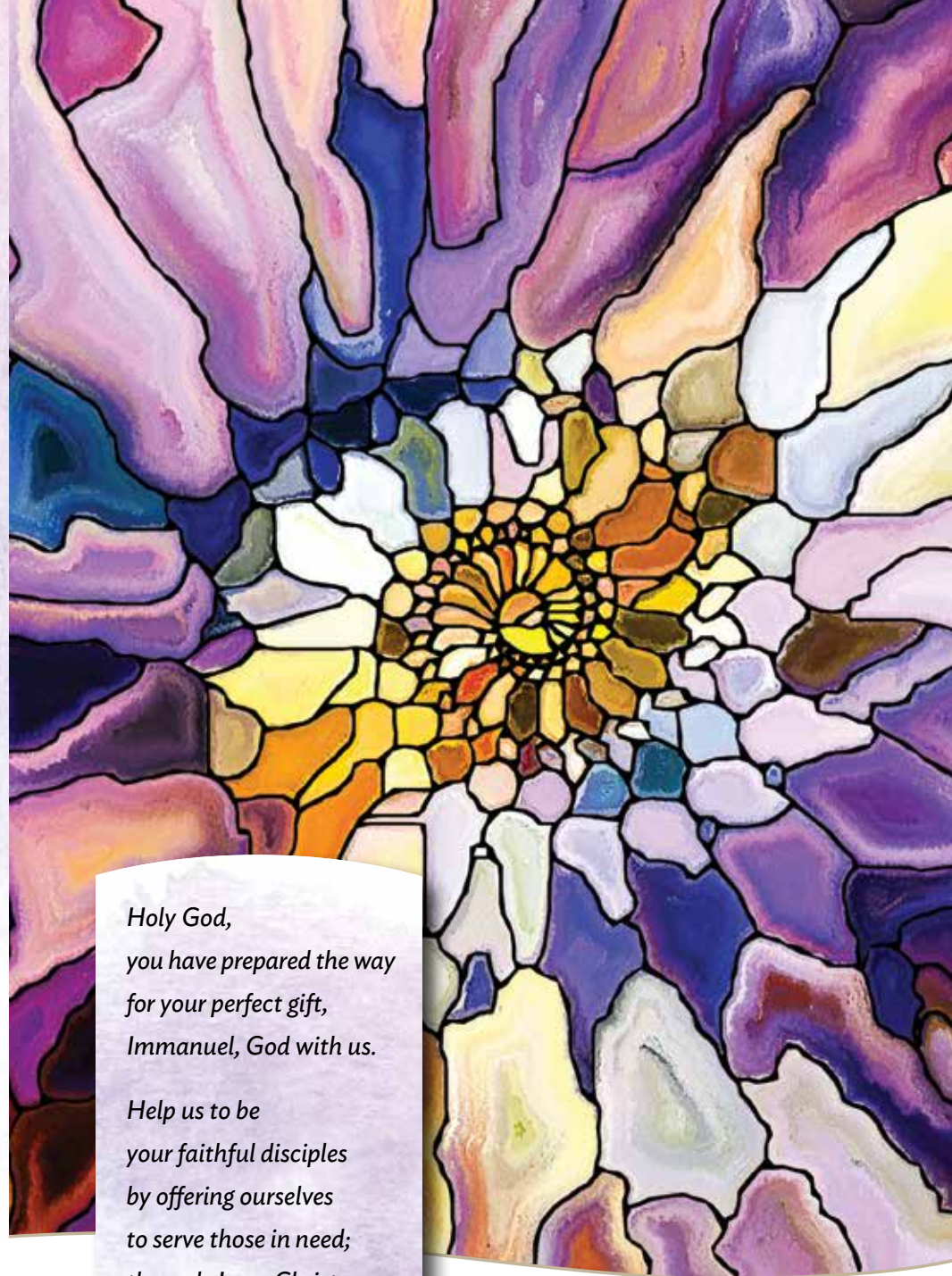
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*Holy God,  
you have prepared the way  
for your perfect gift,  
Immanuel, God with us.*

*Help us to be  
your faithful disciples  
by offering ourselves  
to serve those in need;  
through Jesus Christ,  
your Word made flesh.*

**Amen.**



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



## Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us.

**50%** of our gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.

Born and raised a Presbyterian in South Korea, Rev. Jinho Kim's life was changed when he met a missionary in the 1970s whose ministry focused on campus and youth evangelism with Spirit-filled worship and discipleship training. A few years later, his youth group was going to sing Christmas carols to marginalized unwed mothers. He was inspired "by faith," to create a melody for the verse from Psalm 117, "The steadfast love of the Lord is great toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever," which is still being sung a generation later. After retirement, having earned only a modest income throughout his years of service, Jinho felt the Psalmist's love upon receiving help through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, made possible by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering.



*"The Lord said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive. I thank all my brothers and sisters in the PC(USA), whose generosity through the Christmas Joy Offering made the gifts I now receive possible.'"*

—Rev. Jinho Kim

**50%** of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

High school senior Søren Briggs is the youngest ruling elder to be ordained at First Presbyterian Church in his hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His love for both his home church and the Presbyterian-related Menaul School, supported by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, fuels his passion. Building on the school's historic emphasis on ministry as a potential career path, a new class, titled "Called to Serve," will help students appreciate the Reformed understanding of "vocation" as they explore together how their faith can be lived out in everyday life. Søren sees the class as helping him continue to cultivate good values: how to live your life as a kind person and how to practice your faith.



*"To be able to motivate young people into the church through schools like Menaul is why people should give to the Christmas Joy Offering."*  
—Søren Briggs

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...  
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

