



CARMICHAEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Parish Notes

December 21, 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
- Patti Grimm
- 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
- Mike Miller
- Don Cox
- Chauncey Hayes
- Mary Lou Pettit
- Julie Leporiere
- John & Kate Erlich
- Marcia Law
- Jan Hill
- Jeff Hanson (former CPC member)
- Bodil Drucker (friend of Janann Poteet)
- 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)



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>

TODAY'S CHOIR MUSIC

Introit: "Call His Name Emmanuel" uses Richard Harrison Smith's original text and tune from 1980 but has the sound of a traditional Advent carol. The soprano soloist speaks as Mary, asking Joseph what to name the baby boy, and pondering her chosen role as the virgin mother of the Christ. "Jesus" is the Greek translation of the common name Joshua (as in the Book of Joshua). He is also called, the song tells us, Master, Savior, Lord, and Emmanuel, the ancient Hebrew term for "God with us" found in Isaiah.

Anthem: "Echo Carol" is Hugh Livingston's arrangement of a once well-known German carol probably from around the time of Luther. Many Christmas carolers know it as "While by My Sheep We Watched by Night ..." This echo arrangement evokes the memory of Renaissance and Baroque church choirs, both Catholic and Protestant, where two choirs at opposite ends of a cathedral sang alternating musical phrases, an effective musical technique in large spaces.

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.

Mel Majesty
Joyce Purvis
Janette Stoker
Doreen Wilson

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*.

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.

MORE POINSETTIA DONORS

A few poinsettia donations arrived to the church office after the list was published. We are grateful for these donors' contributions:

- **Jimmi Mishler** in memory of Phil Mishler
- **Janann Poteet** in honor of her children Jeff, Mary & Brandon
- **Bonnie Pearson & Ed Pearson** in memory of Bill Geha
- **Bonnie Pearson & Ed Pearson** in memory of Colleen Pearson

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 or 916-486-9081.

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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MATTHEW 25

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>



<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

THIS WEEK @ CPC

Sunday, December 21

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

Monday, December 22 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23 @ 11:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, December 23 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23 @ 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 24 @ 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 @ 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26 @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 27 @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 28 @ 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 28 @ 11:00 a.m.

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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

Food Closet Distribution

Companions Study in Parlor

GA in Room 202

Food Closet Distribution

World Relief in Room 109

AA in DeVries Gathering Place

Church Office Closes

Family Candlelight Christmas Eve

Service in Sanctuary

Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve

Service in Sanctuary

Christmas Day – Church Office and Food

Closet Closed

Alanon in Howard Crowley Room

Shower Ministry in McM & Courtyard Rm.

Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube

Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207

Coffee Fellowship in DGP

Youth Bible Study in Room 204

CPC STAFF

The church office is typically open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This week, the office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24 and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Friday December 26.

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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.



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

**PREPARE
THE WAY**

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THE PERFECT GIFT

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we prepare the way for the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

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



Rev. Lynn Bledsoe's world was rocked when Hurricane Helene swept away not only her long-held sense of security, but the very ground beneath her North Carolina home, causing a 15-foot drop off outside her front door. The needed repairs weren't covered under insurance. Thankfully, Lynn received an unexpected lifeline, a grant to help with the repairs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, made possible by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering.

"Although I've given to the Christmas Joy Offering for years, I never thought I would be a recipient. It brings tears to my eyes every time I think about the generosity and immediate support of the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions."

—Rev. Lynn Bledsoe

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



STILLMAN COLLEGE

Catherine Cox felt she was destined to be a teacher but raising twins as a single mom was challenging. She enrolled in Stillman College, supported by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, in her hometown of Tuscaloosa and she graduated this year as a Dean's List Scholar in Mathematics. She will be teaching 7th and 8th grade mathematics at Stillman's newest education partner, the I Dream Big Charter School. She credits Stillman's close-knit community and engaged faculty for being instrumental in helping her to succeed and to land her dream job.

"Catherine's journey from Stillman graduate to educator represents the transformative power of the Christmas Joy Offering's support for Presbyterian-related schools and the students they serve."

—Dr. C. Mark McCormick, associate professor of religion

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

