

Parish Notes

Carmichael Presbyterian Church



May 24, 2026

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to worship with Carmichael Presbyterian Church. This community of faith affirms that every person has worth as a unique creation and child of God. As followers of Jesus, 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, degree of neurodivergence, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression. We rejoice in the diversity of God's creation.

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

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Sundays at CPC

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)

Sunday School for kids age 4 through 5th grade and Youth Bible Study will not meet today so everyone can participate in Youth Sunday.

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 McMillen Hall today. Grab a cup of coffee or a cookie & enjoy the swing band concert.

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.

Let us know you're watching!

Register your attendance **HERE!**



Remember in Prayer:

- **Victims of Natural Disasters & Violence Worldwide**
- **Anne Parker**
- **Karla Curran**
- **Janice Nielsen**
- **Dave Beeby**
- **Linda Gracey**
- **Pastor Keith DeVries**
- **Marsha Cook**
- **Adalyn Holland**
- **Janann Poteet**
- **Bev Harris**
- **Len Tozier**
- **Odette Ledesma**
- **Carol Jones**
- **James Wurz**
- **Ron Morris**
- **Hazel Smith**
- **Bill Walker**
- **Jean Jones**
- **Don Cox**
- **Chauncey Hayes**
- **Julie Leporiere**
- **John & Kate Erlich**
- **Jan Hill**
- **Jeff Poteet** (Janann Poteet's son)
- **Sarah Cagley** (Allison Cagley's daughter)
- **Scott Crippin** (Paul & Lynn Shultz's son-in-law)
- **Marilyn & Bill Garwood** (Laura Garwood's parents)
- **Tracey Finck** (Kate Erlich's niece)
- **Amber Smyth** (Jimmi Mishler's granddaughter)
- **Mark Ostman** (Hal Millering's cousin's husband)
- **Jill Hesser** (former CPC member)
- **Jim Stochl** (Pastor of Harvest Presbyterian Church, Ceres)
- **Dennis McAllister** (friend of Carolyn & Gordon McGregor)
- **Bob & Patricia Ellsworth** (Kate Erlich's sister and brother-in-law)
- **Pete Fuller** (Bonnie Paxton's cousin)
- **Michelle Busath** (Carmichael HART)
- **John Buechner** (friend of Keith & Jenny DeVries)
- **Rachel Pollock** (Rebecca Parker's daughter)
- **Erika Heald** (friend of ElizaBeth Phillips)
- **Sarah Winston** (Laura Garwood's sister)
- **Becca Hugh** (friend of Bill & Misty Dunn)
- **Joanna Duthler** (friend of Cathy Wride)
- **Lisa Roppolo** (friend of Anita Lawson)
- **Laura Voelker** (Kate Erlich's cousin)
- **Marty Welch** (friend of Anita Lawson)
- **Eduardo Kioshima** (Dani Romais's father)
- **Nancy Marker** (friend of Beth Lindley)
- **Diana Jacks** (Terry Sakuda's sister)
- **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)
- **DG Dela Peña** (Lynette Ledesma's cousin's daughter)
- **Brandi Rusniak** (family friend of Janann Poteet)
- **Jay Geha** (Bonnie Pearson's son)

Swing Band Concert TODAY!

The Carmichael Kiwanis Big Band Concert is TODAY after church in McMillen Hall. This CPC tradition offers lots of toe-tapping music and the opportunity to dance for kids and adults alike!

Book Study

The book study on *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote, Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg will not meet today. The discussion wraps up next Sunday, May 31 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 202.

Vacation Bible School Registration



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School July 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day! Our theme is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. Students in Preschool up to 6th grade are welcome. And, there are volunteer spots available for 7th-12th graders.

Kids will have time to sing and dance, worship God, hear stories from the Bible and bring them to life, do crafts that tie into God's magnificent creation, and of course, enjoy snack time!

The cost is \$20 per child, and scholarships are available upon request. Register at <https://carmichaelpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/0789c36531> or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Michael Lombrano at 916-486-9081 or michael@carmichaelpres.org.



Stepping Stones Bible Class

All third graders and their families (and any older kids who haven't received a Bible) are invited to learn about the Bible, what's in it, and how to find it on Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 204. On June 14, students will receive their own Bibles during worship. Questions? Contact Michael Lombrano at 916-486-9081 or michael@carmichaelpres.org.

Chips Ahoy!

Do you enjoy baking? Maybe you have a favorite cookie recipe you would like to share? Join Chips Ahoy! cookie making fellowship on Wednesday, May 27 from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in McMillen Hall to prepare cookies for Sunday morning coffee fellowship! All ages are welcome. Please contact Lynette Ledesma at 650-759-5179 for more information.

Women's Retreat

All women age 18 and up are invited to CPC's Women's Retreat September 18-20 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe. Our theme is "Come to Me" and our speaker is Pastor Cathy Lovejoy from Shepherd of the Sierra Church. Find the registration form at <https://carmichaelpres.org/event/womens-retreat/> or pick up a form in the church office. For more details, contact Sharon MacLean at sharmac617@gmail.com.

Special Friends

Please pray for these folks whose health or other circumstances often keep them from attending in-person worship. Because the list is long, we include a few names each week.

Mel Majesty

Mary Lou Pettit

Joyce Purvis

Janette Stoker

Doreen Wilson

Shirley Worthington

Wednesday Dinner

Share a meal & conversation in McMillen Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. 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 continue through June 2. Our crew will take a break for the summer and resume Wednesday Dinner in September. If you'd like to help over the next couple of weeks or want to plan ahead to help in the fall, contact Pastor Ivan at ivan@carmichaelpres.org or 916-486-9081 or Lynette Ledesma at 650-759-5179 or catcmom@gmail.com.

Music Notes

Today's introit, "When the Spirit Says Do," is an African American spiritual that dates from the civil rights era. Such songs are nicknamed "zipper songs" because the action verb (here it's "do") can be replaced by other words like "sing" "shout" "dance" and "laugh." This version is from the Unitarian Universalist songbook. (Music Director Keith Atwater first sang it when he served as music director of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento).

Today's anthem, "Fill-A Me Up!" by Pepper Choplin incorporates African singing styles in its lyrics, harmonies, and rhythms. Often accompanied by the djembe, it incorporates the solo call and response style also found in African American musicals. Pepper Choplin is a childhood friend of Betsy Herman and later served as the Minister of Music at Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC for the eleven years Dennis Herman served as Senior Pastor. Dennis and Betsy are Pastor Ivan's parents.

How to Give

There are several ways to contribute to CPC's ministry and mission:

- Place your contribution in one of the contribution boxes in the Sanctuary or Narthex on Sundays.
- Scan the QR code.
- Go to carmichaelpres.org/give/ to give with a credit/debit card, bank transfer, or PayPal.
- Contact Paul Shultz, Financial Administrator to make a credit/debit card contribution over the phone.
- Mail a check to CPC, 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.



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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This Week at CPC

Sunday, May 24 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 24 @ 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, May 24 @ 11:00 a.m.
Monday, May 25

Tuesday, May 26 @ 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26 @ 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26 @ 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26 @ 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26 @ 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 27 @ 6:00 p.m.
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Thursday, May 28 @ 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 28 @ 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 28 @ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 28 @ 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 29 @ 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 30 @ 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 31 @ 10:00 a.m.
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Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube
Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207
Kiwanis Band Concert in McMillen Hall
Memorial Day -
Church Office & Food Closet Closed
Dorcas Circle in Howard Crowley Room
Staff Meeting in Library
Companions Study in DGP
GA in Room 202
Food Closet Distribution
Session in Howard Crowley Room
AA in DeVries Gathering Place
Wednesday Dinner in McMillen Hall
Youth Group in Upper Rooms
Scouts in Howard Crowley Room
Chips Ahoy! in McMillen Hall
Sanctuary Choir in Music Room
Men's Morning Fellowship via Zoom
Food Closet Distribution
Food Closet Distribution
SPAA in DeVries Gathering Place
AIAnon in Howard Crowley Room
Shower Ministry in McMillen Hall
Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube
Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207
Coffee Fellowship in DGP
Book Study in Room 202
Stepping Stones Bible Class in Room 204
Christmas Gift Ministry in HCR
Youth Bible Study in Upper Rooms

CPC Staff

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. The office is typically open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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MUSIC APPRECIATION

As our website says, “Music enhances our worship services and brings us closer to God. CPC members and friends of all ages are invited to make a joyful noise together.” Today we take a moment to express our appreciation to all those who have accepted the invitation to lead us in worship each week. And a special thank you to **Keith Atwater**, Music Director, for his dedication to leading, planning, conducting, organizing, adjusting, and enriching our worship experience at CPC.

Music Leadership

Keith Atwater, Music Director
Heidi Van Regenmorter,
organ & piano

Praise Team

Gabe Bisho, piano
Will Condrey, drums
Michael Schwab, guitar
(through May 2025)
Merlyn Van Regenmorter,
bass guitar
Tara Calderon, vocalist
Jenny DeVries, vocalist
Karen Gray, vocalist
Anita Lawson, vocalist
Laura Leek, vocalist
Beth Lindley, vocalist
Julie Ueltzen, vocalist

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, Director
Marianne Lowenthal,
Accompanist
David Stoffel, Assistant
Connor Galbraith
Evie Galbraith
Liam Galbraith
Abby Grace
James Grace
Lucy Merkel
Sierra Merkel
Quinn Seaburg
Gabe Stoffel
Ryan Stoffel
Miriam Bitar, alumni helper
Mackenzie Parker,
alumni helper

Sanctuary Choir

Doris Beckert
Lisa Benadom
Alexis Davidson
John Forsblad
Cathy Galvin
Beu Harris
Ivan Herman
Susan Herman
Anita Lawson
Odette Ledesma
Beth Lindley
Margie Marshall
Dave Mathews
Rebecca Parker
Bonnie Pearson
Antonio Perricone
Janann Poteet
Brook Silvernail
John Simpson
Larry Smith
Dave Studer
Nancy Studer
Garrett Torgerson
Merlyn Van Regenmorter
Ian Ward
Jim Wurz

Audio/Video Tech Team

Noor Bitar
Michael Gray
Michael Lombrano
Bruce MacLean
Steve Parker
Kiyo Romais
David Stoffel

Mission Bells

Rikki Pratt, Director
(through May 2025)
Jenny DeVries
Linda Franke
Cathy Galvin
Natsuki Grace
Karen Gray
Patti Grimm
Susan Herman
Carol Honnold
Lynette Ledesma
Jane Magaw
Caron Treon

Guest Musicians

Elena Bennett, violin
Rigsby Burns, drums
Jenny DeVries, guitar
Beu Harris, clarinet
Michael Lombrano, drums
Hannah Ludwig, guest soloist
Rikki Pratt, guest soloist
Zorana Randjelovic-Flores,
piano
Tom Roehr, trumpet
Clarke Stokes, drums
Trina Spivack, piano
Mikhail Sumarokou, bayan