

Parish Notes

Carmichael Presbyterian Church



July 19, 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 starts after the Time for Young People (about 10:15 a.m.) in Room 206.

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 & 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.

Let us know you're watching!
Register your attendance HERE!



Remember in Prayer:

- **Victims of Natural Disasters & Violence Worldwide**
- **Westminster Woods Campers**
- **Mary Miller**
- **Chauncey Hayes**
- **Darlene Little**
- **Anne Parker**
- **Beth Lindley**
- **Dave Mathews**
- **Mary Simpson**
- **Hazel Smith**
- **Janice Nielsen**
- **Linda Gracey**
- **Pastor Keith DeVries**
- **Marsha Cook**
- **Len Tozier**
- **Odette Ledesma**
- **Carol Jones**
- **James Wurz**
- **Ron Morris**
- **Bill Walker**
- **Julie Leporiere**
- **John & Kate Erlich**
- **Jan Hill**
- **Jymmye Black**
- **Dennis McAllister** (friend of Carolyn & Gordon McGregor)
- **Emily Brown** (Linda Franke's daughter-in-law)
- **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)
- **Amber Smyth** (Jimmi Mishler's granddaughter)
- **Mark Ostman** (Hal Millering's cousin's husband)
- **Jill Hesser** (former CPC member)
- **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)
- **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)



Welcome, Rev. Cathy Chang

We welcome Rev. Cathy Chang as our guest preacher today. In 2015, Presbyterian World Mission commissioned Rev. Cathy Chang and husband Juan with their daughter Aurelie, as PC(USA) mission co-workers to serve in the Philippines. In March 2025 when Presbyterian World Mission transitioned to Global Ecumenical Partnerships (GEP), Cathy accepted the new position of International Global Ecumenical Liaison for South Asia & Pacific. This position is with an agency of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) called Presbyterian Life & Witness. Her area of specialization is forced migration and anti-human trafficking. She and her family now reside in Antelope, where she is an airplane ride away from international partners.

Ordination and Installation

It is our joy and privilege to ordain and install these members to serve as ruling elders and deacons:

Elders:

Juan Lopez Carrasco*, Class of 2029

Liliane Morin*, Class of 2027

Rebecca Parker, Class of 2029

*-to be ordained

Deacons:

Noor Bitar*, Class of 2029

Laura Garwood, Class of 2027

Patty Kepner, Class of 2027

Dani Romais, Class of 2028

Leon Wartinger, Class of 2027

Summer Sunday Seminar TODAY

Jerusalem has long been called "the navel of the world," and this ancient city, now the disputed modern capital of Israel, contains in and around its walls the remains of the Jewish Second Temple; the Islamic shrine called the Dome of the Rock as well as the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and nearby, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Mount of Olives, and Garden of Gethsemane.

Join Music Director Keith Atwater, retired Professor of Humanities and Religious Studies at American River College, for "Jerusalem, Holy City to Three Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" today at 11:15 a.m. in McMillen Hall. Keith will offer an "armchair tour" of these key places and their deep significance as found in archaeology, sacred texts (the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, the holy Qur'an) and the faith, hopes, and dreams of millions.



Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by **Kristi Calcagno** and family in celebration of **Ann Kerr's** 82nd birthday.

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the family of **Don Cox**, who passed away on July 14. A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

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.

Paul Buehler

Donald Drudik

Jeanne Durden

Una Edwards

Senior Fraud Prevention Workshop

All are invited to learn more about how to avoid being the victim of fraud at a free workshop on Wednesday, July 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the DeVries Gathering Place. Topics include financial scams in the age of AI, online safety, digital security, and common types of fraud with real world examples. Lunch is included. RSVP by July 26 to Kathy Lewin at 916-955-4601 or kslewin@sbcglobal.net

Mothership Summer Diaper Drive

Now through August 31, CPC's Mothership Marinership is hosting a diaper drive to support the CPC Food Closet. Diapers are an essential health necessity for young families, but they are often a major financial strain as public assistance programs rarely cover them. This summer, we can help bridge that gap for parents in our community by purchasing diapers in any size (sizes 4, 5, and 6 are often in the highest demand) and bringing them the collection bins at CPC until August 31. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us keep local babies clean, dry, and healthy.

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. The registration deadline is August 15. You can find the registration form at <https://carmichaelpres.org/event/womens-retreat/> or pick up a form in the the church office during the week. For more details, contact Sharon MacLean at sharmac617@gmail.com.

Donate Sanctuary Flowers

You can donate flowers to adorn our Sanctuary during worship on Sundays! The cost is \$65 for one bouquet or \$115 for both bouquets. It's easy to do: go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA4AE29A5FE3-60693685-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 help you sign up over the phone. This is a meaningful way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. You may keep the flowers after worship or have our Deacons deliver them to someone in need of a bit of cheer.

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, July 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, July 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

Monday, July 20 @ 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 20 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Thursday, July 23 @ 8:30 a.m.

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Thursday, July 23 @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 24 @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 25 @ 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 25 @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 26 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 26 @ 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, July 26 @ 11:00 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube

Summer Sunday School in Room 206

Coffee Fellowship in DGP

Summer Sunday Seminar in McMillen Hall

Kiwanis Band Rehearsal in Music Room

World Relief in Room 109

Food Closet Distribution

Companions Study in DGP

GA in Room 202

Food Closet Distribution

Girl Scouts in Room 202

AA in DeVries Gathering Place

Chips Ahoy! in McMillen Hall

Scouts in Howard Crowley Room

Inclusion Task Force Group in Library

Men's Morning Fellowship via Zoom

Food Closet Distribution

Food Closet Distribution

SPAA in DeVries Gathering Place

Alanon in Howard Crowley Room

County Work Crew

Pre-Wedding Reception in McMillen Hall

Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube

Summer Sunday School in Room 206

Coffee Fellowship in DGP

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PERSEVERING *toward* WHOLENESS

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, addressed constitutional governance, racial justice, gender justice, denominational finances and the direction of the church, laying groundwork for work continuing through the next assembly.

Co-moderators elected, GA228 to be held in Puerto Rico

Commissioners elected the **Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero**, border ministry coordinator for the Tres Rios Border Foundation in Tres Rios Presbytery, and the **Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer**, pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa, as co-moderators. They will preside at GA228, June 11-22, 2028, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Commissioners also **approved full, in-person assemblies**, including an exhibit hall, beginning in 2030.

Budget and per capita

Commissioners approved a **balanced \$188.4 million unified budget** for Presbyterian Life & Witness (PL &W) and the A Corporation for the 2027–2028 biennium, about \$5.8 million more than the previous budget: \$90.45 million for 2027 and \$97.92 million for 2028. Per capita rates were set at \$13.04 in 2027 and \$12.72 in 2028.

General Assembly Relationships

The GAR Committee approved the new Organization for Mission, the structure for the General Assembly as the denomination's highest council, and **established PL&W** and its governing board.

Israel/Palestine

Commissioners approved RIW-04, declaring that the **Israeli government has violated international law** prohibiting genocide in its war in Gaza. As amended, RIW-04 directs the denomination's Office of Public

Witness to advocate against U.S. military sales to Israel and purchases from Israel. It also encourages members to avoid products from Israeli companies linked to violations of international law.

Constitutional interpretation, missiology, and mission co-worker dismissals

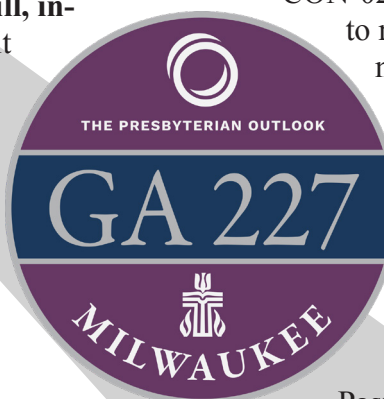
Following testimony on staff dismissals during **World Mission's closure**, the assembly approved CON-02, directing PL&W and the A Corporation to revise employment policies to prohibit nondisclosure covenants for employees, with a report due to the 2028 assembly. RIW-01 calls for review of the processes that terminated mission co-worker positions and World Mission. RIW-02 directs the development of a new missiological statement for global engagement.

Pastors will now be required to complete **boundary and abuse-prevention training** at least every three years. An overture to remove the Board of Pensions' medical coverage requirements was rejected.

Commissioners referred CON-10, which seeks an authoritative interpretation of monogamy, for discussion within the theological framework proposed in GEN-09, "Beyond Changing Families."

Gender and Sexuality Justice

The Constitutional Interpretation Committee **rejected a call for a special study of the Olympia Overture amendments**, citing related proposals GEN-06 and GEN-09. GEN-06 directs the development



of a mechanism that would allow congregations to indicate their openness and readiness to call an LGBTQIA+ candidate on their Ministry Discernment Profiles. Candidates would be allowed to view congregational responses. GEN-09, “Beyond Changing Families: Flourishing Relationships and Belonging,” seeks a theological framework and a study guide on human sexuality and gender that reflect the PC(USA)’s commitment to full inclusion.

The assembly reaffirmed support for **access to medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare** and approved development of a survey collecting non-identifying information about sexual misconduct in church settings.

Climate and Environmental Justice

The Climate Justice Committee approved CLJ-02, “Changing Course for a Green Future,” **directing divestment from more than 50 companies** by 2030 and barring new investments in them. All CLJ items were placed on the consent agenda, including a call for education on regenerative farming and prioritizing responses to the climate crisis.

White Christian nationalism

Commissioners voted overwhelmingly to declare White Christian nationalism and similar ideologies “**a theological error**” incompatible with the teachings of Jesus Christ; language changes in the *Book of Order* require presbytery ratification. Commissioners rejected an amendment that would have removed references to White Christian nationalism from the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Race report.

Racial justice

The Racial Justice Committee advanced several recommendations **strengthening the denomination’s**

anti-racism work, including RAC-04, “The Report from the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Race,” directing “PL&W to create a tracking system that displays the progress/ completion of all GA business... related to race, racism, and White supremacy ...”

RAC-01 calls for PC(USA) entities to report to the 228th GA on implementation of RGJ-13, the 2022 Report from the Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force. RAC-03, the “Resolution on Liberia Project 180,” explores establishing theological learning and repair, and developing **acknowledgment and apology for Presbyterian involvement** in and support of the American Colonization Society and its lasting effects on Indigenous Liberians.

Ordered ministry

The Theological Education and Ordination Committee approved changes **modernizing preparation for ministry** while preserving Presbyterian ordination standards. ORD-02 clarifies that ministry preparation in G-2.06 and G-2.07 of the *Book of Order* applies to those training for the ministry of Word and Sacrament; it requires a two-thirds presbytery vote. ORD-03, addressing collaborative ministry teams, was approved; ORD-04, seeking removal of the time-of-service requirement for ruling elders in mid council roles, was not.

A new confession

A newly appointed special committee will continue **considering a new confession**. The draft seeks to articulate Christian faith in response to contemporary challenges including racism, economic inequality, environmental degradation, violence and political polarization.

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