Carmel Presbyterian Church Baptism of The Lord First Sunday of Epiphany Ordination and Installation of Church Officers January 9, 2022



Order of Worship*

* Please stand, as able. Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

Greeting and Announcements -

Prelude – Caithness, Rosalie Bonighton
"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively; From: Psalm 29; Luke 3:21-22) -

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

* Opening Hymn No. 461 – "God Is Here!" — (ABBOT'S LEIGH)

Call to Confession -

Prayer of Confession (In unison; from: Isaiah 43:4; Luke 3:22) – Pastor Ashley

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively.) -

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

I belong to God. Alleluia! Amen.

- * Gloria Hymn No. 567 "Glory to the Father" (Gloria Patri)
- * Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively.) -

Since God loved us so much, we are free to love one another.

Let us love one another, since love comes from God.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Peace be with you!

(Remaining in your pew, greet one another, sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)

Children's Message -

(Following the Children's Message, children third grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison.) –

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading —

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 1-7. Do not fear, I am with you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

But now, says the Lord the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life. Don't fear, I am with you. From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you.

I'll say to the north, "Give them back!"
and to the south, "Don't detain them."
Bring my sons from far away,
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name
and whom I created for my glory,
whom I have formed and made.

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

* Hymn No. 180 – "The God of Heaven" – (GLORY)

(Based on today's Psalm from the lectionary Psalm 29. Glorify the name of the Lord, who reigns over the waters.)

New Testament Reading -

Our second reading from the lectionary is Acts, chapter 8, verses 14-17. People previously baptized in Jesus' name receive the Holy Spirit. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.). So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading -

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 3, verses 15-17, 21-22. John baptizes Jesus; the Spirit descends; God says: You are my Son. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."

.... When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Pastor Peter

"All Because of Baptism—Called by Name"

* Hymn No. 525 – "Here I Am, Lord"" – (Daniel L. Schutte)

A Service of Ordination and Installation -

Sentences of Scripture (Read responsively) -

There are different of gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in different ways,

But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

Statement of Ordination and Installation -

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the Risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:

Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be the slave of all!

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Presentation of the Newly Elected Officers (The Clerk of Session continues:) - Nancy Pinkowicz

Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Leslie Donaghy to be ordained and installed as Ruling Elder; and, Elders Lisa Lent, Barbara Podrost and David Rice, having been elected again to active service by the vote of this congregation, may now be installed to office as Ruling Elder.

I bring Nicole Bohlander, Steven Heintz, Jr., and Jedidiah Smith, having been elected again to active service by the vote of this congregation, may now be installed to office as Deacon.

I bring Linda MacFarland and Barbara Knox to be recognized as Shepherds as they fulfill their service to Carmel.

Constitutional Questions to the Elders and Deacons Elect –

Nicole, Leslie, Steven, Lisa and Barbara, David, and Jed: God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way.

You know who we are and what we believe and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? I will.

Questions to the Elders being Ordained -

Leslie: will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

Questions to the Ordained Elders and Deacons Again Elected –

Elders Lisa, Barbara, and David; and, Deacons Nicole, Steven, and Jed: you have been called again to a position of special leadership in the church.

Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will your serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in his promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?

I do and I will.

Questions to the Newly Elected Shepherds (for Shepherds being recognized) –

Linda and Barbara: will you be a faithful Shepherd, exercising diligence in making preparations for worship and Holy Communion? Will you be attentive to your district and be a helpful presence to people in their times of need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

I will.

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation (The Clerk of Session) – Nancy Pinkowicz

Do we, the members of the Carmel Presbyterian Church, accept Leslie, Lisa, Barbara, and David as Elders, Nicole, Steven, and Jed as Deacons and Linda and Barbara as Shepherds, and chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

* The Laying on of Hands -

(Regularly, Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Elders and Deacons are invited forward for the laying on of hands. Due to the special circumstances of the pandemic, we will ask them to stand where they are seated rather than approaching the Chancel. Candidate: Leslie Donaghy, if able, shall kneel.)

Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these servants whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

(The candidate may pray the following prayer:)

God our Father: you have chosen me. Now give me strength, wisdom, and love to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

* Prayer of Ordination and Installation (In unison)

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

* Declaration of Ordination and Installation -

Leslie, Lisa, Barbara, and David, you are now Ruling Elders and, Nicole, Steven, and Jed, you are now Deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for Carmel Presbyterian Church. Linda and Barbara, you are now Shepherds serving Carmel Presbyterian Church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Amen.

* Tapping the Right Elbow of Christian Fellowship

(Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Elders, and Deacons participating at the Chancel shall welcome those newly installed tapping the right elbow and sharing the words:)

Welcome to this ministry.

* The Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed Church Officers

Faithful is the one who has called you. Faithfully our Lord will work out what Christ has set out to accomplish in you and through you. Love and serve the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength!

Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns -

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (Using 'debts' & 'debtors') -

Invitation to the Offering -

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

As people who have passed through the waters of baptism, let us make our grateful offering to God our Redeemer.

Offertory – "Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me", K. Lee Scott Sanctuary Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

* Doxology No 592 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (DOXOLOGY)

* Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts and Tithes –

Let us pray,

O God: at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 492 – "Baptized in Water" – (BUNESSAN)

* Charge and Benediction (Read responsively.) -

We have been with Jesus to the River of Jordan, river of life, river of promise. Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of promise.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who stood with sinners on the river bank, uphold you. May the love of God, who calls us beloved children, bless you. May the power of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will join with us again. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with a Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning are in loving memory of all past librarians of Carmel's Library and in honor of our current devoted volunteers by Gail Warburton, Carmel's Librarian.

SESSION IS SUSPENDING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN CARMEL HALL – Due to the pandemic, Session is prudently suspending Coffee Fellowship time after Sunday worship in Carmel Hall.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WELL INFORMED—CHECK OUT CARMEL'S NEW WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and find out the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

Stewardship Giving Envelopes in the church foyer arranged alphabetically. If you need a yearly **Giving/Pledge Card**, they may be picked up near the **Offering Plate** as you enter the sanctuary. Please drop in the plate or return to the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity in caring for others through your church family!

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering Nursery Care and Children's Worship (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for Nursery Care and Melissa MacFarland for Children's Worship. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, please call the Church Office by Friday noon, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the Children's Message. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES: Refuge will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets designated Sundays, 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Loft.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STUDY LED BY THE SENIOR PASTOR Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am, Fellowship Lounge will take a "pause" during Advent and Christmas and resumes in January. Talk with Pastor Peter about what you would like to take up for study and if you'd like to meet during the week. The group is considering adding a new class time during the week to involve those who are unable to make the Sunday morning class.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE are available from the Ushers.

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – All are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing at your and other's comfort levels during worship and when inside the church facilities

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. See below!

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Participating in Worship this Morning

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor
Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
David Rice, Liturgist
Nancy Pinkowicz, Clerk of Session
The Sanctuary Choir
Ken Schuyler and Janet Simon, Greeter/Ushers
Patricia Agbote and Cindy Keshishian, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Gary Moll and Kerr, Live-Streaming Operators

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409 and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409
"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

For those Participating and Facilitating in Worship

By attending in-person worship at Carmel Presbyterian Church you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and variants and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and its variants may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against Carmel Presbyterian Church and church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.

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God Is Here!





Glory to the Father

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*May be sung as a canon.

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The God of Heaven

GLORY Irregular



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Here I Am, Lord



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592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



* Or "God."

Baptized in Water

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