

Carnegie Presbyterian Church

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Being a community of devoted believers, we are: **Gathered by the Holy Spirit**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT of PREPARATION † Isaiah 42:9-10a**

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!

**CALL to WORSHIP**

One: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**ALL: Christ has come, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**ALL: The Holy Spirit is among us now. In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.**

One: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**ALL: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now, in Christ, we join our hearts to Worship God, who has prepared for us to enter to the kingdom of God.**

**\* OPENING PRAISE SONG † Jesus Shall Reign**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore 'til suns shall rise and set no more  
People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early praising of his name

***To our king be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign  
Jesus shall reign***

Let every creature rise and bring blessing and honour to our king  
Angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the loud amen

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**CALL to CONFESSION • PRAYER of CONFESSION** *(Unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION of GRACE**

**\* GLORI PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**\* SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

Growing in faith

**\* PRAISE SONG † Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Jesus, lover of my soul  
Jesus, I will never let You go  
You've taken me from the miry clay  
You've set my feet upon the rock  
And now I know

I love you  
I need you  
Though my world may fall  
I'll never let You go  
My Savior  
My closest Friend  
I will worship You until the very end

*(repeat whole song)*

**\* PRAYER of ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2: 1-12

**SERMON † Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro**

Dying with Christ

**Affirmation of Faith † Brief Statement of Faith**

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

**\* HYMN † Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,  
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Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
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**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going to share the good news of God's love

**OFFERING of our LIVES & GIFTS**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\* CLOSING HYMN † Go Tell It On the Mountain**

*[Refrain] Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

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While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **[Refrain]**

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **[Refrain]**

**\* CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\* SENDING † Go Tell It On the Mountain**

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Carnegie Presbyterian Church is a caring and serving community of  
devoted believers in Jesus Christ called to inspire and nurture the  
spiritual health and physical well-being of our neighboring communities.



**P.S. only 71 days to SPRING!!**  
(March 20 @ 5:26pm)

A friendly reminder to check your email  
during the winter months for any change for  
Sunday service due to the weather conditions.

Thank you!

**STAY SAFE,**  
*Warm and Well*

Please remember the importance of giving.  
You can mail your contribution to the address listed  
below, drop it in the offering plate  
on Sunday or give online.  
Please give as your able.  
Thank you.

