

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

Steadfast Hope: when we want to make all the rules so we can win every game, you call us to your side, put your arm around us and whisper, 'play fair!' When we tremble in fear, worried that our lives are about to crash to the bottom, you place us in the hollow of your heart and give us safety. - Rev Thom Shuman

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Prelude in G Major - Anonymous

Mary Anne Taylor

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

Will Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Carter

Each morning, God's grace awakens us, each evening, God's peace cradles us.

**Compassion is our constant companion, as we go through work,
school, the day.**

In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words that can change our lives.

**Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we can carry out
fairness.**

When we find ourselves groping in shadows, God's light will provide a way home.

**We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we return home, and
find a feast prepared.**

HYMN

You Are Mine
Phil McGhee, songleader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

We know, despite our sincere efforts to live in God's way, that all too easily we slip off the path to the kingdom. Trusting that God will answer our prayers and forgive us, let us confess our sins, as we pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people
equally, we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your children,
we arrogantly assume others are not so honored; challenged to be
examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our family and
friends. Forgive us, Giver of Rest. Enable us to stop putting you to the
test, so we can open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of
compassion and hope. As Jesus Christ, and Savior, has given all for us,
may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully...
*Silence is kept... Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

Hear the good news, the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all. God has heard our prayers and done the very things we asked - forgiven us, healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

**** The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's colleague and friend, Rev. Thom M. Shuman and can be found in his book Playing Hopscotch in Heaven.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Andy and Mary Anne Taylor

As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Psalm 99 Rev. Michael Moore

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

ANTHEM

Give Me a Grateful Heart
CPC Choir Ensemble
Brianna Cunningham, director

Joseph Martin

Give me a grateful heart that moves in humble praise.
Lord, give a heart that beats Your goodness and Your grace.
Lord, let me show Your love and faithfulness each day.
Give me a grateful heart, O God.

In the time of storm,
In the shadows of the night,
There flows a perfect peace sent from Your throne.
When the morning breaks,
When Your blessings I can see,

In a never-ending stream,
More than I could ever dream.
I find the fullness of Your perfect love.

Yet, I ask for one thing more,
Give me a grateful heart, O Lord.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 Rev. Michael Moore
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God

SERMON Is it Really About Taxes or Whom We Serve? Rev. Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our 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

WORD OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

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FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Soul, Bless Your redeemer (STUTT GART)
Dawn McCord, organ

Paul Hicks

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Jim Carter

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand

Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are many ministries that Carrollton Presbyterian Church supports in our community and beyond. You may give of your time, talent, and tithes by contacting the church office, mailing a check to the church or by giving online through Realm Communications or carrolltonpresbyterian.church. Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.

Greetings from your Communications Team! We hope you've been watching the worship services every Sunday. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jared Price and Keith Ellison for putting together this weekly gift to all of us. Although Carrollton Presbyterian is looking at ways to get back to live worship, we are still working hard to make virtual worship the best it can be. Currently, we're looking for a volunteer from the congregation to spend about 10 hours a week to assist Keith in editing the service. If you feel like you can help, please contact Mimi Gentry at mimigentry123@bellsouth.net or at 770-630-1097.

Come and worship!



October 25, 2020 at 11:00 am we will celebrate the Kirkin 'O' the Tartans and Reformation Sunday with worship on the front lawn of the church. Please wear masks, practice social distancing, and bring your chair, bible, and printed bulletin or cellphone to follow the bulletin. There will be boxes provided to give your offering, if you so desire.



November 1, 2020, 11:00 am, we will observe All Saints' Sunday with a worship service outside on the front church lawn. We ask the same procedures to be followed as the Kirkin service. You will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died since November 1 .2019.

Both of these services will be streamed live for those of you who chose to watch the services at home. Feel free to contact Mary Anne Taylor, worship chairperson or the church office with any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, October 19		
Tuesday, October 20		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks- The Prophets	
Wednesday, October 21		
7:00 p.m.	CPC Masked Singers choir rehearsal	
Thursday, October 22		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
6:30 p.m.	Wine and the Word Circle	
Friday, October 23		
Saturday, October 24		
Sunday, October 25		
9:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	
11:00 a.m.	Streaming Worship Service	Worship Team

* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.

Session Members: Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Mary Anne Taylor (Worship), Dena Wilson (Fellowship & Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Carolyn Aycock (Stewardship & Finance), Pat Sheffield (Member Care), Jared Price (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Patti Stewart (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)