

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reformation Sunday and

Kirkin'O'the Tartans

October 25, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

"In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world, the world of renunciation and supposed holiness. ... This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud. ... I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun." - Thomas Merton's Epiphany from his book, Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander

GATHERING MUSIC

Tunes for the Piper
James Stephens, pipes; Dylan Burch, drums

Traditional

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Hearnburg

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Don Rice, piano

Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

From a prayer by Peter Marshall
Bill Hearnburg

We do need you, Lord.

We need you now.

We know that we can do without many of the things that once we thought were necessities.

but without you we cannot live, and dare not die.

We needed you when shadows were thrown across the thresholds of our lives,
and you did not fail us then;

When sickness laid a hand upon our families,
and we cried to you, and you did hear.

Speak to us, that we may have courage for hard times, strength for difficult places, determination for challenging tasks.

We ask of you no easy way, but only your grace that is sufficient for every need,

So that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky,

we shall be enabled to overcome. Praise be to God!

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bill Hearnburg

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

Adapted from The Church of Scotland

Almighty God, you are always with us and we can only ask your forgiveness for the many times we forget this in our daily lives. We bring all our burdens to you, Lord, our faults and hang-ups, our doubts and fears. Lord, you know us—better than we know ourselves. You know our needs - and the greatest is you -to know true peace of mind and soul that we are yours. Forgive us for the times we feel our faith is weak and we're just at a "dead Loss"! But you are a God of mercy and you can change us. Help us to see things with your eyes, to speak with your lips and to love with our Savior's heart. We depend on your mercy and trust in your love to overcome all that is evil without and within.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Bill Hearnburg

People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Bill Hearnburg

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown (Genesis 32:22-31)

Scottish Melody

READING FROM THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:34-46

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(adapted from the Scots Confession)

We confess and acknowledge one only God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust. God is eternal, infinite, unmeasurable, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created by God, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable Providence to such end, as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice hath appointed them, to the manifestation of his glory. 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**FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD****HYMN**

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers,
toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alba an Àigh

Anonymous

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Bill Hearnburg

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand

Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are boxes for your offering on the sidewalks of our worship space and we invite you to drop your offering in them at the conclusion of the service.

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!



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.

This service will be streamed live for those of you who chose to watch the service 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 26		
Tuesday, October 27		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks- The Prophets	
Wednesday, October 28		
7:00 p.m.	CPC Masked Singers choir rehearsal	
Thursday, October 29		
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 30		
Saturday, October 31		
Sunday, November 1		
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)

REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 25, 2020

Sanctuary Geneva

Not long after Roman Catholic Mary Tudor rose to the English throne in 1553, the outspoken Scottish reformer John Knox felt compelled to leave the British Isles. After a spell in Frankfurt, Knox joined a fellowship of religious refugees from across Europe who had thronged to Geneva.



The Swiss city's most famous resident, the French lawyer and humanist John Calvin, was himself a Geneva immigrant. His first prolonged stay in the city came years before, when war in Germany prevented him from traveling to Strasbourg.

Calvin helped create an atmosphere in Geneva welcoming to outsiders. A hospital was established for refugees, as well as an academy for their education. Knox ministered to a congregation of English-speaking refugees that met in the same auditorium where Calvin lectured, the Calvin Auditory, a building still in use today for English worship. The bustling mid-sixteenth century city reverberated with the polyglot theological and political ideas of the Reformation. Knox marveled at his time in Geneva, calling it "the most perfect school of Christ that ever was in the earth since the days of the apostles."

Calvin's emphasis on placing full trust in God, as opposed to any earthly ruler, aimed to infuse Genevan life with gratitude and faith. He hoped that the doctrine of salvation through election would ease the anxieties of a people living in an age of plague, war, and dislocation. For Calvin and for Knox, growing in trust of God and love for God enlarged a community's ability to respond to God's call to love and service, no matter where its residents came from.

A longer version of this history by PHS' Executive Director Beth S. Hessel can be found in *Presbyterians Today*, October 2017. Pictured: Geneva's Saint-Pierre Cathedral, adjacent to the Calvin Auditory.

Reformation Sunday materials are provided by the Presbyterian Historical Society. For more on the Reformation and PHS, visit www.history.pcusa.org/rs



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