

Many thanks to all who helped bring our enactment of "A Christmas Story Poem," by David TrenHolm to life:

Our narrator, Brad Yates

Our cast:

Mary—Marie Fujita-Block

Joseph—Logan Weaver

Shepherds—Liam Price, Jordan Fujita-Block, and Oliver Price

Star—Leevi Weaver


Innkeeper—Bess Stober

Angels—Kynzlyne Warren and Nik Ventarapragada

King Herod—Jared Price


Wisemen—Burns Stober, Porter Price, and Campbell Wilson

Many thanks also to Dr. Dawn McCord, Mimi Gentry,




Come and Bring Friends to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM
December 24th

On December 29th our Guest Pastor will be Leigh Hearnburg Jones a child of this church



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Betty Britt McGowan who passed away December 16, 2019.



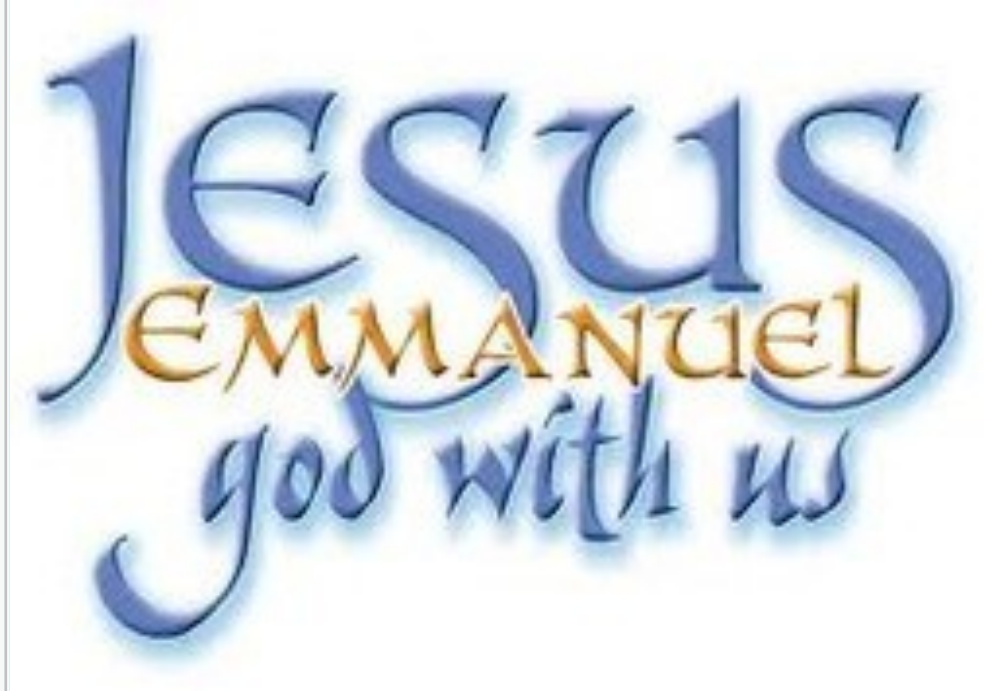
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WELCOME! Carrollton Presbyterian is a community of believers committed to welcoming all people in the name of Jesus Christ.
CHILDREN-CPC welcomes children and offers ways to make worship meaningful for them. Childcare is provided for children under 3 in our nursery downstairs. We have a child protection policy to promote safe, loving, and appropriate care.

<p>*Jared Price —Clerk of Session 470-539-7384 Jared.price@gmail.com Karen Hartley—Stewardship & Finance Team Mimi Gentry—Communications Team Mary Anne Taylor—Worship Team Dena Wilson—Fellowship & Worship Team Chase Robinson—Stewardship & Finance Pat Sheffield—Member Care Team Jackie Warren—Building & Grounds Team Linda Handyside—Christian Ed. Team Don Rice—Christian Ed. Team Candace Rader—Building & Grounds Team Patti Stewart—Outreach Team * Session Member on Call</p>	<p>NARRATOR: Brad Yates MUSIC DIRECTOR & Organist: Dawn McCord PIANIST: Leslie Goldsmith Liturgist: Mary Anne Taylor SOUND TECHNICIAN: Bryant Hand MUSICAL MEDITATIONS: Mary Anne Taylor Bryant Hand HANDBELL DIRECTOR: Amari Jimenez READERS: Bennett Brown Mike Handyside USHERS: Mark McCord, Jeb Brown</p>
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<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 5:30 pm ACA Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting</p> <p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 12:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting Noon Church Office Closed 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 11:00 am Soup Kitchen 5:30 pm ACA Meeting</p> <p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 12:00 Noon Al-Anon</p> <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28</p> <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 9:30am Sunday School 10:40 am Fellowship Break 11:00 am Worship</p>
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
4th Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 22, 2019
11:00 A.M.



Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God of power and grace, who comes to us in surprising ways—in angel appearances, in defeat of enemies, and in resurrection from the dead—show us the face of Immanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MEDITATIONS Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Bill Ingram
CPC Handbell Choir

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

()Please rise as you are able.*

OPENING SENTENCES

The day of the Lord is surely coming;
the promise of God will be fulfilled

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTY SECONDS FOR SERVICE

PRELUDE The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Robert J. Powell
Brianna Cunningham, Clarinet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look, O house of David! The Lord will give you a sign:
The young woman shall bear a child;
she shall name him Immanuel—
God is with us.
Listen, O house of David! The Lord draws near.
With love in our hearts, let us worship God!

***HYMN** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child 146

*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Horsley Family

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in peace,
The peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives the world.
Prepare, then, the way of the Lord

*RESPONSE IN SONG

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 85
Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming;
tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You call each of us by name and invite us to follow you. But we—like sheep—do not heed your voice; we stray from your path. Now we call upon your name. Save us from all that ensnares our lives!

Restore us, O God!

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You claim us for service and assure us we have nothing to fear. But we are timid disciples who discount dreams and discredit messengers, for we do not believe you can use a flock like us to usher in your reign.

Restore us, O God!

Let your face shine, that our faith may be made strong.

You come among us to enfold us with love. As we await the babe of Bethlehem, give us the steadfast faith of Joseph and the expectant hope of Mary, that we, too, may come in wonder to worship the newborn king.

Restore us, O God!

Let your face shine, that our trust may be renewed.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

“You are called to belong to Jesus Christ.” For the sake of the One God promised to send, named as God's Son, who died, was raised, and through whom we receive grace, God forgives all your sins. You are God's beloved, called to be saints. Grace to you and peace.

Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May hope, love, joy, and peace be yours this day and always. The peace of our coming Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** “People Look East” 105

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 7: 10-16 Pew Bible OT p. 636
Bennett Brown

ANTHEM My Lord Has Come Will Todd

GOSPEL Romans 1: 1-7 Pew Bible NT p. 151
Mike Handyside

A CHRISTMAS STORY Dave Trenholm

Narrator Bradford Yates

*They sang praises to God in the heavens so high!
What a huge celebration of joy to the earth
As the shepherds were told of their dear Saviour's birth*

Choir and congregation sing:

HYMN 119

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** Joy to the World 134

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

based on *The Confession of 1967* (9.19)

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of a new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Angel Carols Bill Ingram

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** 113

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!