

# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020 - 11:00 A. M.



### PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

#### CENTERING PRAYER

The Time of forgiveness for injuries past,  
The Sacrament of sharing without balancing the deed,  
The Moment of remembrance of graces forgotten,  
The Poem of joy making light the spirit,  
The Sense of renewal restoring the soul,  
The Day of thanksgiving for the goodness of God.  
CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF THE HEART. - Howard Thurman

#### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Go Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual  
Mary Anne Taylor

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Handyside

### PRELUDE

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice  
Dawn McCord, organ

Paul Manz

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the One who spoke and made everything!  
**Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.**  
Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!  
**Let the old folks tell familiar stories; let little children swim with dolphins.**  
Praise God!  
**We will sing of God's glory; we will shout our joy to the heavens.**

### HYMN

Joy to the World  
Del Williams, songleader

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Handyside

It is easy to become slaves to our passions, it is harder to live as God's children. Let us confess the easy choices we have made, so God can strengthen us to be faithful sisters and brothers of Christ.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Handyside

Abba God: we know that given the chance, we rarely praise others. We are guided more by meanness than by your gentleness. And we are seldom wise enough to listen to your voice, preferring the sweet, sweet songs of sin. Forgive us, Heart of Heaven. Touch those inner places of hope and joy that they might become the gifts we can offer to those around us, as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. ***Silence is kept.*** Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news: the time is now; the place is here: God has redeemed us from sin; God has claimed us as the children of Hope. Praise God, all people, for life is given to us anew; eternity is our home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 148 Rev. Michael Moore  
This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** Shepherd's Pipe Carol John Rutter  
Brianna Cunningham and Mimi Gentry, duet; Dawn McCord, organ

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 2:22-40 Rev. Michael Moore  
This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Share the Good News! Rev. Michael Moore

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)  
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(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**

**HYMN**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
CPC Ensemble, songleaders

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**WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING**

Linda Handyside

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and love in their lives.

**FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**HYMN**

Away in a Manger  
CPC Ensemble, songleaders

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Good King Wenceslas, Piae Cantiones  
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

Lloyd Larson

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman and is found in his book, [Where the Broken Gather](#) © 2014

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Linda Handyside

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison

Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand

Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, December 28		
Tuesday, December 29 2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Wednesday, December 30		
Thursday, December 31		
Friday, January 1	Happy New Year! Church Office Closed	
Saturday, January 2		
Sunday, January 3 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Tai Chi 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)