

# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### CENTERING PRAYER

I need Your sense of the future. Teach me to know that life is ever on the side of the future. Keep alive in me the future look, the high hope. Let me not be frozen either by the past or the present. Grant me, O Patient One, your sense of the future without which all life would sicken and die.

- Howard Thurman

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**    Come Thou Long Expected Jesus    Witt's Psalmodia Sacra  
Mary Anne Taylor

## **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bill Hearnburg

**PRELUDE**

O Little Town of Bethlehem    Lewis H. Redner  
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

You come to us, alive and present in that Word clothed in human flesh,  
    **so we might hear those songs about forgiveness, echoing with joy.**  
You come to us, Shepherd of God's people, feeding us with your peace.  
    **so we might go out and offer the bread of hope to all the lost.**  
You come to us, Spirit of comfort, welcoming us into the kingdom,  
    **where righteousness is our best friend, where justice lives right next  
door.**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

Al and Mim Jones

**HYMN**

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
Brianna Cunningham, songleader

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Bill Hearnburg

We can no longer play dumb. We not only know the lives we are called to lead,  
we are well aware of how we fail - through our words as well as our silence, by  
our deeds and in our unwillingness to act. Let us confess to the God who comes  
to us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Bill Hearnburg

You call us home to live with you, Comfort of the lost, but we are too busy  
right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction,  
seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to  
be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with

broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams. Yet you continue to cry out to us, Broken Heart, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is your Messenger of mercy. *Silence is kept.* Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us. God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace, not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Michael Moore

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

#### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Michael Moore

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#### **SERMON**

An Invitation to Journey Together

Rev. Michael Moore

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... Through Christ, with Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **The Communion of God's People**

#### **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**

#### **WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING**

Bill Hearnburg

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. Amen.

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

### **HYMN**

Prelude on LAND OF REST                      Anne Krentz Organ  
Handbell Quartet: Patti Steward, Candy Rader,  
Brianna Cunningham (director), Linda Handyside;  
Dawn McCord, piano

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Angels We Have Heard on High                      Henry Balcombe, arr.  
Dawn McCord, organ

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: Bill Hearnburg

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Even though we will not have Poinsettias in the sanctuary at Christmas, you can still honor and/or remember a loved one by donating in their name to Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Please specify if your donation is for the church or JOY Gift Offering. These donations will be acknowledged in the December 20th bulletin. You can give through Realm communications, our church website or mail a check to the church office. Please be sure to give us the person's name(s) you want honored or in remembrance. Also include how you want the donor's name(s) listed. The deadline for these is December 14<sup>th</sup>.



Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Sandra Hamilton, on her death on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Please plan to attend the Zoom Congregational meeting after worship on Dec 13th**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
<b>Monday, December 7</b>		
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b> 2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>		
<b>Thursday, December 10</b> 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Open Hands - Food Wine and the Word Circle	Outreach Team Outreach Team
<b>Friday, December 11</b>		
<b>Saturday, December 12</b>		
<b>Sunday, December 13</b> 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Immediately following Worship	Tai Chi Streaming Worship Service Zoom Congregational Meeting	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)