

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

The symbol of Christmas—what is it? It is the rainbow arched over the roof of the sky when clouds are heavy and foreboding... It is the promise of tomorrow at the close of every day, the movement of life in defiance of death, and the assurance that love is sturdier than hate, that right is more confident than wrong, that good is more permanent than evil. - Howard Thurman

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Bryant Hand

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allen Somerlot

PRELUDE

In Christ Alone
Dawn McCord, organ

Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

On that first day when time began:

you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.

HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River
Devon Hill and Del Williams, songleaders

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Allen Somerlot

You and I are now the ones who step forth out of the safe waters of baptism, to bring hope, to share a word of grace, to carry healing into the brokenness of the lives around us. Let us confess how we still struggle to follow in faith wherever Jesus leads us. Join me as we pray, saying:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Allen Somerlot

Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us: when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways, when we speak ill of your friends. As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer

needed, when we fail to see him in the broken of the world. Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little. *Silence is kept.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news! Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people - redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 1:1-5

Rev. Michael Moore

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

ANTHEM

My Lord, What a Morning
Johnny Jackson and Mimi Gentry, vocals; Dylan Burch, guitar

Spiritual

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Michael Moore

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SERMON

Remembering Our Own Baptism

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

WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

Allen Somerlot

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

Baptized in Water
Brianna Cunningham songleader

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

John Henry Hopkins, arr.

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: Allen Somerlot

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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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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, January 11		
Tuesday, January 12		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks-Westminster Hall	
Wednesday, January 13		
Thursday, January 14		
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, January 15		
Saturday, January 16		
Sunday, January 17		
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)