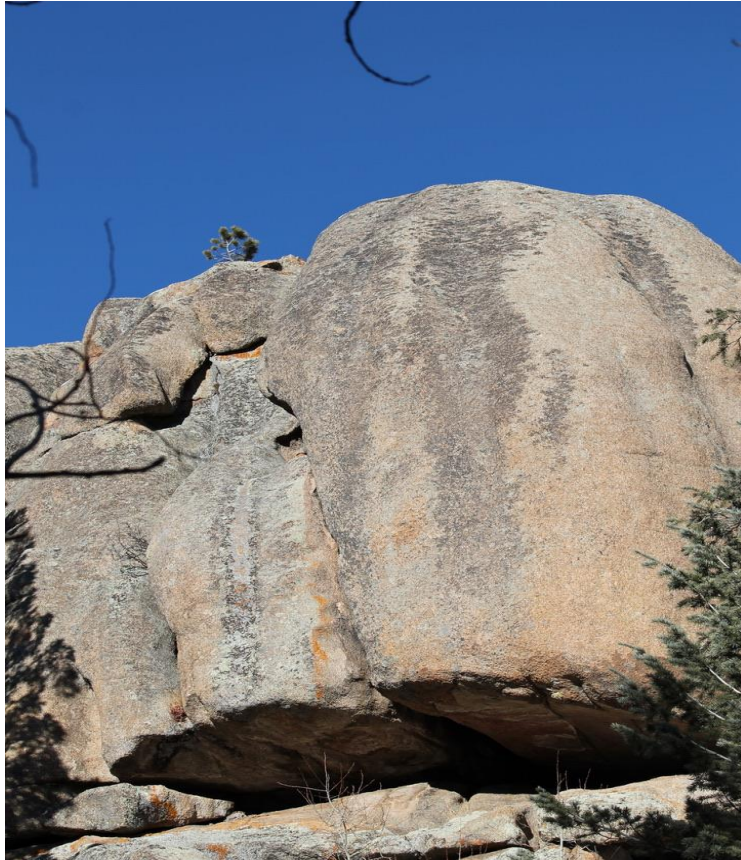


CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart. - Howard Thurman

MUSICAL MEDITATION

One Small Child
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

David Meece

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Anne Taylor

PRELUDE

Were You There on That Christmas Night
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

Natalie Sleeth

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,
**who gathers us together from the farthest parts of the world to
worship in joy and hope.**

On this day, we remember the simple graces of the bread and the cup,
those plain gifts shaped by God's love into nourishing hope.

On this day, we remember the gifts of water and oil,
cleansing us in the baptismal pools, anointing us as God's children.

HYMN

Angels From the Realms of Glory
CPC Ensemble, songleaders

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Anne Taylor

Have we really been to Bethlehem? Have we worshipped at the manger? Have we changed, for the better? Or have we simply gone back to being the people we were before the joy, the peace, the gifts of Christmas? Let us confess how we have not lived as those who have seen the Baby, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Anne Taylor

God of Christmas: we are still playing with our new toys, the manger figures have not been put away; we have the stacks of Christmas cards, but we memorize the words sin has taught us; we make promises we cannot keep, we fail to see the pain and hurt we cause. God of the angels and shepherds forgive us, your Word has come to reshape our lives; your Light has come to show us the way home; your Son has come to make us your family. Have mercy and make us new people. This we pray in the name of Jesus. *Silence is kept.*
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew. God's forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us. What a marvelous gift - forgiveness! Filled with hope and new life, we can sing God's praises forever. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Rev. Michael Moore

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Setting of ADORA TE

Anne Krentz Organ

CPC Handbell Quartet

Brianna Cunningham, (director), Linda Handyside, Candy Radar, Patti Stewart

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

John 1: 1-18

Rev. Michael Moore

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SERMON

The Light Still Shines!

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.

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

Mary Anne Taylor

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

Go Tell it on the Mountain
Del Williams, songleader

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

That Boy Child of Mary
Dawn McCord, organ

Timothy Shaw

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: Mary Anne Taylor

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, January 4		
Tuesday, January 5		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks-Westminster Hall	
Wednesday, January 6		
Thursday, January 7		
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 8		
Saturday, January 9		
Sunday, January 10		
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)