

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope. - Thomas Merton

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you into the sacred silence as we prepare our hearts for worship. The Musical Meditations are a part of that preparation and we are so thankful for Mary Anne and Don who share their musical offerings each week.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

A.J. Showalter

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Anne Taylor

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Arr: Mary E. Byrne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Carter

We are not our own:

so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

We are not on our own:

so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

We are not our own, we are God's:

so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.

***OPENING HYMN**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

GTG #393

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim Carter

We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God with our words and deeds, with our silence and inaction. Let us confess to God our sins, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy. Let us pray saying-

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Carter

Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words

that find no rest until they pierce another's heart. Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life. -- *Silence is kept* -- Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Joannah Cook

With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God forgives us; with joy, God embraces us. With our lips, we praise God; with our words, we thank God; with our silence, we find God in our hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be To The Father

GTG #581

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-32

Rev. Joannah Cook

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

***HYMN**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

GTG #718

SERMON

Wrestling With God

Rev. Joannah Cook

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to

accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

Jim Carter

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.

OFFERTORY

Make Your Face To Shine

(you are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG #606

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

GTG #726

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

****POSTLUDE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Wm M Runyan

* You are invited to stand, if able

** You are invited to remain seated for the postlude

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

Please refrain from talking after the Benediction. The livestream doesn't end until after the postlude and conversations can be heard during the livestream.

"We are livestreaming this service so people can join us wherever they are. Please know that we have cameras recording, and your image may show up on our broadcast. Thanks so much."

Thanks to everyone who is viewing from home. You're as much a part of this service as anyone attending in person. You add power to our congregation's prayer and praise.

Joannah grew up in Athens, GA and graduated from UGA with a biology degree. She went to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. After seminary, she spent four years teaching high school, 7 years in inner-city ministry and now serves as a chaplain. She is grateful for the excellent training she received at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and her first years as a staff chaplain working in hospice. Joannah was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the PC (USA) in 2013. She has served at Tanner Health System for over 6 years and enjoys being able to meet people from all walks of life and share God's unconditional love with them.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Joannah Cook

Organist: Bryant Hand

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Jim Carter

Musical Meditation: Mary Anne Taylor

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison

Jared Price, Jane Taylor, and Denise Moore

Ushers: Al & Mim Jones



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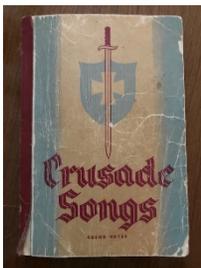
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



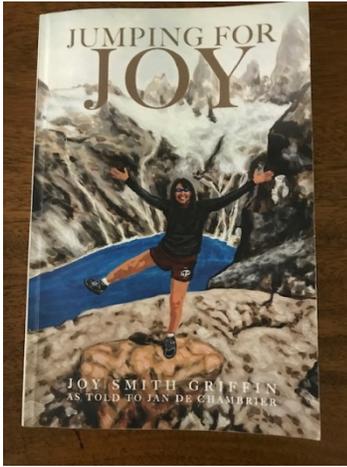
Are you missing some of your favorite "old time", gospel, revival type hymns? Maybe there's a hymn you sang as a child that you would love to hear. Let me know a hymn you like and I will play it for the Musical Meditations. Email, text or call me. I'm starting today with an oldie but goodie "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Mary Anne Taylor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)



Come and See! Follow Me! Jesus said this numerous times to his disciples and other followers.

Come and See! is the title of the 1st four chapters in the book "Jumping for Joy."

Come and See! what the Spirit can do

Sept 15th, 22nd and 29th at 6pm here at Westminster Hall as Joy Smith Griffin leads us in a Spiritual Renewal.

If you would like to read Joy's book, they may be purchased in the church office.

Food: Brown bag with sandwich, chips and a water.

Cost of \$5 per person for a bag and can be paid for at the door. One bag per person.

Reservations: We request reservation to attend. Please notify the church office with the number per family attending and how many bags of food needed, if eating.

Invite family and friends.

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

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 www.carrolltonpresbyterian.church.

Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.



Want to hear about how Carrollton Presbyterian is sharing the Love of Christ with a wounded world? Sign up for Heartbeat, our weekly emailed newsletter. It's full of great photos and bits of news about what we're doing here. www.carrolltonpresbyterian.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, September 13		
Tuesday, September 14		
12:00 p.m.	Al-anon	
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	
Wednesday, September 15		
9:00 a.m.	Devotional and Fellowship	
6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Renewal-Joy Griffin	
Thursday, September 16		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Friday, September 17		
Saturday, September 18		
Sunday, September 19		
9:00 a.m.	Tai Chi will start back in the fall	Mimi Gentry
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	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), Bennett Brown (Fellowship), Dena Wilson (Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Bette Stuckey (Member Care), Andy Taylor (Member Care), Lisa Somerlot (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), Jeff Branyon (Outreach).