

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

There must be always remaining in every life, some place for the singing of angels, some place for that which in itself is breathless and beautiful. - Howard Thurman

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

“What Child Is This”

Thomas H. Jones

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Anne Taylor

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Arr by Steven Scott

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.

*OPENING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

GTG #140

CALL TO CONFESSION

Have we really been to Bethlehem? Have we worshiped 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,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Christmas: we still are playing with our new toys, the creche figures have not been put away; we have the stacks of Christmas cards, but we memorize the words sin has taught us; we set limits on who we will love, 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. Amen. -- *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.

NO CONTACT PASSING OF THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI

GTG# 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mary Anne Taylor

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

***HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

GTG #435

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-9

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things... that the church must witness against and strive against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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

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

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

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

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG #606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

GTG #853

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Is Born

Traditional French Carol - Arr; Mark Hayes

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman and is found in his book, Bearers of Grace and Justice © 2012

* You are invited to stand, if able

** You are invited to remain seated for the postlude

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 live streaming 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.



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Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore
Organist: Bryant Hand
Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith
Music Meditation: Bryant Hand
Liturgist: Mary Anne Taylor
Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison
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Ushers: Jeb Brown and Jim Carter



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The Disciple Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 5:30-7:00 pm in Westminster Hall. This 16 week study is based on the New Testament books John, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and Revelation. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Mary Anne Taylor., tmaryanne45@gmail.com or 770-363-7379.



During worship, our Nursery is available for babies and children through first grade. Our Nursery is located downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance if you need help finding our Nursery.

Musical Meditation “What Child Is This”

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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 3		
Tuesday, January 4		
12:00 p.m.	Al-anon	
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Wednesday, January 5		
9:00	Morning Devotional	Mary Anne Taylor
6:00	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Team
Thursday, January 6		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach
Friday, January 7		
Saturday, January 8		
Sunday, January 9		
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), Andy Taylor (Member Care), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), Jeff Branyon (Outreach).