

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

Now we can no longer just give answers and explanations, we have to become the answer, and our own transformation is the only credible explanation. It seems we must tame and integrate the demon of violence within ourselves before we have anything to say to anybody else. — Richard Rohr

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

Our God, Our help in Ages Past

William Croft

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

Trad Austrian -Arr: Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mimi Gentry

Today, the words of God come to us, in love,
inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,
inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the
One who saves us.

Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,
inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

*OPENING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

GTG #722

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mimi Gentry

We hide them deep in the closets of our hearts, but God knows our secret failings. We sit in the shadows of our lives, but God sees the possibility we can become. We mumble our words, but God bends down to listen, and whisper grace and hope to us. Let us confess our sins to the One who loves us, as we pray together,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mimi Gentry

God of incredible patience, we must confess that our love is not always what we might hope it would be. We focus so much on ourselves, the needs of others pale in significance. Too often, we find ourselves rejoicing in the miseries of others, believing they must have done something to deserve what comes their way. We continually push our families and friends away from us, simply by insisting that everything be done our way. Faithful Deliverer of our foolish lives, forgive us and have mercy on us. As you rescue us from ourselves, may we become your people. As you touch us with faith, may we be witnesses to the world of your dreams. As you pour out hope upon us, may we be your compassion to those who hurt. As you drench us with your love which comes to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we be made whole. -- *Silence is kept.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

God's love never ends! With this good news, we know we are forgiven; with this blessing, we know that we are healed. Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God! 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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Rev. Michael Moore

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

***HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory

GTG #307

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:22-30

Rev. Michael Moore

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

SERMON

The Greatest of These is Love

Rev Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Mimi Gentry

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

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise G-d, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG #606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

Take My Life

GTG #697

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'd Rather Have Jesus

George Beverly Shea

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.

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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.

Congregational Meeting



There will be a called congregational meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing new Ruling Elders (Class of 2023 - Phil McGee & Greg Stewart; Class of 2024 - Bill Hodge, Julia Chibbaro, Jim Carter, and Johnny Jackson) and dissolving the call between Pastor Michael and CPC (effective February 7th). A Zoom link will be sent out via the Heartbeat for this meeting. It is critically important that we have a quorum (34 members) present (in-person or via Zoom) in order to hold this meeting.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Organist: Bryant Hand

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Music Meditation: Mary Anne Taylor

Liturgist: Mimi Gentry

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison

Jared Price, Jane Taylor, and Denise Moore

Ushers: Jeb Brown and Jim Carter



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Our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Cynthia Jones. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals start back on
February 16th
Stay tuned for exciting plans coming!



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

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.

The Disciple Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 25, 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.



Come join us for a devotional, prayer, and fellowship on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in Westminster Hall. We are starting back January 19th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, January 31		
Tuesday, February 1		
12:00 p.m.	Al-anon	
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	Mary Anne Taylor
Wednesday, February 2		
9:00 a.m.	Devotional Fellowship	Mary Anne Taylor
Thursday, February 3		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach
Friday, February 4		
Saturday, February 5		
Sunday, February 6		
9:45 a.m.	Free Tai Chi	Mimi Gentry
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	Worship Team
12:00 p.m.	Called Congregational Meeting	

* 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).