

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

Gracious God, we seek to be happy, but we only find deep joy in you. We strive to be strong, yet our strength is only in you. We desire the riches of this world, but only your grace is truly what we need. Open us to your Word now; help us to surrender everything but our love for you, our trust in you, and our willingness to receive your grace. We pray in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

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

How Great Thou Art

Carl G. Boberg

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING STATEMENT

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Handyside

PRELUDE

He's Always Been Faithful

Sara Groves

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Handyside

In the Lord I have taken refuge.

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The Lord is in the holy temple, enthroned in heaven. God's eyes keep careful watch, they weigh our worth.

The Lord tests both righteous and wicked but abhors those who love violence.

For the Lord is righteous, delighting in righteous deeds.

For certain, the just shall see God's faith.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

***OPENING HYMN**

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

GTG # 687

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Linda Handyside

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Handyside

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. In your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Linda Handyside

We are bold to believe the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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

Rev. Larry Owens

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:3-11,15

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

***HYMN**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

GTG # 729

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-38

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

SERMON

The Most Important Teaching of Jesus

Rev. Larry Owens

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

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

Linda Handyside

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

Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining

(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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise father, son, and holy ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

Live Into Hope

GTG #772

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

****POSTLUDE**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Once Despised Jesus!

Aaron Williams

* 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.

We welcome Rev. Larry Owens to lead us in worship today. Larry is a happily retired minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA) with a varied background in ministry since he was ordained in 1976. He's served three congregations, led leadership seminars and spiritual discovery retreats, served on various committees of the presbytery, was president of a hotel company, and was a resource development officer for Thornwell Home for Children (1999-2010) and Presbyterian Homes of Georgia (2010-2018). Most recently he served as an interim for pastoral care at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.



Jesus said, "Come and See." John 1:39. As we start a new journey of faith, come, see, and share the exciting visions of growth for our church by joining together in worship.

February 20, 27, March 6, 20, 27, and April 3

Rev. Larry Owens

March 13 Jane Hubbard

April 10 Palm Sunday and April 17 Easter

Sunday Rev. Glenn Goldsmith

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Minister: Rev. Larry Owens

Organist: Bryant Hand

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Music Meditation: Don Rice

Liturgist: Linda Handyside

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison

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Ushers: Bill and Di Hodge



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Fellowship

Come join us for a devotional, prayer, and fellowship on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in Westminster Hall.

We will not gather on Wednesday, February 23.

Plan to attend our Ash Wednesday Service, March 3rd at 6pm

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal February 23rd

We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner!!
Menu: Appetizer, Regular and Venison Spaghetti,
Toss Salad, Bread and Dessert.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Please call 770-832-6131 or email

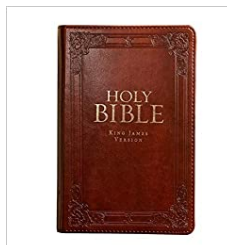
office@carrolltonpresbyterian.net for reservations.



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Would you like to learn more about the "disciple whom Jesus loved?" The Apostle John was the eyewitness of many of Jesus' miracles, yet he wrote only about 7 of them. What was his reason? Why did he not include any parables in his books of the Bible?

Come join our study on Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm in Westminster Hall and find out the answer to these and many other questions.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, February 21		
Tuesday, February 22		
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 23		
6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner	Fellowship Team
Thursday, February 24		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach
Friday, February 25		
Saturday, February 26		
Sunday, February 27		
9:45 a.m.	Free Tai Chi	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), Andy Taylor (Member Care), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), Jeff Branyon (Outreach).