



Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022
11:00 AM



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

We welcome you to Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Let the Musical Meditation be a call to reverent silence in which all may become aware of God's presence.

CENTERING MOMENT

O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all the peoples, before you earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations give you honor: Come quickly to deliver us.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Bless Me (Prayer of Jabez)

Donald Lawrence
& Andrae Crouch

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Bennett Brown

Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter/ Away in the Manger

arranged by
Phil Perkins

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Bryant Hand and Chase Robinson

What gives you hope?

Kindness from strangers, spending time in nature

What gives you hope?

The turning of seasons, hearing children in the pews

What gives you hope?

Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in the world

From Generation to Generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

*HYMN

Light One Candle to Watch For Messiah

GTG # 85

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

In God's house, everyone is welcome - those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, joining together in our prayer of confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there's room for every story. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here."

From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found and welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*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! A-men. A-men

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(All children are invited to come forward for a conversation with Pastor Kate)

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bennett Brown

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

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

Isaiah 2:1-5
Pew Bible OT Page # 631

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

ANTHEM

I Will Rejoice and Be Glad

Joseph Martin

GOSPEL READING

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

Matthew 1:1-17
Pew Bible NT Page # 1

Bennett Brown

SERMON

Generation to Generation:
There's Room For Every Story

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

O God of Every Nation

GTG # 756

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.

We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in, there's room for you here." Amen.

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All things in heaven and on earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer the gifts of our lives and our labors to God.

Bennett Brown

OFFERTORY

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
(You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

GTG # 606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus GTG # 82

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

*POSTLUDE Give Thanks Henry Smith

The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
<u>Liturgist:</u>	Bennett Brown
<u>Music Director:</u>	Julie Lowry
<u>Organist:</u>	Bryant Hand
<u>Pianist:</u>	Leslie Goldsmith
<u>Musical Meditations:</u>	Don Rice
<u>Virtual Worship Technicians:</u>	Keith and Robin Ellison, Stephen Gross, Jared Price, & Jane Taylor
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bill and Di Hodge

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Genealogy of Christ by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman for A Sanctified Art