



Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023
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

We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it." -Madeleine L'Engle

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm
& William Runyan

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Mimi Gentry, soprano
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

PRELUDE

What Child Is This?

Arranged by
Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,
we come to worship one, holy God.

O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

Your majesty is the music of the starry skies, yet even children of dust can sing your praises.

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your gratitude and joy be made known.

O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GTG # 12

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
God calls us to renewal and repentance, so on this first day of a new year, I invite you to join me in our prayer of confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will, and new resolves be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
Anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard On High

Refrain

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Anne Taylor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19

Mary Anne Taylor

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION

Light of the World

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

We believe that faith is active, found on long walks, and in long talks, in future days, and down memory lane. We believe that those who seek will find, although it may not be what they expected. We believe that God finds us first. We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way in the shape of people, invitations, and even starlight. We believe that being a seeker - of God, of justice, of community - is a holy thing. So we strive to live with an open spirit, with soft hearts, and with room to grow. May it be so. This we believe. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

GTG # 469

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.

MUSICAL REPRISE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

GTG # 469

.Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Jesus the Light of the World)

GTG # 127

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

*POSTLUDE

How Great Our Joy!
German Carol

Arranged by
Jack Schrader

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
<u>Liturgist:</u>	Mary Anne Taylor
<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, Steven Gross, Jared Price, & Jane Taylor



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