



Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 Come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Silent Night

Franz Gruber

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Betty Williams

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare the Way of the Lord!

PRELUDE

I Wonder As I Wander

Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tai Jackson, Julianna Quattrochi,
Kashira Johnson, Mackenzi Phillips

What are you afraid of?

Not being enough, that we will forget we belong to each other

What are you afraid of?

Children being afraid to go to school, the hard parts of aging

What are you afraid of?

Not having someone who knows my stories, falling short of following God

Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear. May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming.

God was with generations before, God is with us today, and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now, God is on the way.

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verses 1, 6 & 7

GTG # 88

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, "Do not be afraid."

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Family of Faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us. Even when we fall short and make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us. We are known, forgiven and loved. 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, saying, "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

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Betty Williams

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

Pew Bible OT Page # 640

Betty Williams

SPECIAL MUSIC

Expectans from Christmas Oratorio
Mimi Gentry accompanied by Leslie Goldsmith

by Saint-Saëns

GOSPEL READING

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

Luke 1:26-38
Pew Bible NT Page # 56

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

SERMON

Generation to Generation:
God Meets Us In Our Fear

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***HYMN**

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

We believe in a God who knows our fears.
We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."
We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes and
wades into the muck of our lives with us.
We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heals,
and invites us to dance.
We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so that we can find our way home, and
who sends us friends with open doors, so we can find our way to love.
We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us alone.
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

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

Betty Williams

All things in heaven and 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.

OFFERTORY

The People Who Walked In Darkness
(You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God 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 hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**INVITATION TO THE TABLE****THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We Lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
... therefore with all creation, we sing in praise of your coming:
**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while
we are waiting, come.**
...Great is the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please walk down the two center aisles which lead from the two entrances of the church. Once you have received communion, please return to your seat using the two outer side aisles.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
God of Abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GTG # 87

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

*POSTLUDE

Good King Wenceslas—Tempus Adest Floridum
The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

Lloyd Larson

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Liturgist:

Betty Williams

Music Director:

Julie Lowry

Organist:

Bryant Hand

Pianist:

Leslie Goldsmith

Musical Meditations:

Don Rice

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Keith and Robin Ellison, Stephen Gross,
Jared Price, & Jane Taylor

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December Elder on Call

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Rev. Sarah Are Speed from A Sanctified Art: From Generation to Generation

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