



Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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, O Come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribe's on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

The First Nowell/Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

English Carol
& Polish Carol

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Dena Wilson

Look! The young woman is with child;
She will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.

PRELUDE

Mary Did You Know?

Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Del & Betty Williams

What makes you feel connected?

Belly laughs, surprise phone calls and notes

What makes you feel loved?

Being invited in, the passing of the peace

Today we light the candle of love as a reminder that from the very first generation, God has surrounded us with love. May this good news not only weave deeper connections between neighbors, but shape our actions and allow us to see God more clearly.

In a lonely world, let this light shine bright. From generation to generation, we are held in God's love. Thanks be to God for that good news. Amen.

*HYMN

People, Look East

GTG # 105

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

One of the greatest gifts and challenges of faith is that we cannot be Christian alone. We need one another; to grow; to love; and to see God more clearly. So let us lean in to the ties that bind us together and join together in our prayer of confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

God of today and tomorrow, When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.

How often do we have that same opportunity?

How often do we leave the door shut, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?

How often do we shower critique of judgment instead of blessings and joy?

Gracious God, forgive us our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Friends, this is what I know - God delights in us! God throws open the door and says "Come on home. There is room for you here!" In that moment we are blessed and we are forgiven. In that moment we are seen, healed, and welcomed home. So rest in the good news that you are forgiven, Thanks be to God!

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION AND WELCOME

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

*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

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dena Wilson

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-58

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

This is the Word of the Lord

Pew Bible NT Page # 57

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

From Generation to Generation:
We See God in Each Other

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

GTG # 99

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.
We belong to one another in an undeniable way.
We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.
We believe that God invites us to live into that truth -
To love with abandon,
To see the good in one another,
To trust that all belong to God.
We know that this life of connection is easier said than done,
Which is why we gather in this space, week after week,
Generation after generation, to be reminded:
We see God in each other.
This we believe. 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

Dena Wilson

Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things. Let us offer the gifts of our lives and our labors to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Canticle of the Turning

(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

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

GTG # 119

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on “Ding Dong Merrily on High”
The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

David Lasky

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
<u>Liturgist:</u>	Dena Wilson
<u>Music Director:</u>	Julie Lowry
<u>Organist:</u>	Bryant Hand
<u>Pianist:</u>	Leslie Goldsmith
<u>Musical Meditations:</u>	Mary Anne Taylor
<u>Virtual Worship Technicians:</u>	Keith and Robin Ellison, Steven Gross, Jared Price, & Jane Taylor
<u>Ushers:</u>	Andy & Mary Anne Taylor

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