



Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 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

from Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Joy To The World

Isaac Watts

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Jim Carter

The Word became flesh to live among us;
Now we have seen the glory of God.

PRELUDE

The First Noel

W. Sandy's
Christmas Carols

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Julie, Anna, & Allison Lowry

What gives us hope?

We light the candle of Hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

What brings us fear?

We light the candle of Peace because we so desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.

What brings us joy?

We light the candle of Joy to remind us of the good news the season brings and the many sources of joy in our lives, drawing us closer to one another and to God.

What makes us feel loved?

We light the candle of Love to remind us that from the very beginning God has surrounded us with love.

*CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful

GTG # 133

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard On High

GTG # 113
Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15-21
Matthew 2:1-23

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CAROL

The First Nowell

GTG # 147

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

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This

(You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

*THE DOXOLOGY

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

*CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

GTG # 132

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

*POSTLUDE

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Lloyd Larson

Please refrain from talking until the conclusion of the Postlude as the livestream does not end until then.

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
<u>Liturgist:</u>	Jim Carter
<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, & Jane Taylor
<u>Ushers:</u>	Mary Anne and Andy Taylor

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

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