



# Carrollton Presbyterian Church

*A Heart In The City*

**A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 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**

Spirit of the Living God, hover once more over us as you did at creation, energizing us with your life, that as we remember our baptism in Christ, we may be an open conduit of your Holy Spirit flooding all of creation with blessings of your abundant, redeemed life.

We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, the living water. Amen.

**MUSICAL MEDITATIONS**

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

# GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

## OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

## PRELUDE

Mary's Song

Chris Eaton & Amy Grant

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The voice of God is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**We come to worship God, and to celebrate the mystery and reality of God.**

The voice of God is heard in all creation

**We come to worship God, and to celebrate God's generosity towards all of creation.**

We come to worship God, and to celebrate the our welcome into God's presence

**We listen for the voice of God in our sacred spaces, and receive God's grace as we worship.**

## \*HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

GTG # 151

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Gracious God, in this season of your Light entering the world, you call us to follow your light and share it with others, and yet all we can think about is ourselves. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and fail to welcome one another. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being who you have called us to be. Help us fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may be light-bearers, and live together in grace.

## \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

As a voice from heaven spoke to Jesus, God speaks to us through Christ: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

**READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

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

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Pew Bible NT Page # \_\_\_\_

Liturgist

**GOSPEL READING**

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

Matthew 3: (1-12) 13-17  
Pew Bible NT Page # \_\_\_\_

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

**SERMON**

Title

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GTG # 475

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- from the Confession of 1967**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to all in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all God's people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

**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**

Liturgist

In thanksgiving for all God has done for us, let us present the offering of ourselves unto the Lord.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISM**

Spirit of the Living God, who charges the waters of baptism with resurrection power so we might live as part of God's New Creation: Drown our sin and raise us to new life. Drench us once more in your life-giving Spirit, Almighty God, that we might be cleansed, sustained, and anointed with your power as we proclaim with boldness and live with joy the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be all honor and dominion and glory now and forevermore. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

Away in the Manger  
*(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

In Christ Called to Baptize

GTG # 297

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

\*POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John H. Wade's Cantus Diversi

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

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Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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Bryant Hand

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