

## Prayer List

Please look over the prayer list in today's bulletin. Are there friends, family members or loved ones whose prayers have been answered? Is it time to delete the names of those who no longer need our daily prayers? Please contact the church office for any changes, updates or deletions

There will be a brief meeting of the nominating committee today immediately following worship in the Bride's Room to discuss changes to the nominating process. Please make all effort to attend.

**Don't forget to turn in your pledge cards.**

## Eastertide Sermon Series: The Surprising Acts of God



Join us for an Eastertide Sermon Series from the Book of Acts about the way God reverses our expectations and surprises us with mercy, grace, and life. Check out your bulletin each week for a "surprise" challenge to take our faith out of the sanctuary and into the



### Surprise Challenge #3:

Surprise an old friend with a visit or phone call.



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**WELCOME!** Carrollton Presbyterian is a community of believers committed to welcoming all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

**CHILDREN**-CPC welcomes children and offers ways to make worship meaningful for them. Childcare is provided for children under 3 in our nursery downstairs. We have a child protection policy to promote safe, loving, and appropriate care. Children's activity pages are

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### MONDAY, MAY 20

5:30 pm ACA Meeting  
 8:00 pm AA Meeting  
 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

### TUESDAY, MAY 21

12:00 pm Al-Anon  
 2:00 pm Open Hands - Food  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:00 am Golden K  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, MAY 23

11:00 am Soup Kitchen  
 2:00 pm Open Hands—Food  
 5:30 pm ACA Meeting

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

12:00 pm Al - Anon Meeting

### SATURDAY, MAY 25

7:00 pm Clear River Choir

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

10:30 am Fellowship  
 11:00 am Worship

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019

11:00 A.M.



## Breaking New Ground

Acts 11:1-18

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### *Centering Prayer*

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

My Heart Ever Faithful J. S. Bach  
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us Thomas J. Williams

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

(\*)*Please rise as you are able.*

### OPENING SENTENCES FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

**"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."**

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me,

**"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift  
from the spring of the water of life."**

\*HYMN Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty 35

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God's Promises are trustworthy and true; our sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord.

May we always be known by your love, O God. Amen.

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri

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, Amen. Amen.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL John 13:31-35 Pew Bible NT p.108  
Candy Rader Horsley

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

ANTHEM Shepherd Me, Lord Knight, arr.

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 11:1-18 Pew Bible NT p.130  
This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Surprising Guest"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN For Everyone Born 769

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967 (9.22)

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves them and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Scott Johnson & Leslie Goldsmith

\*DOXOLOGY 606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN Guide My Feet, Lord 741

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Just a Closer Walk With Thee Larry Shackley,  
Traditional Spiritual Arr.