

Wednesday Night Bible Study Will Return On January 9th

Pastor Burnetta will be teaching a Wednesday night Bible Study starting on January 9 at 6:15 following our Wednesday night dinner. We will meet for Bible Study in Manse. Our Bible study will be an in-depth look at the sermon passage for the previous Sunday. We'll begin with a look at Matthew 2 : 1-11(the coming of the Magi)



There will be a Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve,

December 24th at 6:30pm

Invite family and friends to join us in a celebration of Christ's birth.

BIBLE STUDY FOR BUSY FOLKS

The next 12 week study is the New Testament instead of the Old Testament, *The first study begins January 8, 2019 and concludes March 26, 2019. DISCIPLE* emphasizes the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. The study book for the study is \$12.79. (Scholarships are available)

Childcare will be provided for each portion of the study, upon request .

If you are interested in participating in either study, or have any questions regarding the study, contact Mary Anne

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Open Hands Collection for Advent

This Advent Season we will be collecting
Deodorant
for
Open Hands.

We will be collecting men and women's deodorant. Please place your contributions in the basket located in the hall between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.



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ELDER ON CALL FOR DECEMBER

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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. Child-care 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 available in the front entryway for use during worship.

EDUCATION

Getting involved in a small group or class is encouraged as a way to grow in faith and develop relationships.

FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to a time of fellowship at 10:30am in Westminster Hall, located behind

PASTOR: Rev. Burnetta Armour

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Dawn McCord

PIANIST: Leslie Goldsmith

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS: Mary Anne Taylor

HANDBELL DIRECTOR: Dylan Burch

READER: Bill Hearnburg

USHERS: Mark McCord
Bill Hearnburg

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 pm Al-Anon
2:00 pm Open Hands - Food

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am Golden K
2:00 pm Open Hands—Financial
7:00 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

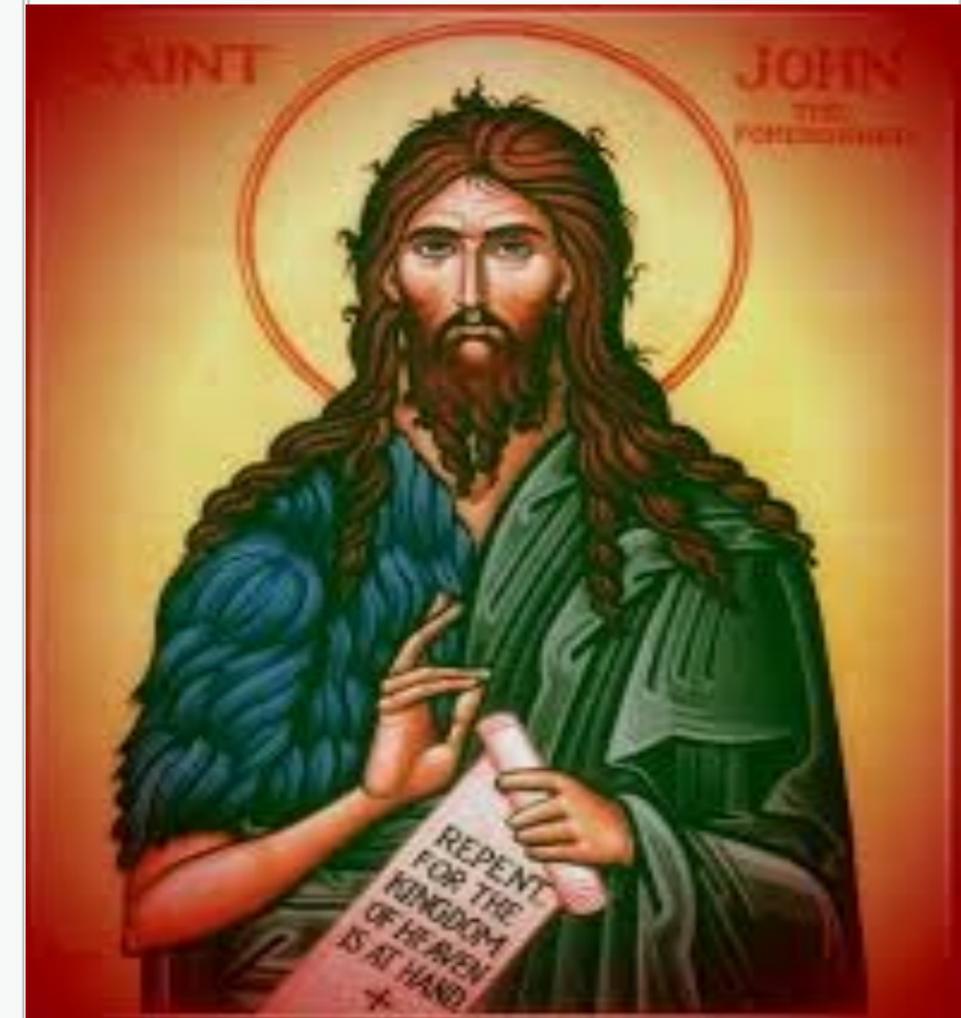
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:15 am Godly Play

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

11:00 A.M.



Luke 3 : 7—18

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING J.S. BACH
Mary Anne Taylor

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

(*)Please rise as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCES FOR ADVENT from Philippians 4:4-5
Rejoice in the Lord; again, rejoice!
Be gentle to all: the Lord is near.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Burnetta Armour

PRELUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway Bereden Vag For Herran*

*CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid
**for the Lord is my strength and might;
he has become my salvation.**

With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
and you will say in that day:

**Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy,
O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.**

*HYMN *Lift Up Ye Heads, You Mighty Gates* 93

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Confirmation Class

The Lord promised in days to come...
That nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;

**nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

The wolf shall lie down with the kid,
**the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a
little child shall lead them.**

The wilderness and dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
**like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.**
We light the third candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ,
which brings joy into the world.

RESPONSE IN SONG O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.5) 88

*O come, thou Key of David, come,
and make wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we
need repentance. We have broken your commands against
idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your
people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise for the sake
of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all
the world. . Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, we are
forgiven.
**The Lord has taken away the judgments against us. We will not
worry. We will live in peace.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE *People Look East (v.4)* 105

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as the sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.*

An adult leader is standing at the front left door of the sanctuary
to escort children ages 3 - 6 who wish to attend Godly Play for Children.
If you have questions, please feel free to accompany your child.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Pew Bible OT p. 877*
Bill Hearnburg

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

ANTHEM *Gloria Deo* Craig Curry
Amari Jimenez, flute

GOSPEL *Luke 3:7-18* Rev. Burnetta Armour
Pew Bible NT p. 60

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SERMON What Then Should We Do?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN Surely, It is God Who Saves Me 71

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Heidelberg Catechism
(Q&A 88-90)

Q: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**Two things:
The dying-away of the old self,
and the rising-to-life of the new.**

Q: What is the dying-away of the old self?

**To be genuinely sorry for sin
and more and more to hate
and run away from it,**

Q: What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**Wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a love and delight to live
according to the will of God
by doing every kind of good work.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY YEARNING MARK HAYES

*MUSICAL RESPONSE *Angels We Have Heard on High(Refrain)* 113

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 129

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Good King Wenceslas* Stephen Otis