

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Come to the table of grace. 507
This is God's table;
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace ...
Come to the table of love ...
Come to the table of hope ...
Come to the table of joy ...

*PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *While We Are Waiting Come 92*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *I Will Call Upon the Lord Michael O'Shields*

Christmas Hymn Sing:

Don't feel that you get enough of your favorite Christmas hymns during Advent, then join us on December 12th at 6:15 pm when we will be having a Christmas hymn sing in the sanctuary. We will be singing your favorites as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world and into our hearts.



Open Hands Collection for Advent

This Advent Season we will be collecting toothpaste for Open Hands. We will be collecting adult, children's and even toddler toothpaste. Please place your toothpaste in the basket located in the hall between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

What are those things hanging on our tree?

A Discussion of Chrismon Ornaments—

On December 5th at 6:15 pm



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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

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MUSICAL

MEDITATIONS: Mary Anne Taylor

HANDBELL

DIRECTOR: Dylan Burch

READER: Dennis Crissey

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am Golden K
 2:00 pm Open Hands—Financial
 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:15pm Chrismon Discussion
 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

11:00 am Soup Kitchen
 12:00-2:00 Day Circle's Tea
 2:00 pm Open Hands—Food
 5:30 pm ACA Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:30 am Clear Rivers Chorus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 DECEMBER 2, 2017
 11:00 A.M.



29 "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near."

Luke 21 : 25-36

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

Centering Prayer

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of your salvation is near.
Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand
with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Mary Anne Taylor

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

()Please rise as you are able.*

OPENING SENTENCES

The day of the Lord is surely coming;
the promise will be fulfilled.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Burnetta Armour

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy/French

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
When I will fulfill my people.
**Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety.**

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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***LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

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.**
We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ,
which brings hope into the world.

***RESPONSE IN SONG**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1)

88

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We
live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear as if
there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and
steadfast love. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths, for
you are the God of our salvation. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***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.1)

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*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east: Love, the Guest, 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Dennis Crissey

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

ANTHEM

*Advent Prayer
Amari Jimenez, flute*

Patrick Liebergen

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Rev. Burnetta Armour

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SERMON

LOOKING FOR THE FIG TREE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Dale Wood

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

Angels We Have Heard on High(Refrain)

113

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN**

In Remembrance of Me

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INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and
praise, O Lord our God, creator of the universe...

...who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.*

... According to Christ's commandment:
**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

... Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever. Amen.