

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  
United Christian Ministry  
Caring People Sharing God's Love

Open Hands will be closed December 25th, 27th and January 1st.

They will have a Mobile Food Pantry  
December 28th at Tabernacle Church Parking Lot  
From 11:00—1:00

If you would like to volunteer on this day please be at Tabernacle at 10:00 am.



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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: Grace Hale

USHERS: Mark McCord  
Bill Hearnburg

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00 Noon Church Office Closes  
6:30 pm Lessons and Carols

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day  
Church Office is Closed

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office is Closed

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

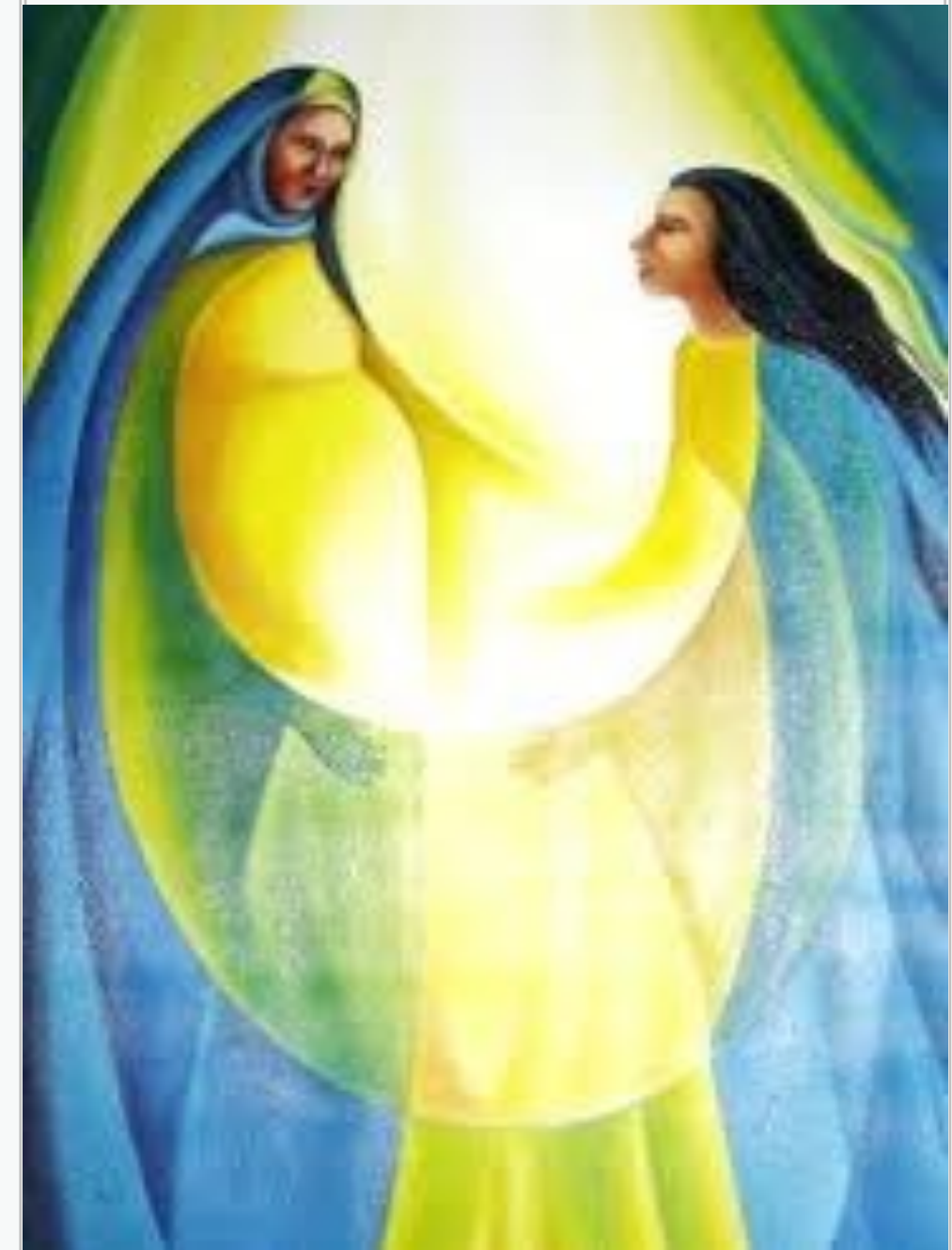
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Godly Play

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

11:00 A.M.



Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### Centering Prayer

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of this kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Mary Anne Taylor

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

(\*)Please rise as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCES FOR ADVENT

from Micah 5: 2,5

A ruler will come from Bethlehem,  
And he will be the shepherd of peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Burnetta Armour

PRELUDE

Noel Nouvelet

Kristina Langlois

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Our souls magnify the Lord,  
and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.  
God has done great things. Holy is God's name!  
God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,  
God's love from generation to generation.

\*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Aycock Family

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.

The Lord will give you a sign.  
Look, the young woman is with child.

She shall bear a son,  
And name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."  
We light the fourth candle as a reminder of God's love for us that  
sent Jesus to be born of Mary.

RESPONSE IN SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 4)

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O come, thou root of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard  
Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and  
possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of  
following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world.  
We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled.  
Forgive us, we pray. Help us work for the justice you intend. Make  
us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our  
apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus  
Christ, Emmanuel.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God  
sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the  
world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus  
Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.5)

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Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, 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

Micah 5: 2—5a

Pew Bible OT p. 865

Grace Hale

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Before the Marvel of This Night

Carl Shalk

Lyrics Hymnal #125

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

Rev. Burnetta Armour

Pew Bible NT p. 57

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The First Christmas Song

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (Canticle of the

Turning) 100

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967 (9.19)

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and  
obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He  
was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning  
of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.  
He gave history its meaning and direction and called the  
church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS based on Hebrews 10:5-10

OFFERTORY On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Sussex Carol/  
Larson

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE He Is Lord & O Come Let Us Adore Him

Mark  
Hayes, arr.