



**Carrollton Presbyterian Church**  
*A Heart In The City*

# **Worship for the Lord's Day**

## **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **September 7, 2025**

#### **11:00 a.m.**



Photo of Randy Ayers in his pottery studio,  
provided by Randy Ayers

#### **Bulletin indications:**

\* indicates standing in body or rising in spirit as able.

**Bold text** indicates words spoken by the whole congregation.

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# Preparing to Worship God

## Tolling of the Bell

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      They'll Know We Are Christians      Peter Scholtes,  
By Our Love      Arr. Mark Hayes

## Gathering Around God's Word

### \*Call to Worship

based on Psalm 139

God has searched us and known us.

**God knows when we sit down and when we rise up;**

God discerns our thoughts from far away.

**The Lord searches out our path and our lying down,**

and is acquainted with all our ways.

**God hems us in, behind and before, and lays God's hand upon us.**

For it was God who formed our inward parts;

**God knit us together in our mother's womb.**

Let us praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

**\*Hymn 697**      Take My Life      HENDON

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

Creating God, you created us good. You knit us together. You formed our inward parts as a potter molds clay. You love us just as we are, even now. Yet we know that sometimes the ways of the world misshape us. Our edges can be rough, our balance off-kilter. Sometimes, we refuse your forming and re-forming, artistic hand. Help us soften our hearts into moldable clay. Help us allow you to shape us into the people you would have us be, in and for your world. Amen.

### \*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

### \*Passing of the Peace

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another, saying, "The peace of our Lord be with you!"

**And also with you!**

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.  
Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:  
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.  
Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;  
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.*

## Listening for God's Word

### Time with Children

All children are invited to come forward for a time with Pastor Leigh.

### Epistle Reading

Luke 4:25-33

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God!**

### Hebrew Bible Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

Rev. Leigh Bonner

### \*Hymn 5

God the Sculptor  
of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*from The Theological  
Declaration of Barmen*

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.... The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

# The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory**

God Will Take Care of You

Civilia Martin

*You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table.*

**\*Doxology**

Hymn 606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Invitation to the Table**

**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.**

....singing to your glory:

**Hymn 552** Holy, Holy, Holy

....we remember that mystery we call faith:

**Hymn 553** Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen

[The prayer continues.] **...Amen.**

**Distribution of the Elements**

*You are invited to come down one of the center aisles to receive the elements and return to your seat by the side aisles. If you need gluten-free bread and a protected cup, there is a station in the middle for you to receive the elements. We use grape juice rather than wine.*

**Music During Communion**

There Is a Balm in Gilead & Sharing Pascal Banquet

## Prayer After Communion/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.**

# Announcements

## **Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner**

**Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall**

Please mark your calendar for our return to Wednesday night Fellowship dinners! We'll enjoy a traditional fall meal of roast pork and apples. We'll learn about the history of bluegrass and gospel music as we get ready for our annual Joyful Noise music service. Please remember to RSVP to ensure we have plenty of food. Hope to see you there!



## **Ladies' Lunch**

**Friday, September 19, 11:30 A.M., Mustard Seed Cafe**

Please RSVP to Martha Fincher. Her number/email is provided in Realm.

**Edy Maxwell** would love to hear from you! If possible, please send a card or encouraging note to her mailing address, located in Realm, or call the church office. Thank you!

## **Carrollton Pride Event**

**Saturday, October 4, 11 A.M.-4 P.M. @ UWGA**

This year's Pride event will take place at the University of West Georgia on Saturday, October 4. If you would like to help plan our CPC booth, make decorations, or volunteer at our table the day of the event, please join us next Sunday, September 14, immediately following worship, in Fellowship Hall.

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## **This Week's Events**

### **Sunday, September 7 (today)**

- 10:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room
- 11:00 A.M. Worship @ the Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, September 9**

- 10:30 A.M. The Book Club @ Church Parlor
- 12:00 P.M. Al-Anon @ The Little White House
- 5:15 P.M. Bible Study @ Office Conference Room

### **Wednesday, September 10**

- 9:00 A.M. Devotional/Prayer Group @ Office Sunroom
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

### **Sunday, September 14**

- Pastor Leigh's Vacation (Guest Preacher)
- 10:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room
- 11:00 A.M. Worship @ the Sanctuary

# Following God Into The World

**\*Hymn 543**      God, Be the Love to Search      GREEN TYLER  
and Keep Me

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**      Recessional in A Minor      Lani Smith

You are invited to remain seated quietly for the postlude so those worshipping online can hear the music.

## Serving in Worship

<b>Prelude</b>	Bobby Painter
<b>Liturgist</b>	Sherri Studdard
<b>Acolytes</b>	Elliott & Everett Snyder
<b>Livestream</b>	Keith & Robin Ellison Greg & Sue Smith

The Time with Children is “The Story of the Prophet Jeremiah” from *The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Volume 6, Revised and Expanded*, by Jerome Berryman.

The communion liturgy is adapted from Thom Shuman’s *Lectionary Liturgies* blog.

## Our Staff

Rev. Leigh Bonner, Pastor  
Debbie Lewis, Administrator for Ministry  
Support  
Bryant Hand, Organist

## Our Session

+Elder on Call	Dale Howard
Linda Handyside, Clerk	Administration, Outreach
Amy Richardson, Assistant Clerk	Fellowship
Keith Ellison	Communications, Worship
Karen Hartley	Stewardship & Finance
Dale Howard	Congregational Care
+Mike Limerick	Buildings & Grounds
Chase Robinson	Stewardship & Finance
Greg Smith	Communications
Matthew Wilson	Administration