



Carrollton Presbyterian Church
A Heart In The City

Worship for the Lord's Day

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2025

11:00 a.m.



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem
by Rembrandt Van Rijn, 1630, Oil on panel, 58x46 cm,
The Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

Centering Moment

My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain!
Oh, the walls of my heart!
My heart is beating wildly;
I cannot keep silent,
But I hear the sound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war.
(Jeremiah 4:19)

Bulletin indications:

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

Bold text indicates words spoken by the whole congregation.

Preparing to Worship God

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Oh, What a Love

Carol Cymbala

Gathering Around God's Word

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 14)

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

**We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice,
the presence of the God who loves us.**

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

**We come, in this time,
because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.**

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

**We come, in this time, to this place,
because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**

*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST.DENIO

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness,
Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at
doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the
cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at
those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.
How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us,
and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to
search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world,
yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus
Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us. 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.*

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

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!

Anthem

Come Christians Join to Sing

Arr. John Carter

Hebrew Bible Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

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

The Lament of Jeremiah

Rev. Irene Wong

*Hymn 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Responding to God's Word

*Profession of Faith

Apostles' 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, dead and buried; He descended
into hell, the third day. He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and sits 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

This Is My Father's World

F.L. Sheppard

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 Thanksgiving**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

Following God Into The World

***Hymn 541** God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Recessional in A Minor

Lani Smith

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

Serving in Worship

Prelude

Bobby Painter

Liturgist

Candace Rader Horsley

Acolytes

Elliott & Everett Snyder

Livestream

Keith & Robin Ellison

Greg & Sue Smith

The bulletin art is:

by Rembrandt Van Rijn, 1630, Oil on panel, 58x46 cm, The Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

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 Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness, and portions of the Prayers of the People are from Rev. Thom Shuman's *Lectionary Liturgies* blog.

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.

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.

Congregational Care Team Selling CPC Coaster Gift Sets

The Care Team recently put together welcome bags for new members that include a coaster featuring a beautiful watercolor print of our sanctuary building. To support our card and flower ministries, we will be selling these coasters to the congregation in sets of 4 for \$45.00 per set. A sample coaster set and order forms are on the table outside the fellowship hall for all to preview, along with a QR code for those wishing to order online. All orders may be made online or by turning in a paper order form and check payment directly to the church office. For Christmas gifting, please complete your order by Monday, November 3. Thank you for supporting our Congregational Care Team!



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Greg Smith	Communications
Matthew Wilson	Administration

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 14 (today)

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

Tuesday, September 16

- 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 17

- 9:00 A.M. Devotional/Prayer Group @ Office Sunroom
- 6:00 P.M. Fellowship Dinner @ Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

Friday, September 19

- 11:30 A.M. Ladies Lunch @ Mustard Seed Cafe
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