



Carrollton Presbyterian Church
A Heart In The City

Worship for the Lord's Day
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025
11:00 a.m.



The Publican and the Pharisee
Engraving after a painting by Ferdinand
Ruscheweyh Eduard von Bendemann

Centering Moment

God of faithful surprises,
throughout the ages
you have made known your love and power
in unexpected ways and places.
May we daily perceive
the joy and wonder of your abiding presence
and offer our lives in gratitude
for our redemption. Amen.

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

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roeever and
Michael Korb

Gathering Around God's Word

***Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 84:1-7)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Our soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;
our heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord.

**Happy are those who live in God's house,
ever singing praise.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

They go from strength to strength!

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you have never stopped moving in the world
and calling your church to follow your lead.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves
as reformed only in the past tense.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow
the winds of your spirit leading us to change.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways,
hesitant to listen to your message
coming to us through the voice of a neighbor,
a stranger, or a new generation.**

**Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance
that you have never stopped reforming your church.
For you are the one who makes all things new
and forms life even from ashes.**

***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.

***Hymn 439** O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer STUTTGART
(vs 1)

*O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior,
and forget not all God's mercies
to proclaim.*

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Joel 2:23-32

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 Grace Early American Melody,
arr. Mark Hayes

Hebrew Bible Reading Luke 18:9-14

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Leigh Bonner

***Hymn 320** The Church of Christ in WAREHAM
Every Age

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Litany for Reformation Sunday from the
Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the
Presbyterian Church (USA)

* See bulletin insert *

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Celtic Prayer

Lorraine Fordick

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**

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 649**

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Amazing Grace

John Newton

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

Announcements

From the Outreach Team:

Caretakers are needed for our Little Free Pantry in November and December. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Linda Handyside.

Plastic grocery bags are needed for **our backpack ministry**.

We are running low on bags and could use a boost. If you would like to donate bags, please flatten them for us, and drop them off in the church office or downstairs near the Little Free Pantry shelves. Thank you.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Dust off your best chili recipe: the November 19th Fellowship dinner is a chili cook-off. Prizes for best and runner-up will be awarded. There will also be a trivia game.

Please plan to join us!

Congregational Care Team Selling CPC Coaster Gift Sets

We are selling 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 you to preview, along with a QR code to order online. All orders may be made online or by turning in a paper order form and a 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!



This Week's Events

Sunday, October 26 (today)

- 10:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room
- 11:00 A.M. Worship @ The Sanctuary
- After worship, please join us for light snacks and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, October 28

- 12:00 P.M. Al-Anon @ The Little White House
- 5:15 P.M. Bible Study @ Office Conference Room

Wednesday, October 29

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

Serving in Worship

Prelude/Postlude

James Stephens

Guest Musician (Bagpiper)

James Stephens

Liturgist

Amy Richardson

Acolytes

Elliott & Everett Snyder

Livestream

Keith & Robin Ellison

Greg & Sue Smith

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The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Forgiveness are from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*, October 31, 2024.

Upon the passing of John Pendrak on October 19th, we extend Christian sympathy to John's wife, Nancy, and all his family. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our Staff

Rev. Leigh Bonner, Pastor

Debbie Lewis, Administrator for Ministry Support

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Bronwen Feagins, Pianist

Our Session

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