



Carrollton Presbyterian Church
A Heart In The City

Worship for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026
11:00 a.m.



"What is truth?" Christ and Pilate
Ge, N. N. (Nikolai Nikolaevich)
Moscow, Russia

Centering Moment

The truth that we preserve is not a 'what' but a 'who': Jesus, whose story is known to us through scripture. Jesus, AKA truth, is timeless. This blueprint of love and grace and communion and eternal life that is printed on all of creation. Jesus, AKA truth, is also at work in human history. This counterintuitive table where tribal identities and human categories and political realities are revealed to be false and temporary things like faith and hope and love are revealed to be forever the truth. The truth is that there is a light that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. The truth is that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. The truth is that love is stronger than death. The truth is that we understand this Bible better when we are together than when we're on our own, and that means that our work is not to be a museum for curious spectators of the truth, nor some kind of MSG for a carcass of the truth, nor some fenced in area where the truth is able to avoid every threat. It means our work is to be the Body of Christ, which always speaks the truth in love, which always speaks the truth to power; being a body of believers that actually look and speak and forgive and serve like Jesus.

-Rev. Becca Messman

Preparing to Worship God

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Arabesque Op. 18

Robert Shumann

Gathering Around God's Word

*Call to Worship

Here, O Lord, your servants gather.

As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:

Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

While in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:

Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:

Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.

Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love; help us as we work and pray; send us from above truth and courage, faith and power needed in our strife:

Jesus, Savior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.

*Hymn 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Rabbi, teacher, you have given us sources of wisdom at every turn—Scripture, art, science, nature, friends in faith, and the whispers of our own hearts. Yet we grow stagnant, content to let our faith plateau or even wither. Help us re-root ourselves deeply in all that leads us into the life you would have us live. Keep us always craving more of you, unsatisfied until at last we see you face to face. In your holy name we pray. 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.

***Hymn 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (Sung twice)*

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

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

Prayer for Illumination

(sung by congregation)

Hymn 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2X)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-11

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!

Anthem

We All Believe in One True God

Lynn L. Petersen

Gospel Reading

John 18:28-38

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 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

*(adapted from
The Heidelberg Catechism)*

What is the aim of the ninth commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.")?

That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind...I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Moment by Moment

Arr. Cindy Berry

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 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude What a Friend We Have in Jesus Arr. Melody Bober

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

Announcements

Sing to the Lord! Hymn Sing Worship

Sunday, July 12, 11:00 A.M.

Join us for this special summer service as we worship God in scripture, prayer, and song. We can't take every request, but we encourage everyone to participate by submitting a hymn request form. **Submissions are due by Friday, July 3.** You can submit your completed form by placing it in the submission baskets at the sanctuary entrances, or by scanning the QR code below.



This Week's Events

Sunday, June 21 (today)

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

Tuesday, June 23

- 12:00 P.M. Al-Anon @ The Little White House

Wednesday, June 24

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

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
124 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30117
770-832-6131

office@carrolltonpresbyterian.net
www.carrolltonpresbyterian.net

Bulletin indications:

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

Bold text indicates words spoken by the whole congregation.

Serving in Worship

Prelude

Mary Anne Taylor

Violinist

Elizabeth Kramer

Liturgist

Mike Limerick

Acolytes

Elliott & Everett Snyder

Livestream

Keith & Robin Ellison

Greg & Sue Smith

The bulletin art is:

Ge, N. N. (Nikolaï Nikolaevich), 1831-1894. "What is truth?" Christ and Pilate, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/55296> [retrieved June 16, 2026].

Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:What_is_truth.jpg.

The Call to Worship is from Hymn 311: *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* by Tokuo Yamaguchi, trans. Everett M. Stowe. The Prayer of Confession is from *Deep Well Worship* by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.

The Time with Children is "Parable of the Deep Well" from *The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Volume 3* by Jerome Berryman

Our Staff

Rev. Leigh Bonner, Pastor
Debbie Lewis, Administrator for Ministry Support
Bobby Painter, Director of Music
Bryant Hand, Organist
Bronwen Feagins, Pianist

Our Session

+Elder on Call

Class of 2026:

Keith Ellison

Communications, Worship

Mike Limerick

Buildings & Grounds

Amy Richardson

Fellowship

Class of 2027:

+Dale Howard

Congregational Care

Greg Smith

Communications, Buildings & Grounds

Dena Wilson

Worship, Faith Formation

Class of 2028:

Mike Handyside

Stewardship & Finance, Outreach,

Buildings & Grounds

Elizabeth Kramer

Faith Formation

Ben Studdard

Faith Formation