Carrollton Presbyterian Church
A Heart In The City

Worship for the Lord's Day
All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
11:00 a.m.



Festival of Lights
Swanson, John August 2000
Los Angeles, CA

Centering Moment

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those who
touched and tended
us, who lingered with
us while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

Rev. Jan Richardson

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, Joys and Concerns

Prelude Abide With Me Henry Francis Lyle
Arr. by Don Rice

Gathering Around God's Word

*Call to Worship

(based on the hymn "Rejoice in God's Saints" by Fred Pratt Green)

Rejoice in God's Saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.
Let us worship God and rejoice in the saints!

***Hymn 326** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

While the organist plays a few verses of our opening hymn instrumentally, you are invited to come to one of the tables on the sides of the chancel area to light a candle or two for the saints in your life who have gone before. As more people begin returning to their seats, the choir will cue the congregation to begin singing together.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, we confess that we feebly struggle in our faith, while those saints who have gone before shine in glory. We often do not feel part of the blessed communion or divine fellowship. The thin veil between earth and heaven seems more like a wall for us. Help us know more deeply the presence of your glory in the here-and-now. Help us come closer to your saints gone before by participating in bringing your kingdom to earth and doing your will on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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 643** Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 1) NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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 Matthew 5:1-12

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!

New Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17

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 374** O Holy City, Seen of John MORNING SONG

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory How Firm a Foundation American folk melody

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.
..who sing the glories of your name with us now and forever:
Hymn 552 Holy, Holy, Holy
[the prayer continues]
The saints worshiping you today in this congregation, Carrollton Presbyterian Church, give you thanks and praise for the witness of the saints gone before us in this past year, who we now name and celebrate:

Phil McGhee (12/12/2025)
Mary Granstra (3/15/2026)
Lee Rhyne (3/26/2026)
Edy Maxwell (7/21/2026)

...where we will all sing together the magnificent truth of life beyond death:
Hymn 553 Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen
...and joyfully celebrate that mystery we call faith:
[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

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table — Thomas H Troeger, Michael Corzine

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.

Following God Into The World

***Hymn 384**	Soon and Very Soon	SOON AND VERY SOON

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude	When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder	James Black

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

Serving in Worship

Prelude	Don Rice
Clarinet	Jae Sutton
Liturgist	Pat Sheffield
Acolytes	Elliott & Everett Snyder
Livestream	Keith & Robin Ellison Greg & Sue Smith

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Our Session

+Elder on Call	
Class of 2026:	
Keith Ellison	Communications, Worship
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Announcements

CPC Ladies' Luncheon
Friday, November 20, 11:30 am, Sutton's.
Please join us for fun & fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Fellowship Lunch
Sunday, November 15, after worship
Join us for a Mexican-themed lunch right after the worship service on Sunday, November 15th! Please scan the QR code to register by Wednesday, November 11th, so we can get an accurate headcount. If you need a hand signing up, see Amy - she'll be happy to help!

From the Outreach Team:
As you sort through your sweaters, jackets, and coats for the coming cold weather, please see if there are any that you are willing to donate to our Pantry visitors. Hats and gloves are also needed. Items must be clean and in good shape and can be dropped off at our Pantry restock shelves downstairs.

Celebrating 185 Years
Sunday, December 6, After Worship
In recognition of our 185th anniversary, Carrollton Presbyterian Church will open our doors to the public for special guided tours on Sunday, December 6th,. Tours will occur at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00, and light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. For additional details, contact Linda Handyside or Amy Richardson.

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 1 (today)

- 10:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
- 1 1:00 A.M. Worship @ the Sanctuary
- 12:45 P.M. Pastors' Book Study @ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

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

Thursday, November 5

- 5:30 P.M. Al-Anon @ The Little White House

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