

# Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

## Christmas Eve 2020

Thursday, December 24, 2020

5:00 PM

### The Gathering

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude      Fughette on "Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland"      J.S. Bach  
(Savior of the Nations, Come)  
Elizabeth Brown, organist

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

Hymn                      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"                      ADESTE FIDELES

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### The Lessons and Carols

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7  
*Christ's Birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

Carol                      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"                      VENI EMMANUEL

**Second Lesson:** Micah 5:2-4  
*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem*

Carol                      "O Little Town of Bethlehem"                      ST. LOUIS

**Third Lesson:** Luke 1: 26-35, 38  
*The angel Gabriel visits the blessed Virgin Mary*

Offering of Music                      "Domine Deus"                      Antonio Vivaldi  
(Lord God, heavenly King/O God, almighty Father)  
Emily Crisp, soprano,  
Deb Stevenson, oboe and George Radosavljevic, piano

**Fourth Lesson:** Luke 2:1-7  
*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

Offering of Music                      "The Gift"                      arr. William Cutter  
Zoe Nott, soloist

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 2:8-20  
*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

**Christmas Meditation** "With Outstretched Hands"

## **Thanksgiving - Sharing the Light**

**The Darkness to the Light:** Genesis 1:1-3, John 1:1-5

### **Distribution of the Light**

(You are invited to light a candle at home, knowing that your light is added to the lights of others among our worshipping congregation and friends)

Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT

**The Christmas Gospel Reading:** John 1:14

Hymn "Joy to the World!" ANTIOCH

Charge and Blessing

Postlude "The Joy of Christmas" John Purifoy  
recorded at our Carter-Westminster "Messiah" concert 2019

### **Prayers for a very Merry Christmas for all of you, and a New Year of Health and Hope!**

Assisting in Worship:

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Pat & Lynn O'Dea and Bea Jacobs.

Readers: Jenny Haag, Jacob Haag, Jim Nadder, Annette Serritella, Heidi Musser, Najeba Badal, the Akompong family.

Musicians: Lindsay Mecher, mezzo soprano; Leo Radosavljevic, bass-baritone; Emily Crisp, soprano; Zoe Nott; Deb Stevenson, oboe; George Radosavljevic, piano; Elizabeth Brown, organist; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director.

Officiant: Bridge Pastor William J. Ingersoll