

*Becoming the Beloved Community*

## **Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



**November 28, 2021**

### **Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude "Behold, a Rose is Blooming" Johannes Brahms

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements  
*(All congregational responses and unison readings to be whispered)*

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

### Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The world says, "All is lost."  
God says, "All is loved."  
The darkness says, "The light is dying."  
The light says, "The fire is catching."  
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."  
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

One: As we light our first Advent candle,  
**ALL: We pray for holy hope of God.**  
One: Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**All: Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

\* Hymn # 245 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (first verse only) VENI EMMANUEL

### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man. in whose name we pray. *(silence)* Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### Glory to God

#### \* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)*

### **Word Proclaimed**

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#### Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10 (p. 502)

**One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.**

#### Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 21: 29-36 (p. 86)

**One:** The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Message "An Advent Frame of Mind"

\* Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed *(Please whisper)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory *Messiah / Part 1* - "Thus Saith The Lord...But Who May Abide" Handel  
Leo Radosavljevic, bass-baritone

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Our Commitments *(Please whisper)*

**The day of redemption draws near, especially for all who live with a sense of foreboding. We offer these gifts as a sign of Hope and a taste of the equitable world to come. Amen.**

## Sending

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\* Hymn # 244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Duet Fantasy on Carol of the Bells" Arr. Robert D. Vandall  
*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude.)*

\*Going Forth

*\*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

**Welcome to Worship** at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church, located at 4950 W. Pratt Avenue in Skokie, Illinois.

Faith in Jesus Christ is the mark of a Christian and a disciple of Christ, and is therefore the only requirement for membership in this Church. Please prayerfully consider joining this family of faith - talk with our Pastor, and learn more by visiting us at [www.cwupc.org](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Sam Mirza, Marie Scott, Norma Struch, Charlotte Tyre, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director, and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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