

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



December 5, 2021
Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "What Child is This" Joel Raney
Pat and George Radosavljevic

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 Second Advent Candle

The voice of John the Baptist cries out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."
A choir sings in the silence,
"Come, Emmanuel."
Every valley shall be filled.
Every heart shall be made whole,
For peace is stronger than turmoil,
And Love is louder than hate.

One: As we light our second 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" (*1st & 2nd verses*) VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. *(silence)* Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

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

Response: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" (*See insert*) IN DULCI JUBILO

* 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 3:1-6 (p. 60)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 663)

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

Message "Prepare: The Process of Advent"

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

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Air for Advent" arr. Tom Fetke
Lindsay Mecher, Mezzo soprano
Leo Radosavljevic, bass baritone

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn *(See insert)* "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" GENEVAN

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" arr. Paul Laubengayer
(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 and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Assisting us in worship today are John Yonan, Zoe Nott, David Nott, Elliott Nott, Lindsay Mecher, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director, and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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