

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam
Emily Crisp, soloist

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

Introduction of the Service

We invite you to share your Christmas Stories and traditions as we sing the songs of the season and listen to the Christmas story. On the insert in your bulletin, we invite you to write a few words about "tradition" and your special family Christmas traditions.

You are welcome to write them down during the carols, or whenever they come to you, and place them in (the basket). Later in the service, Jim will pull out one of the slips of paper, read it aloud. If it is yours, you are invited to comment more about it.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please whisper)*

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord!
All: God commanded and we were created.
One: Leaders and followers,
All: old and young,
One: all of God's beloved children,
All: all people everywhere as with the angels,
One: let us come and praise the exalted name
of the Lord.
All: Let us worship God.

* Opening Carols

Hymn # 277 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Hymn # 275 "Sing We Now of Christmas"
Hymn # 281 "What Child is This"

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, though we are in awe of the dawn of your light in Jesus Christ, we remain self-centered and cling to the sin of the world. We celebrate the birth of our savior, yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him. We are called to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you; yet we are content to seek our own comfort and conveniently ignore the cries of those in need. By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness, as we seek to love all of your bountiful creation.

Words of Forgiveness

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

Response: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" *(see insert)*

* 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

First Lesson: Reading of the Christmas Story - Luke 2:1-14 *(Page 58)*

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

* More Carols

Hymn # 265 "The First Noel"

Hymn # 262 "Away in a Manger"

Sharing of Your Traditions and Stories

Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

* More Carols

Hymn # 271 "The First Noel"

Hymn requests from the Congregation

Second Lesson: Jesus Grows Up - Luke 2:41-51 *(Page 59)*

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Arr. Harry Simeone

*Doxology #815 "Praise God"

OLD HUNDREDDTH

Sending

Benediction Luke 2:52 - *May we also increase in wisdom and stature in 2022!*

*Hymn # 270 "Joy to the World"

Postlude "The Joy of Christmas"

John Purifoy

(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 James Nadder, Emily Crisp, George Radosavljevic, and Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director.

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