

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

**Hope begins in the dark,
the stubborn hope that
if you just show up and try
to do the right thing,
the dawn will come.**

**You sit and watch and work:
you don't give up.** - Anne Lamott

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Duet from Cantata 140 "Sleepers, Wake!" J.S. Bach
 Gabrielle Timofeeva and Samson McCrady
 Deb Stevenson, oboe

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship -

Hymn (*see insert*) "He Came Down That We May Have Love"

Advent Candle Lighting (*see insert*)

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, remind us that you have formed us with your own hands, made us in your own image, and placed us in this world to be stewards of your good creation. Made for generous relationships, we have retreated into ourselves. Created for the purpose of making your goodness known, we allow lesser tasks to occupy our time. Forgive our failure to live in the way you made us to live. Renew within us the knowledge of your love so that we may live joyfully and gratefully, sharing what we have. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us, and opens to us the way of eternal life.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Romans 13:11-14 (p. 162)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 24: 36-44 (p. 27-28)

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

Message: “Showing Up Hope”

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)* “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” ABERYSWYTH

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

Thanksgiving

Stewardship Message (John Yonan)

Time for Generosity

Offertory “Air for Advent” J.S. Bach
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, we present these gifts that through them the church may take up the mantle of Christ and proclaim his transformative Word to the world through acts of justice and love. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn # 245 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella” arr. Douglas Wagner

Deb Stevenson, oboe; George Radosavljevic, piano

(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 Anna Maria Virga, Gabrielle Timofeeva, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto; Samson McCrady, bass; Deb Stevenson, oboe; George Radosavljevic, piano; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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