

Welcome to Worship on this Christmas Eve 2022

If you are new to the Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church community of faith, please accept our warmest welcome - especially on this most holy night. We invite you to come and worship here again - Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

Special Thanks to all of those assisting in worship this evening, including our greeters, and ushers; and to our Advent Wreath lighters: Shirley, Judy, Don, and Bob Rustemeyer; to our readers: Peter Ellyin, Anita Bakou, Isaac Bakou, Annette Serritella, Charlotte Tyre, Hilda Karam, and Jim Nadder and the children of the church - and to our musicians: Elizabeth Brown, organist, Daniela Folker, violin, Angela Radosavljevic, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; Stuart Barnes Jamieson, tenor; George Radosavljevic, piano; and Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director.

You are invited to worship with the Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church community every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve 2022

Saturday, December 24, 2022

5:00 PM

Welcome to Worship on this Christmas Eve, and if you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a Visitors' Card, located on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

Please be careful, later in this service, to dip the unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle. Please be mindful of those around you with your lit candle.

The Gathering

Prelude "Sonata No. 6 Presto" Ludwig Van Beethoven
George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

One: Good news! Great joy!
All: Jesus Christ is born!
One: Good news! Great joy!
All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle *Rustemeyer Family*

"Good news of great joy,"
the angel said,
"for to you a savior is born."
"Peace on earth,"
the choir sang,
"for God reigns in the highest."
"Follow me,"
the star beckoned,
"For Hope was born in Bethlehem."

Special Thanks to those who have donated poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas

- In honor of my six Grandchildren,
from Phyllis Boba
- In dedication to the glory of God,
from Stuart, Brenda, Andrew and Rachel
- In memory of my mother, **Margaret Eshoo**,
from Georgette Joseph
- In memory of my parents, **Agnes & Malcolm Karam**,
from Hilda Karam
- In memory of **Mabel Badal**,
from Richard & Irene Modert
- In memory of **Mary Mirza**,
from Richard & Irene Modert
- In memory of **Sam Mirza**,
from Richard & Irene Modert
- In memory of **Scott C. Mooshy**,
from Rita G. Mooshy
- In memory of **Wally & Martha Merza**,
from the Sidan Family
- In memory of **Sam & Mary Mirza**,
from the Sidan Family
- In memory of **George Sargis**,
from the Sidan Family
- In memory of **Zenaida A. Sidan**,
from the Sidan Family
- In memory of **Dan & Barbara Wickell**,
from the Sidan Family
- In memory of **Mrs. Almas Mirza**,
from John M. Yonan
- In memory of **Mrs. Jane Yonan**,
from John M. Yonan

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "The Holly and the Ivy" Arr. Leo Radosavljevic

Angela Radosavljevic, soprano; Leo Radosavljevic, bass and George & Pat Radosavljevic, piano

*Going Forth to a very Merry Christmas, and a New Year of Peace!

**Please rise in body and/or in spirit!*

The Session, Deacons, Trustees, Officers, and Staff of Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Session Ruling Elders: Georgette Joseph, Thomas Akompong, Carolyn Kapteyn, Lisa Novel, Najeba Badal, John Yonan, and Elizabeth Brown.

Deacons: Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona, and Hilda Karam.

Trustees: Donald Rustemeyer; Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, Robert Rustemeyer.

Staff and Church Leaders:

The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic
Church Secretary - Karen Daughtry
Church Treasurer - John M. Yonan
Financial Secretary - Doris Nadder
Worship Technician - Elliott Nott

One: As we light the Christ candle,
All: we watch for the Christmas story around us.
One: Emmanuel has come and is coming.
All: Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.

* Hymn # 249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (*all verses*)

ADESTE FIDELES

The Lessons and Carols

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 The Creation

Peter Ellyin

Solo: "Comfort Ye..." from *Messiah*

Handel

Stuart Barnes Jamieson, tenor

Second Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10 *A Prophecy*

Isaac Bakou

Solo: "Thus Saith the Lord" from *Messiah*

Handel

Leo Radosavljevic, bass-baritone

Third Lesson: Micah 5:2-4 *The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem*

Annette Serritella

* Hymn # 250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (*verses 1 and 3*)

ST. LOUIS

Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary

Hilda Karam

Offering of Music: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
and Arr. with handbells by Elizabeth Brown
Elizabeth Brown, organist; George, Pat and Leo Radosavljevic, handbells

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Anita Bakou

Anthem: "Carols of the Night"

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

The Shepherds go to the manger Jim Nadder and children of the church

* Hymn # 277 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (all verses) MENDELSSOHN

Call to Offering

Offertory: “Rejoice Greatly” from *Messiah* Handel
Angela Radosavljevic, soprano and Daniela Folker, violin

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Rejoicing in the birth
of Christ our Savior,
we give to God
what we first received from God,
the gifts of our lives. AMEN**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Light

Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-5
The Darkness to the Light

Charlotte Tyre

Distribution of the Light

*Please remember to dip the unlit candle into the flame of the lit
candle. Please be careful of those around you with your lit candle.*

*Hymn # 253 “Silent Night, Holy Night” STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven a-far.
Heaven-ly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*The Christmas Gospel Reading: John 1:14

Pastor Stuart

*Hymn # 270 “Joy to the World!” ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, for as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**