

*Becoming the Beloved Community*

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

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**December 11, 2022**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

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

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Prelude "Father of Heaven" George Frideric Handel  
Lindsay Mecher, mezzo soprano and Jill Kaeding, cello

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

Advent Candle Lighting *(see insert)*

\* Hymn *(see insert)* "He Came Down That We May Have Joy" HE CAME DOWN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth.

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: Hymn # 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(2nd verse only)* GLORIA

\* 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**

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Prayer for Illumination

Time With Young Disciples

First Lesson: Luke 1:46-55 (p. 57)

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

Second Lesson: Psalm 146:5-10 (p. 581-582)

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Message: "An Upside-Down Joy"

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed

\* Hymn (*see insert*) "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWN

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

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory "See Amid the Winter's Snow" Dan Forrest  
The Chancel Choir

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Gracious God, accept these gifts in grateful response for your generosity. May these gifts bring joy to those most in need of Christ's mission and ministry. Amen.**

## Sending

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

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Wexford Carol" Irish Traditional

Jill Kaeding, cello; 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](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Peter Ellyin, Jill Kaeding, cello; Lindsay Mecher, mezzo soprano; James Schubert, tenor; George Radosavljevic, piano; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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

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