

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Grand Fantasia on "I Saw Three Ships" arr. James Galway
Karin Ursin, flute and George Radosavljevic, piano

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 Love" HE CAME DOWN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough.

We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be saved.

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" *(3rd 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 80 (p. 540-541)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1)

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Message: "God With Us"

Affirmation of Faith *(From The Confession of 1967)*

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

* Hymn # 250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Calypso Lullaby" arr. Joel Raney
The Chancel Choir with Karin Ursin, flute

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose Lordship we praise. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn # 258 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Sleigh Ride" Leroy Anderson
Pat and 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 Elizabeth Brown, Karin Ursin, flute; George Radosavljevic, piano; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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