

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; Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Etude op. 25 No. 1 "Harp Etude"
George Radosavljevic, piano

Frederic Chopin

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship *(from Psalm 100)*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is she who made us, and we are hers.

All: **We are God's people, the sheep of her pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: **Give thanks to God; bless his name.**

One: For the Lord is good; her steadfast love endures forever.

All: **God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn #790

We Gather Together

* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.

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: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (p. 803)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:31-40 (p. 29)

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

Message: "Christmas Characters: Shepherds, Sheep and Servant Leadership"

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #688

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Surely the Presence
The Chancel Choir

Jack Schrader

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #45

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Pat Radosavljevic, organ

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

**Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

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