

Welcome to Worship on this Christmas Eve 2023

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; to our Advent Wreath lighters: Shirley, Judy, Don, and Bob Rustemeyer; to our readers: Peter Ellyin, Gail Reichlin, Charlotte Tyre, Helen Robles, Mac McLendon, Pastor Stuart, and Jim Nadder; to our musicians: Elizabeth Brown, organ; Angela De Venuto, soprano; Tessa Newman, soprano; Lisa Dagher, alto, tenor; Leo Radosavljevic, bass, Daniella Folker, violin and George Radosavljevic, piano; and to Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson

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Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:8-20
The Shepherds go to the manger

Jim Nadder

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

Call to Offering

Offering

* 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 *Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson*

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.