

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 Jim Nadder; Daniela Reyes, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Kevin Allen, baritone and George Radosavljevic, piano & harpsichord; Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



January 7, 2024

**Baptism of Jesus
Communion Sunday**

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

George Radosavljevic, harpsichord

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: God said, "Let there be light,"

All: **and there was light.**

One: God's speech

All: **is God's action.**

One: When God creates,

All: **the creation is good.**

One: God our maker has done it again.

All: **God has brought us to a new dawn. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn *(see insert)*

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Creating God, we cannot look at our lives, our communities, or the world around us without seeing the fractures and brokenness that reflect the reality of sin. You created the earth and called it good, but it now groans, awaiting redemption and re-creation under the weight of our greed, abuse and carelessness. You created humanity in your image, and called us very good, but we have ignored the image of God in each other. You poured out your love in Jesus Christ, who showed us how to live and how to love, but we continue to make our own path, follow our own desires, and neglect to love others as Christ loves us. Lord, have mercy. Rend the heavens. Re-create us now.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Response: **Glory to God**

* 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: Genesis 1:1-5 (p. 1)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Mark 1: 4-11 (p. 34-35)

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

Message: "Listening to the Voice of God"

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostle's Creed - See insert)*

* Hymn #393

Breath on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him Benjamin Harlan
The Chancel Choir

Doxology # 815

Praise God

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper *(See insert)*

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn #606

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Sonata in C Major K.159 Domenico Scarlatti
George Radosavljevic harpsichord

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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