

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 Peter Ellyin; AJ Wester, alto and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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

Session Ruling Elders: Georgette Joseph, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, and Peter Ellyin.

Deacons: Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer.

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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.



September 22, 2024
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adagio in A minor

JS Bach

Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)

One: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

All: And meditate on God's word day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

All: Which yield their fruit in its season.

Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

* Hymn #572

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: Glory to God

VASILE

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: Mark 9:33-37 (p. 45)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: James 3:17-4:3, 7-8a (p. 230–231)

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

Message: "Wisdom Coming As a Child"

* Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)*

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Thy Word - Michael W Smith arr. Jack Schrader
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #426

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS S.M.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: O, How I Love Jesus - American Melody, arr. Joel Raney
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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