

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, liturgist and handbells; Elizabeth Brown, handbells; Angela Devenuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, tenor; Zach Walz, bass; 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.



December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Setting by Joel Raney

Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

**All: Teach us your paths
as we wait on your coming promise.**

One: The heavens are speaking;
your kingdom is arriving.

**All: Strengthen our hearts
as we wait on your coming promise.**

One: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

**All: Keep us alert
as we wait on your coming promise.**

One: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

All: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Helen Robles and Jim Nadder

We begin by singing together: Wait for the Lord *(see insert)*

* Hymn #245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 738)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 1:5-25 (p. 56)

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

Message: "Fearless Hope: The Days Are Surely Coming..."

* Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostle's Creed—See Insert)*

* Hymn *(see back of insert)* The Days Are Surely Coming LLANGLOFFAN

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Come to Us, Lord Jesus Hal Hopson
Elizabeth Brown and Peter Ellyin handbells
George Radosavljevic, piano

Doxology # 815 Praise God OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn #255 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS'

Charge and Benediction

Postlude When the Savior Jesus Christ Jean Francois Dandrieu
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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