

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 Anna Maria Virga; Angela De Venuto, soprano; Lisa Dagher, 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
Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph
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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



**December 8, 2024
Second Sunday in Advent**

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Duet Fantasy on Carol of the Bells arr. Robert Vandall
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: A voice cries out; a prophet speaks:

All: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

One: The valleys are filled; the mountains are made low.

All: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

One: The winding roads are made level,
the rough ways made smooth.

All: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

One: God's salvation has come
and even now it is on its way.

**All: Blessed is the Lord God,
who has come to save us! Hallelujah!**

Advent Candle Lighting

Elizabeth Brown and Hilda Karam

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

* Hymn #244

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we prefer the crooked paths where we think we can hide from you. We'd rather you didn't examine us too closely, all we do and fail to do. Yet you are coming not to judge, but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning. So come, Lord, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts. In the certainty of your grace we make our prayer. 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: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 56-57)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 1:68-79 (p. 58)

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

Message: "Fearless Peace: Here I Am!"

* Affirmation of Faith *(see screen)*

* Hymn #589

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

See Amid the Winters Snow
The Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, we thank you for all our blessings, and offer these gifts back to your service, that this church might continue to shine your light into the world. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #258

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Joy to the World!
Pat Radosavljevic, Organ

arr. Don Hustad

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

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

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