

**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](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Helen Robles; Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, tenor; Zach Walz, bass; and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

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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 22, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude	The Shepherds at the Manger	Franz Liszt
	George Radosavljevic, piano	

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship

One: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**All: With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing God's praise.**

One: Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

### Advent Candle Lighting

The Peng Family

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

\* Hymn- (*see insert*) "Savior of the Nations, Come" NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean turning dialogue into debate. We wage war with enemies and invest in self-defense before giving non-violent strategies a chance. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kin-dom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. 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

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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

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 1:39-55 (p. 57)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (p. 58)

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

Message: "Fearless Love: God Has Looked with Favor on the Lowly..."

\* Affirmation of Faith (*see insert*)

\* Hymn #251 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

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

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory Christmastime — Michael Smith and Joanna Carlson  
The Chancel Choir

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Holy God, with Mary we seek to magnify you in our worship and in our deeds. Accept these gifts and bless them for Christ's ministry. May they lift the lowly and fill the hungry. May they reveal your glory present with us today and still yet to come. Amen.**

## Sending

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\* Hymn #281

"What Child Is This?"

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson

George and Leo Radosavljevic, piano  
Angela De Venuto and Pat Radosavljevic, percussion

*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)*

\* Going Forth

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

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