

**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 Peter Ellyin; AJ Wester, alto; George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Helen Robles, preaching.

**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.

**Trustees:** Donald Rustemeyer, Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, and Robert Rustemeyer.

**Staff and Church Leaders:**

The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor

Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph

Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic

Church Administrator - Anna Torgerson

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*Becoming the Beloved Community*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.*



**December 29, 2024  
First Sunday of Christmas**

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude

What Child is This?

arr. John Carter

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship

One: We come to this place—  
**All: each of us on our own path.**  
One: The path is winding,  
**All: and the path is not always clear,**  
One: and the path changes,  
**All: but we are here.**  
One: God is walking us home.  
**All: What a gift it is to not walk alone.**  
One: Let us worship Holy God.

\* Hymn- (*see insert*) “Arise, Your Light Has Come” FESTAL SONG

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God of changed plans, the Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way. We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter. Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy. Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home. Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation. Guide our steps to unfamiliar places. Gratefully 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

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (p. 616)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: 1 John 2: 1-17 (p. 239)

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

Message: “A Resolution Worth Keeping”

\* Affirmation of Faith (*see insert*)

\* Hymn (*see insert*) “In the Bleak Midwinter” CRANHAM

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

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory “O Thou That Tellest” *from Messiah* G.F. Handel  
AJ Wester, mezzo soprano, George Radosavljevic, piano

\* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Gracious God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Sending

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\* Hymn #258 “Go Tell It On The Mountain” GO TELL IT

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “He is Born” arr. John Carter  
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

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

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