

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, liturgist; Elizabeth Brown, organist; Lisa Dagher, Alto; and Zach Walz, bass; 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 Ellyn.

Deacons: Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyn, 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

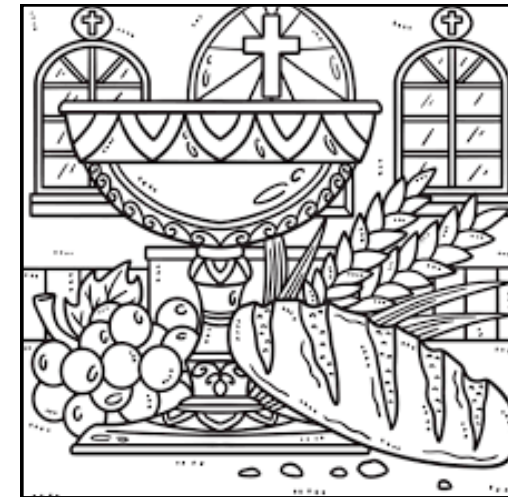
Church Treasurer - John Yonan

Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas

Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Charles Callahan

Elizabeth Brown, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: The glory of God has now appeared

All: through Christ our light, in flesh.

One: The reign of God has now arrived

All: through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.

One: The mystery of God has been revealed

All: through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.

One: With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,

All: we come, bringing our gifts to worship God. Amen.

* Hymn #288

“We Three Kings”

KING OF ORIENT

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day.

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: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 690)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 2)

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

Message: “Mission Alive in 2025”

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

* Hymn #290 “As with Gladness, Men of Old”

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Tiny Child
Chancel Choir

Carol Murray

Doxology # 815

Praise God

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn *(See insert)* “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

SIYAHAMBA

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” arr. Anna Laura Page
Elizabeth Brown, organ

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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