

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 Jim Nadder; Daniella Rayes, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; 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**

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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.



**January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord**

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Sheep Safely Graze J.S. Bach/E. Power Biggs
Pat Radosavljevic, organ and George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Holy Triune God, author of community, come baptize us.

All: Remind us what it means to belong to one another.

One: God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

All: Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.

One: God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

All: Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.

One: God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

All: Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.

One: Together, let us remember this day.

**All: In the Creator's love we are held, into Christ's body we are
baptized, and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed. All glory
to God. Amen.**

* Hymn- (*see insert*) "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. 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: Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. 672)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 3:1-17; 21-22 (p. 60)

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

Message: "Remember Your Baptism..."

* Affirmation of Faith/Reaffirmation of Baptism (*see insert*)

* Hymn #389 "Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Adoration" Bach/Gounod arr. Tom Fetkke
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others.
May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them
and our desire to serve. Amen.**

Sending

* Hymn #705 "It is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: I Sing the Might Power of God setting by Joel Raney

Pat Radosavljevic, organ and George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

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

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