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 Sarah Murfey , liturgist; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, 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, Don Rustemeyer, Helen Robles.

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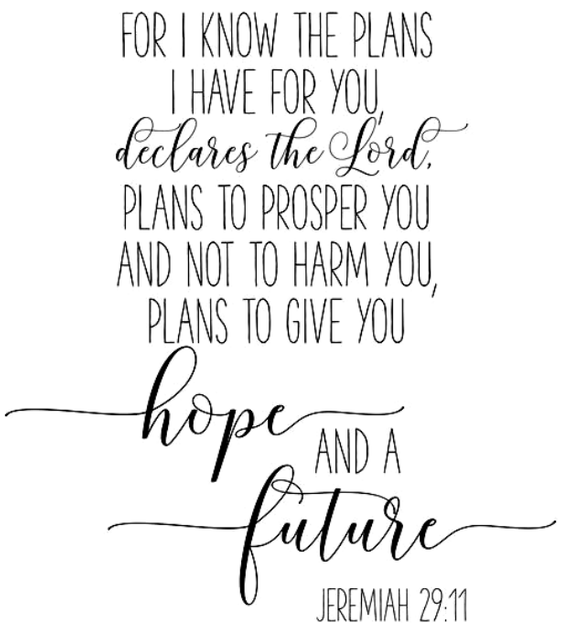
Staff and Church Leaders:
The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
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Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Prelude Johannes Brahms
George Radosavljevic, piano

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

One: All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

One: Let us give glory to God.

*Hymn #139 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. 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

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: Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 (p. 731)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8–15 (p. 212)

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

Message: "…Not what we want, but what we need."

* Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)* "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: Joyful Thanks Joseph Martin
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #724 "Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Processional in G Major John Stanley
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

* Going Forth

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

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