Becoming The Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church



Service of Remembrance
At Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2025

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Piano Trio No. 1 in g minor, Andante Espressivo Claude Debussy
Thomas Yang, violin Steven Houser, cello and George Radosavljevic, piano

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

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; Thomas Yang, violin; Steven Houser, cello; Angela De Venuto, 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

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The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
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*** Call to Worship**

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

All: **May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

All: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

All: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

* Opening Hymn #401 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have marked well the path of faith, following in that way is hard for us. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven, and saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust in that grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)

Word Proclaimed in Song

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 6: 20-25 (p. 64)
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Time with the Young Disciples
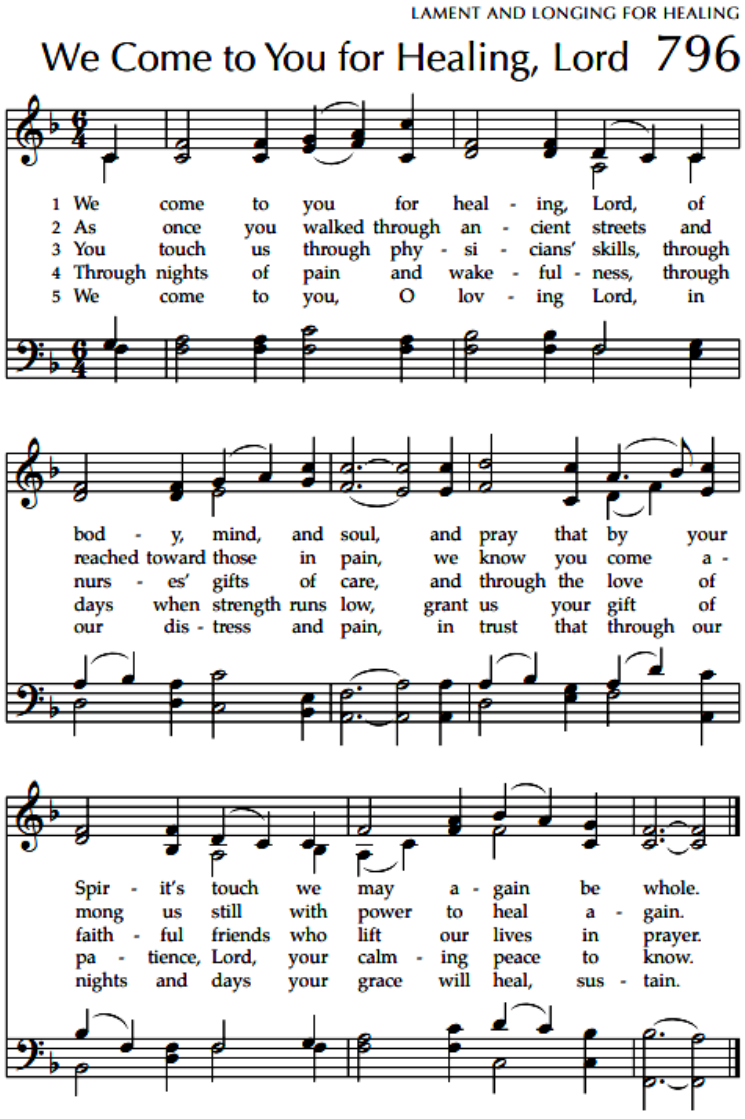
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 192)
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Message

Affirmation of Faith – (The Apostle's Creed)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" - LAND OF REST



Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938
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LAND OF REST
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(alternate harmonization, 691)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving for the Saints

Remembrance Sunday

Catherine "Kay" Giglio (9/27/25)

Paul Miller (2/4/25)

Irene Modert (11/12/24)

Lisa Novel (7/3/25)

George Sargis (7/17/25)

William Shabas (5/3/25)

Gene Thiele (1/2/25)

Charles P. Virga (2/12/25)

Special Music:

Piano Trio K. 502 in Bb, Movement II Larghetto Wolfgang A. Mozart
Thomas Yang, violin Steven Houser, cello
and George Radosavljevic, piano



Catherine "Kay" Giglio

Paul Miller

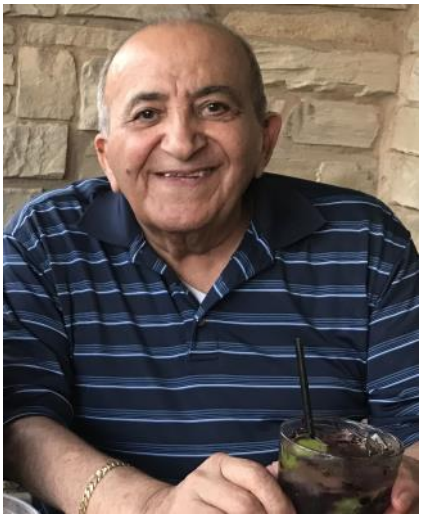




Irene Modert

Lisa Novel





George Sargis

William Shabas





Gene Thiele

Charles P. Virga



Prayers for the Saints

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,

as we remember them.

- Rabbinic Poem

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: "Grace" arr. Mark Hayes
The Chancel Choir

Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
One: It is indeed right, our duty and delight…

… Therefore, we sing to you our thanks and praise.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of Power and Might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We give you thanks, Lord God, for…

… Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Words of Institution - Breaking and Pouring

Distribution - Communion of the People
(Please hold the elements; we will partake together)

"The Body of Christ/The Cup of Salvation given for you."

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion (In unison)

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, right-eousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #767 "For All The Saints" - SINE NOMINE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Piano Trio K. 502 in Bb Movement III Allegretto Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Thomas Yang, violin, Steven Houser, cello 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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Announcements

Our Service of Remembrance is today. Today, we take time to remember and honor our loved ones who have passed away between November 2024 and October 2025. Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Thomas Yang, violin, Steven Houser, cello and George Radosavljevic, piano, for providing our wonderful special music for this service.

Making Sandwiches for The Night Ministry and Skokie Respite Center— C-W volunteers are making sandwiches here at the church on Monday, November 3, starting at 10:30a.m. Many thanks to Elio Sidan for leading this volunteer effort. If you can come earlier to help carry boxes, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Elio or Pastor Stuart if you are interested in helping: 847-673-4441 - email: Pastor@cwupc.org

NAOMI CIRCLE will meet this coming Thursday morning, November 6 at 10:00am in Sawyier Hall. Elizabeth Brown will lead us in a discussion of the temptation of Jesus in Luke's Gospel as part of our year-long examination of "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". All are welcome to attend. There will be no Bible Study Tuesday November 4th.

Concert of Chamber Music: George and Leo Radosavljevic are among the musicians performing in a concert of chamber music by Telemann on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 4:00 pm. Presented by St. John's Lutheran Church at 1235 Wilmette Ave in Wilmette (across from the Library). Tickets are free. You can register for tickets at St. John's website.

Warm Winter Drive: As the cold months approach, let's share the warmth of Christ's love!

We're collecting coats, blankets, gloves, and hats for those in need this winter.

We will be collecting donations from November 9th – December 14th. Donations can be placed in the marked bins in the Narthex beginning on November 9th. All sizes (adult and children) are appreciated- gently used or new items only, please.

Donations will be shared with local shelters and outreach ministries. Let's help our neighbors stay warm this season!

The Amvets Post 5 Veterans Day Dinner will be Sunday, <u>November 9th.</u> Doors open 1:00 at the Crystal Palace Banquet Hall, 1070 S. Elmhurst Rd., Des Plaines. Tickets are $40. To make reservations, call Tom Tamraz at 872-232-5162.

Blessing Bag Mission Project: On Saturday, November 15th, the Mission Team will be assembling Blessing Bags to distribute to individuals who are home-insecure. If you feel led to support this outreach, your donations will help us purchase items for the bags and share comfort, dignity, and hope with those in need. No donation is too small—every gift makes a difference. Thank you for giving from the heart and helping us extend Christ's love to others.

Evening of Gratitude Dinner: Join us for a heartwarming, Thanksgiving-themed evening as we gather around the table to celebrate God's goodness and the gift of community, ***Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM***. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for an evening filled with food, fellowship, and gratitude. Donations are appreciated and will go toward supporting food-insecure individuals in our community. Reservations are required. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office <u>by Sunday, November 16</u>. Seating is limited. Let's come together in thankfulness and share the blessings of this season!

Messiah Concert Messages— CW's Messiah Concert will be taking place on Sunday December 7 at 3:00pm. As a reminder, concert donors may write a message for our program book! $200 and over for a full page, $100 and over for a half page. Message examples: In Memory of our dear friend or family member (name)...from (name)...; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to (name or group)...from (name).... All messages must be given to Pat by **Sunday, November 23** at the latest to be included in the program. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Requests

To keep our prayer list current and meaningful, we will be implementing a new system for names to stay on the list for one month, and they may be renewed as needed. Anyone can fill out Prayer slips to submit or renew a prayer request. These will be kept on the narthex table and can be placed in the offertory plate or in the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember that those on our prayer list — whether at home or here in worship with us — also appreciate a call, a card, or a friendly visit.