

**Welcome to Worship** on this 20th Sunday after Pentecost.  
We hope this time of worship is a blessing in your life.

If you are here today for the first or second time, we hope you feel welcome as a guest of this community of faith. 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! Please talk with our pastor, and learn more by visiting us at [www.cwupc.org](http://www.cwupc.org) and [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Guest Organist Paul Miller, John Yonan, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry. **A special welcome to our new tenor section leader, Brian Pember.**

**Next Sunday** is the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, and the scripture lessons are I Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22. Next Sunday we will be singing several parts of the worship liturgy, using our loaner copies of "Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal." **You and yours** are most welcome.

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**Session Ruling Elders:** (2017), Barbara Boba, Sam Mirza, Abe Samuels, (2018) Kenneth Jacobs, Carolyn Kapteyn, Doris Nadder, John Serritella, Sam Bakou; (2019) Lisa Novel.

**Deacons:** (2017) Sue Americus, Lynn O'Dea, Hilda Karam; (2018) Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Rita Witzgall; (2019) Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona.

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*The Community of*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship  
During the Sundays After Pentecost - 2017*

**Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM**

*Rejoice*  
IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.  
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:  
*Rejoice!*  
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

**October 15, 2017**  
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" GEORGE ANDREW NELSON

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

In that day the Lord will make a feast for all people  
**and destroy the power of death forever.**

\*Hymn # 804 (GTG) "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.  
You are the one who has saved us;  
but we make false gods for ourselves.  
You invite us to live in joy and peace,  
but we grumble and fret, and are filled with anxiety.**

**Forgive us one more time, merciful God,  
so that we may return to your fold  
and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

One: . . . Sisters and brothers, believe this good news:  
**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Act of Praise #441 (GTG) NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation, Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

**\*The Peace**

One: ... The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**  
*(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

**Word Proclaimed**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9 (p. 652)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Sing Out Your Joy to God" GEORGE F. HANDEL

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9 (p. 198)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Time with Young Disciples  
*(Children are invited to come to the chancel steps, and then go to child care.)*

\*Hymn # 623 (GTG) "I've Got Peace like a River" PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Sermon "The Choice to Rejoice"

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed *(On screen)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

**Thanksgiving**

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Offering and Offertory "Give Thanks Unto the Lord" ANONYMOUS

\*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer *(On Screen)*

**Sending**

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\*Hymn # 821 (GTG) "My Life Flow On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "He Leadeth Me" WILLIAM BRADBURY  
*(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude.)*

\*Going Forth  
*(Please join one another for coffee hour downstairs - follow the crowd)*

*\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit!*