

**Welcome to Worship** on this 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. This season of the church year, also called “Ordinary Time” focuses on the particular scripture passages for each Sunday. We are following the Revised Common Lectionary.

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 leadership today are Thomas Yang, Kimberly McCord, Pat and George Radosavljevic, Afua Akompong, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday, November 19, is the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, and the scripture lessons and service will be focused on our history as a congregation. Please join your church family for our History Luncheon following the worship service. You and yours are most welcome.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Staff of  
Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

**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.

**Trustees:** (2017) Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, Robert Rustemeyer; (2018) Julia Dooman, Rodney Esmael; (2019) Donald Rustemeyer.

**Staff and Church Leaders:**

Interim Pastor - Ken Hockenberry  
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic  
Church Secretary - Karen Daughtry  
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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**



**November 12, 2017**

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

**Gathering in God’s Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude “Sicilienne”

GABRIEL FAURE

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.**

Choose this day whom you will serve.  
**We will love and serve the Lord.**

**\*Hymn # 804 (Stanzas 1-4)** BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC  
"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

**Sovereign God,**  
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.  
**We waste our days with idle pursuits,**  
instead of choosing to serve you.  
**We spend our nights in foolishness,**  
instead of watching for your return.

**Forgive us, most 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** 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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25** (p. 215-216)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Chorale" from Cantata 140 J.S. BACH

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 28)  
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 (See insert)** "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" LLANGLOFFAN

Sermon "Ready or Not!"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Thanksgiving**

Offering and Offertory "Sleepers Wake" from Cantata 140 J.S. BACH

**\*Doxology # 815** "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Celebration of The Lord's Supper *(See insert and screen)*

**Sending**

**\*Hymn # 757** "Soon and Very Soon" SOON AND VERY SOON

**\*Invitation to Discipleship**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Postlude THOMAS YANG, VIOLIN  
*(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!*