

Welcome to Worship on this 24th Sunday after Pentecost.
We hope and pray 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 and www.pcusa.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Assisting us in worship today are Tracy Cantin, George Blanchet, Pat Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, John Yonan, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian Liturgical Year. We begin the new year with Advent - this year, December 3, 2017. Our scripture lessons for next Sunday are Ezekiel 34 and Matthew 25:31-46.
You and yours are most welcome.

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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

The Parable
of the

Talents

November 19, 2017

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ARR. MARK HAYES

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.
For God has destined us not for wrath,
but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn # 107 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" LIFT YOUR NAME

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God,
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You adorn us with the armor of light,
but we hide ourselves in darkness.
You trust us with the message of grace,
but we bury that treasure in fear.

Forgive us, 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: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 205)
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "None Like You" J. PAUL WILLIAMS AND CRAIG COURTNEY

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 28-29)
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 # 597 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" HENDON

Sermon "Risky Behavior"

Affirmation of Faith - *from The Belhar Confession (See insert)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering - and Offering of 2018 Pledge Cards

Offertory "Nun beut die Flur" from *The Creation* JOSEPH HAYDN

*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

*Hymn *(See insert)* "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTAD

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "How Majestic is Your Name" ARR. MARK HAYES
(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!*