

**Welcome to Worship** on this 1st Sunday of Advent. Advent is the first season of the Christian liturgical year - a time of hopeful waiting and expectation. We mark time in Advent for four weeks, preparing for God to come among us, to be born in us in afresh in Christmastide. May you and yours be blessed this day through this time of worship together.

**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 Pat and George Radosavljevic, Jim Nadder, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

**Next Sunday** is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, and the scripture lesson will be Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8. You are most welcome!

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Staff of  
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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 Season of Advent - 2017*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*

**December 3, 2017**  
The First Sunday of Advent

**Gathering in God’s Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude “Shepherds at the Manger” FRANZ LISZT

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

**\*Call to Worship**

Jesus says: I am coming soon.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
**but the word of God endures forever.**

**\*Opening Hymn # 244** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.  
We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.  
We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.  
Strengthen us, by your hand,  
so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

One: . . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*Act of Praise (See Screen)** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO  
**Good Christian friends, rejoice - with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss - Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**\*The Peace**

One: . . . The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**  
*(Please share the peace of Christ with one another, then join in our Advent  
Gathering Again Song, “Wait for the Lord” - on the screen)*

**Word Proclaimed**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles**

**Response # 245** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL  
**O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 64:2-9** (p. 694-695)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

**Offering of Music** “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” DAN FORREST

**Second Lesson: Mark 13:24-37** (p. 50-51)  
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)** “The Days Are Surely Coming” LLANGLOFFAN

**Sermon** “Keep Alert!”

**\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed** *(On Screen)*

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People**

**Thanksgiving**

**Offering and Offertory** “Gesu Bambino” PIETRO YON

**\*Doxology # 815** “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**Sending**

**\*Hymn # 243** “Emmanuel” EMMANUEL

**\*Invitation to Discipleship**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** “Joy to the World”  
*(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude.)*

**\*Going Forth**

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