

Welcome to Worship on this 2nd 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 Christmas-tide. 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 and www.pcusa.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Assisting us in worship leadership today are Pat and George Radosavljevic, Afua Akompong, Heidi Musser, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent, and the scripture lesson will be Isaiah 66:1-11 and John 1:6-8, 19-28
You are most welcome!

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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 10, 2017
The Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God’s Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude “What Wondrous Love is This” ARR. JOHN CARTER

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!

Listen to the voice of one, crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord, make God’s paths straight.

***Hymn (See Insert) “Prepare the Way, O Zion”** BRENDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
You call us to repent, but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with you
when all your glory is revealed; 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 - *from* “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
**O Come, Thou Wisdom, from on high, and order all thing mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 667-668)
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music “What Child is This?” GREENSLEEVES

Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-8 (p. 34)
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 # 275 “Sing We Now of Christmas”** FRENCH CAROL

Sermon “Good News - When You Need It The Most”

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory “Sheep Safely Graze” J.S. BACH

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

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper *(See insert)*

Sending

***Hymn (See insert) “Comfort, Comfort You My People”** GENEVAN 42

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude “The Little Drummer Boy”
(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!*