



# Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve, 2018

Monday, December 24, 2018

5:00 PM

**Welcome to Worship** on this Christmas Eve. Please fill out the Pew Pad, located on the inside aisle end of the pew. If you are a first time guest here tonight, please give us your email. Thank you.

Please be careful, later in this service, to **dip your unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle**. Please be mindful of those around you.

## The Gathering

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Opening Offerings of Music

# 251 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL  
(please remain seated)

Stanza 1 - all                      Stanza 2 - women  
Stanza 3 - men                      Stanza 4 - all

"The First Noel"      Jim Nadder, Soloist

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\*Hymn # 249                      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"                      ADESTE FIDELES

## The Lessons and Carols

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The Traditional Greeting, Prayer, the Lord's Prayer

\*Opening Carol # 286 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY  
Stanza 1 - Solo      Stanzas 2, 3 and 4 - All

**First Lesson:** Genesis 3:8-15

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the offspring of woman shall strike the serpent's head.*

Carol # 279                      "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"                      W ZLOBIE LEZY  
(Please remain seated and sing both stanzas)

**Special Thanks** to those who have purchased poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, dedicating them to the glory of God, and in memory or in honor of a loved one.

- In memory of Lily, Jim, and Joyce Dooman, from Julia Dooman
- Thanking God for our great-granddaughter Phoebe, from Sam and Mary Mirza
- In honor of our grandchildren: Michael, Valerie, Jeffrey, Madeleine, and Christian, from Sam and Mary Mirza
- In memory of Mrs. Alas Mirza, from John M. Yonan
- In memory of Mrs. Jane Yonan, from John M. Yonan

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Welcome to Worship on this Christmas Eve 2018.

*Let us all do our best to keep Christmas well,  
remembering what God, this night, for us has done.*

**The Service tonight** is modeled after the liturgy prepared by Edward White Benson, Bishop of Truro in Cornwall, England, in 1880. It was later modified and used at Kings College in Cambridge, beginning in 1918, by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of the Cathedral. The service has been broadcast from that location every year since 1928 by the British Broadcast Corporation (BBC). The readings from the Bible contain the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. The readings are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

**Please fill out the Pew Pad** located on the center aisle end of each pew, and check the appropriate box. If you are here as a guest for the first or second time, please give us your email address or street address. Thank you.

**Child Care** for infants and younger children is available in the nursery, located on the lower level. Please speak with an usher for assistance. Children are most welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

If you are new to the Carter-Westminster United community of faith, you are most welcome - especially on this most holy night. Please come and worship here again - Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

**Special Thanks** to all of those assisting in worship this evening, including our greeters, ushers, singers, and instrumentalists, to our readers: Afua Akompong, Kwadwo Akompong, E. Elkheir, Jim Nadder, Zoey Nott, Annette Serritella, and Charlotte Tyre - and to Pat Radosavljevic, Emily Crisp, Lindsey Mecher, Leo Radosavljevic, and the Chancel Choir.

**You are invited to worship** with the Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church community this coming Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 10:45 AM. You are most welcome. *(Sunday School will not meet on December 31 but will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.)*

**Second Lesson:** Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that by his offspring,  
all the nations of the earth shall be blessed*

Offering of Music "All Is Well" arr. Lloyd Larson  
The Chancel Choir

**Third Lesson:** Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

*Christ's Birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

Carol # 245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL  
*(Please remain seated and sing all 4 stanzas)*

Time with Young Disciples

*(Children are invited to come to the chancel steps at this time,  
and then to return to their seats or go to child care.)*

**Fourth Lesson:** Micah 5:2-4

*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.*

Carol # 250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS  
*(Please remain seated and sing stanzas 1 and 4)*

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 1: 26-35, 38

*The angel Gabriel visits the blessed Virgin Mary.*

Offering of Music "O Thou That Tellest" Handel  
Lindsey Mecher, soloist

**Sixth Lesson:** Luke 2:1-7

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Offering of Music "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Jack Schrader  
The Chancel Choir

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

\*Carol # 261 "Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

*(Please stand and sing all three stanzas)*

## Thanksgiving - Sharing the Light

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Offering Opportunity

Offertory Emily Crisp, Soloist

The Darkness to the Light: Genesis 1:1-3, John 1:1-5

Distribution of the Light

*Please remember to dip the unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle.*

*Please be careful of those around you with your lit candle.*

\*Hymn # 253 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven a-far.  
Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

\*The Christmas Gospel: John 1:14

\*Hymn # 270

"Joy to the World!"

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, for as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude Leo Radosavljevic, Soloist

\*Going Forth to a very Merry Christmas, and a New Year of Peace!

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