

Welcome to Worship on this First 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 and www.pcusa.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

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

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent, and the scripture lessons are Malachi 3:1-14 and Luke 1:68-79.

You and yours are most welcome.

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Gathered for Worship

During the Season of Advent - 2018

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

December 2, 2018

The First Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "The First Nowell" setting by John Carter

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Call to Worship

Our souls magnify the Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.

God has done great things. Holy is God's name!
God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,
God's love is from generation to generation!

*Hymn # 244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Advent God, come among us.
Awaken us to your presence, and fill us with your love.

Forgive us when our hunger for justice
gives way to our hunger for power.

Forgive us when our hope for peace
is swallowed by our fear of failure.

Forgive us when our songs of faith
are drowned out by the shouts of the world.

Advent God, come among us, and make all things new. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

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

*Act of Praise (On 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 738)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word - Thanks be to God

Offering of Music "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Joel Raney

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 204)

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Time with Young Disciples

(Children are invited to come to the chancel steps, and then go to child care.)

*Hymn (See insert) "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

Sermon "Two Advent Prayers"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

*Hymn (See insert) "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" LLANGLOFAN

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Ding Dong Merrily On High" arr. Charles Callahan

(You are invited to remain 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!*