

Welcome to Worship on this 2nd 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 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, Afua Akompong, Heidi Musser, Charlotte Tyre, Norma Struch, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent, and the scripture lessons are Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Luke 3:7-18.

You and yours are most welcome.

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The Community of

**Carter - Westminster United
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Gathered for Worship

During the Season of Advent - 2018

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

December 9, 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "Swiss Noel" Clérambault

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

God has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of God's servant David.
Blessed be the Lord our God!

God has shown mercy and remembered the holy covenant,
that we might serve God without fear.

By the tender mercy of our God,
God will guide our feet into the way of peace.

***Hymn # 245** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **VENI EMMANUEL**

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**We seek to serve you, O Lord, with glad and generous hearts.
Forgive us when our hearts are hardened;
and help us to trust the depth of your promise.**

**We seek to live as baptized people,
repenting of sin and sharing your grace.
Forgive us when we fall into selfish ways;
and help us to know the goodness of your call.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.
By your grace, cleanse us.
By your providence, help us to learn from our mistakes.
By your Holy Spirit, equip us to love and honor you. 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, Desire of nations, bind, all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-14 (p. 889-890)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Calypso Lullaby" arr. Joel Raney

Second Lesson: Luke 1:67-80 (p. 58)

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)** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" **MERLE'S TUNE**

Sermon "Into the Way of Peace"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory "Prelude" J.S. Bach

***Doxology # 815** "Praise God" **OLD HUNDREDTH**

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

Sending

***Hymn (See insert)** "Prepare the Way, O Zion" **BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN**

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "The Little Drummer Boy" Harry Simone
Heidi Musser, piano *(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.)*

***Going Forth**

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