

Welcome to Worship on this 3rd 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 Leo Radosavljevic, Joseph, Mireille, and Eli Joseph, Pat and George Radosavljevic, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent, and the scripture lessons are Luke 1:39-45 and Luke 1:46-55.

You and yours are most welcome.

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The Community of

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Gathered for Worship

During the Season of Advent - 2018

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "March in C Major" Ludwig van Beethoven

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

We gather because we are waiting.
We are waiting for the coming of Christ anew.

We work because we are waiting.
We are waiting for a world of love and justice.

We worship because we are waiting.
We are waiting for God, whose glory is about to be revealed.

*Hymn *(See Insert)* “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you have told us what we should do:
live humbly, give generously, and be rich in compassion.
Even still, O God, we fall back into our selfish ways.**

**We have been claimed in the waters of baptism,
but we do not live as people redeemed.**

**We have been washed in waters of grace,
but we do not trust the depth of your love.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Heal us, guide us, and call us to try again. 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, thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

First Lesson: Luke 3:7-18 (p. 60)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word - Thanks be to God

Offering of Music “Tambourine Noel”

Second Lesson: Zephaniah 3:1-4, 8-9, 14-20 (p. 876-877)

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Time with Young Disciples

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

*Hymn # 255 “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN’ ROS

Sermon “From Ruin to Joy”

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory “Song of Plea” Ludwig van Beethoven

*Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

*Hymn # 278 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

*Invitation to Discipleship, Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Finale from Symphony No. 9” Ludwig van Beethoven

(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!*