

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve 2021

Friday, December 24, 2021

5:00 PM

Welcome to Worship on this Christmas Eve. Please fill out a name tag, and if you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a Visitors' Card, located on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

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

The Gathering

Prelude "Adore Him" Arr. David Wise

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

One: Good news! Great joy!

All: Jesus Christ is born!

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All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle Rustemeyer Family

"Good news of great joy,"
the angel said,
"for to you a savior is born."
"Peace on earth,"
the choir sang,
"for God reigns in the highest."
"Follow me,"
the star beckoned,
"For Hope was born in Bethlehem."

Special Thanks to those who have donated 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 our Parents, Nelson & Esther Aziz, from Paul & Mariam Acker
- In honor of my Parents, Sister, and Brother, from Phyllis Boba
- In celebration of Christmas, from Elizabeth Brown and Gene Thiele
- In celebration of our Church, from Tony and Arlene Fucarino
- In memory of my beloved wife, Mary, from Sam Mirza
- In memory of Zenaida Sidan, from Elio Sidan
- In memory of Wally & Martha Merza, from Elio Sidan
- In memory of Viktor Struch, from Norma Struch
- In dedication to the glory of God, from Stuart, Brenda, Andrew and Rachel
- In memory of Mrs. Almas Mirza, from John M. Yonan
- In memory of Mrs. Jane Yonan, from John M. Yonan
- In honor of Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson, from C-W staff

The Session, Deacons, Trustees, Officers, and Staff of Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

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Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

The Shepherds go to the manger

Jim Nadder and Noah Bakou

* Hymn # 278 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (all verses)

GLORIA

Call to Offering

Offertory: “O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion” from *Messiah* Handel
Lindsay Mecher, mezzo soprano and Paul Christiansen, violin

* Doxology # 815

“Praise God”

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Rejoicing in the birth
of Christ our Savior,
we give to God
what we first received from God,
the gifts of our lives. AMEN

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Light

Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-5

The Darkness to the Light

Pastor Stuart

Distribution of the Light

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*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 Reading: John 1:14

Pastor Stuart

*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.