

*Becoming the Beloved Community*

## Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



**December 12, 2021**

### **Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude "Silent Night" setting by John Carter

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements  
*(All congregational responses and unison readings to be whispered)*

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

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

"Rejoice in the Lord always:  
Again I will say, Rejoice."  
The world says, "Worry,"  
And we say, "Rejoice."  
The news says, "Fear,"  
And we say "Rejoice."  
The world says, "Be happy,"  
And the church says, "Be faithful."

One: As we light our third Advent candle,

**All: we pray for hope, peace, and joy.**

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

**All : Come now, O Prince of Joy.**

\* Hymn # 245 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (first 3 verses)

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

\* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)*

### **Word Proclaimed**

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p. 877)

**One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.**

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Phillipians 4:4-9 (p. 198-199)

**One:** The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Message "Joy: The Attitude of Advent"

\* Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed *(Please whisper)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory "Quia Fecit" *from the Magnificat* J.S. Bach  
"Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."  
Leo Radosavljevic, bass Baritone

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Our Commitments *(Please whisper)*

**Take these gifts, and gather us back together, O God, we who have separated ourselves from our neighbors, from our higher selves and from your expansive Love. Reunite us with our calling. Amen.**

## Sending

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\* Hymn # 270 "Joy To The World" ANTIOCH

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Sleigh Ride" Leroy Anderson

Leo Radosavljevic, Pat and George Radosavljevic

*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude.*

*The congregational Meeting will immediately follow the Worship Service today))*

*\*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

**Welcome to Worship** at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church, located at 4950 W. Pratt Avenue in Skokie, Illinois.

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 - talk with our Pastor, and learn more by visiting us at [www.cwupc.org](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Shirley Rustemeyer, Doris and Dick Nadder, James Nadder, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director, and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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