

FOURTH  
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CHURCH



A LIGHT IN THE CITY



The symbol of Christmas—what is it? It is the rainbow arched over the roof of the sky when the clouds are heavy with foreboding. It is the cry of life in the newborn babe when, forced from its mother's nest, it claims its right to live. It is the brooding Presence of the Eternal Spirit making crooked paths straight, rough places smooth, tired hearts refreshed, dead hopes stir with newness of life. It is the promise of tomorrow at the close of every day, the movement of life in defiance of death, and the assurance that love is sturdier than hate, that right is more confident than wrong, that good is more permanent than evil.

Howard Thurman  
*The Mood of Christmas*

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

## Morning Worship 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

**Prelude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Kenneth Leighton*  
"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

**Introit** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens the door, I will come in.

**\*Doxology and Lighting of the Advent Wreath** (The Hymnal, 592)

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.  
People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*Hymn 5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *from Liturgy of St. James*  
*Fourth century*

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

(9:30 and 11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism**

(9:30 and 11:00) **Unison Prayer**

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Concerns of the Church**

(8:00 and 11:00) **Anthem**

"Carol of the Advent" *Philip Dietterich*  
People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in the course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen, he for fledging time has chosen. People, look East, and sing today: love, the bird, is on the way. Stars keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

(9:30) **Anthem** "Children of the Lord" *James V. Marchionda*  
We are children of the Lord. We are sisters, we are brothers,  
we are family in the Lord. Sound the trumpet! Ring the  
bell! Let us sing our song of joy! God will love us and  
protect us. We are special in the Lord. We are singers, we  
are dancers, we are gifted in the Lord. God will teach us  
and inspire us. We are servants of the Lord. We are growing  
and becoming the disciples of the Lord. God will lead us to  
the kingdom. We are holy in the Lord. We are thoughtful,  
we are prayerful, we are faithful to the Lord. God will grace  
us. God will save us.

**Psalter** Psalm 25 (responsively) (page 502, O.T.)

**\*Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)

**Scripture Lessons** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (page 738, O.T.)  
Luke 21:25-38 (page 85, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00) **Sermon** by John A. Cairns  
IT'S ABOUT TIME

(9:30 and 11:00) **Sermon** by John M. Buchanan  
STEADFAST  
"All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and  
faithfulness." Psalm 25:10 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 298** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"  
*Frederick William Faber*

**\*Apostles' Creed** (traditional)  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who  
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in  
the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the  
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People  
and the Lord's Prayer**

(unison)  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

**Response** My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is  
from him alone.

**Offering**

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** "Laudamus te" *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
from *Mass in B Minor*  
Lisa Kirpatrick, soprano  
Susan Marr, flute

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem**

**"The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee"** *Jean Berger*  
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

**\*Presentation of the Offering and Response**

**"For the Life That You Have Given"** *Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and la - bor with these gifts that are your own:  
here we of - fer, Lord, our prei - ee; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
All: **Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming again that his rule may be complete and your righteousness reign over all the world. Then we will feast at his royal banquet and sing his praises with the choirs of heaven. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 1** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *Charles Wesley*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *George Schafer*

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\*Stand as you are able.

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## Today's Worship

<b>Ministers</b>	8:00: Laurie Armstrong, Dana Ferguson, and John A. Cairns 9:30: Paulo França, Donna Gray, and John M. Buchanan 11:00: Steven Runholt, Dana Ferguson, and John M. Buchanan
<b>Vespers Leaders</b>	6:30: Calum I. MacLeod, Theodore Durst, and James Hicks
<b>The Music Today</b>	8:00: The Chancel Choir 9:30: The Morning Choir and the Children's and Youth Choirs 11:00: The Morning Choir 6:30: The Vespers Choir

The text of the hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," like other Advent hymns, celebrates the first advent of Jesus and looks forward to his second coming. Penned by Charles Wesley, the eighteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, it is one of more than 6,000 hymns written by this ordained member of the Church of England who dedicated his life to the Methodist movement. Charles Wesley came to colonial Georgia in 1735 as secretary to General Oglethorpe, but a personal conversion experience in 1738 gave him "rest in his soul" and released in him the gift of hymn writing.

The children being baptized at the 9:30 service are Bryn Claire Buikema, daughter of Timothy T. and Elizabeth Bauer Buikema; George Sigmar Browne, son of David Walker Browne and Catherine Lee Sigmar; Theodore Daniel Nicolosi, son of Daniel I. and Ann DeLaive Nicolosi; and Mia Elisabeth Pearsall, daughter of Jeffrey C. and Susan Winton Pearsall. The children being baptized at the 11:00 service are Elizabeth Ansel Canfield, daughter of Dennis L. and Anne Marie Tompkins Canfield; Sydney Joslin Heekin, daughter of Geoffrey Edward and Tobi Craiger Heekin; Maxwell John Knipstein, son of Steven C. and Julie Randolph Knipstein; Joseph Michael Musolino, son of John Mark and Michelle Seitz Musolino; Rose Caveerly Priebe, daughter of Frank A. and Suzanne Wallace Priebe; and Lily Charlotte Shorney, daughter of John Leith and Lisa Mead Shorney.

- > FOR LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SEE AN USHER.
- > Child care for infants and toddlers is available in Westminster 14.
- > Please pass the registration pads during the Concerns of the Church, so that all worshippers have an opportunity to register and greet one another following the service.
- > Individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex.

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## Directory

John M. Buchanan	Pastor
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Laurie Armstrong	Pastoral Resident
Paulo França	Pastoral Resident
Steven Runholt	Pastoral Resident
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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO  
**Vespers Service**

6:30 p.m.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
and the AIDS Pastoral Care Network  
World AIDS Day Observance

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

**Prelude** Fantasie in C Major *César Franck*  
Poco Lento

**Invitation to Stand**

**Procession** *(Please stand in silence as the worship leaders process into the Sanctuary.)*

**Liturgy of Light**

Leader: In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his friends. He is the light of life.

People: **He is the hope for the world.**

Leader: In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile, Catholic nor Protestant,

People: **For all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: He is the light of life;

People: **He is the hope for the world.**

Leader: In him there is neither male nor female, gay nor straight,

People: **For all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: He is the light of life;

People: **He is the hope for the world.**

Leader: In him there is neither middle class nor working class, rich nor poor,

People: **For all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: He is the light of life;

People: **He is the hope for the world.**

**\*Hymn 5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *from Liturgy of St. James*  
*Fourth century*

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God, who draws us from the comfortable borders . . . and for the responsibility to which freedom calls us.

People: **Blessed are you, O God, who draws us beyond the comfortable borders of our day-to-day lives.**

Leader: If we have failed to see. . . . If we have failed to offer or receive the love of God.

People: **Have mercy on us, God who sides with justice. Confront our prejudice, stretch our narrowness, sift our laws and our lives with the penetrating insight of your Spirit, until generosity is our only measure. Amen.**

**Concerns of the Church**

**Readings**

**Anthem** "Creator of the Stars of Night" *Dale Wood*

**Reading**

**Scripture Lesson** Mark 2:1-12 (page 36, N.T.)

**Communion Meditation**

by James Hicks

RIPPING OFF THE ROOF TO GET TO GOD

**\*Hymn 425**

“Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining” *Howell Elvet Lewis*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

(unison)

**We believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Liberator; the expression of God’s redeeming and restoring love; the mark of humanness, source of courage, power, and love; God of God, Light of Light, ground of our humanity. We believe that God resides in slums, lives in broken homes and hearts, suffers our loneliness, rejection, and powerlessness. But through death and resurrection God gives life, pride and dignity; provides the content of our vision, offers the context of our struggle, promises liberation to the oppressor and the oppressed, hope to those in despair, vision to the blind. We believe in the activity of the Holy Spirit, who revives our decaying soul, resurrects our defeated spirits, renews our hope of wholeness, and reminds us of our responsibility in ushering in God’s new order here and now. Amen.**

(Hong Kong)

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

“He Comes to Us as One Unkown”

*John Ferguson*

**\*Doxology**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Communion**

**Prayer of Remembrance and Honor**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (*see insert*)

*(During the closing hymn, the light will be passed, and after the benediction, you are invited to leave the Sanctuary carrying the symbol of hope in Christ into the world.)*

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Postlude**

Prelude in D Major

*J. S. Bach*

\*Stand as you are able.

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO  
**Coming Fourth**

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**IF YOU ARE NEW TO  
FOURTH CHURCH**

Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and ask you to register your name on the pew pad. We invite you to

- > identify yourself by wearing a Fourth Church lapel pin, located in the pew racks
- > attend coffee hour in Anderson Hall following the morning worship services for fellowship and conversation; visit the *Welcome Table* and the *Deacons' Information Table* to learn about church programs and volunteer opportunities
- > tour the church building at 12:15 p.m., beginning at the rear of the Sanctuary
- > attend an Inquirers' Class and explore Presbyterian history, beliefs, and worship on **Monday, December 4**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; **Saturday, December 9**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or **Monday, January 8**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This class is a prerequisite for membership. No prior registration is necessary. For further information, contact Nan Birmingham at (312) 787-2729, ext. 210.

You are invited to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church. For more information, see an usher or minister, or visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**TODAY AT  
FOURTH CHURCH**

**Sunday school classes** for children meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Fourthlights** (40s and older) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room to hear David Edelberg discuss the holistic approach of combining alternative and conventional medicine.

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**Fourth Church  
Commemorates  
World AIDS Day**

> A book of honor and remembrance is available during Coffee Hour today. In it, people can list the first names of those who are living with, or who have died from, AIDS. The book will be presented during tonight's Vespers service.

> National leaders from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) AIDS Ministry will speak at a luncheon hosted by Fourth Church today at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

> A Vespers service of honoring and remembering, of light and hope, for those who have died from AIDS and for those living with it will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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**Academy for Faith and Life**

courses meeting at 9:30 are "Old Testament Survey," taught by John Cairns; "To Speak about God," taught by Randy Newman; and the John Knox Bible Study. The 11:00 course "Understanding Mental Illness" meets in the Page Smith Room today with child psychiatrist Bennett Leventhal as guest presenter. The "Feuding Faithful" course does not meet today but resumes next Sunday.

**A brief period of intercessory prayer** is led by Deacons after the 11:00 service. All are invited to Stone Chapel to participate. Written prayer requests can be placed in the box outside the chapel.

**Venture Fourth** (mid-30s and 40s) meets for a discussion of "shaping communities" at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. Anyone interested in going for brunch in the area should meet in the Chestnut Street lobby at 12:30 p.m.

**The Junior High Youth Group** meets for lunch and a pool party. Gather in the Page Smith Room at 12:30 p.m.

**The Senior High Youth Group** meets at 4:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest to hear speakers talk about HIV/AIDS and to help lead the World AIDS Day Vespers service.

**Fourthcomers** (20s and 30s) will learn about centering prayer at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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## COMING EVENTS

**Books by Women** will discuss *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**Mothers Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**The Benevolent Guild** will handcraft toys and treats for hospitalized children on Wednesday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. All helpers are welcome!

**Noonday Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, December 6 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Venture Fourth** will join the Wednesday night Community Supper at the church on December 6 at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Allison Hutchison at ext. 212. Afterwards, those who already have tickets will go to the Chanticleer concert in the Sanctuary. (The concert is sold out.)

**Presbyterian Women in Fourth Church** Breakfast and Conversation will discuss *Working on God* by Winifred Gallagher on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 a.m.

**The "God Stories" series** hosted by the Center for Older Adults continues on Thursday, December 7 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Doris Vidaver, Director of the Humanities Program at Rush University, will discuss stories written by Flannery O'Connor, Bernard Malamud, James Baldwin, and others.

**Fourthcomers Theater Group** will meet for dinner at DeLeece Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 8. Afterwards, the group will attend the 8:00 p.m. performance of *Nelson and Simone* at the Live Bait Theater. For more information, call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385.

**The Men's Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Terry Stumpf will discuss the role of spirituality in health care. Call the church office at (312) 787-4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 8 to make reservations.

**Please submit Stewardship 2001 pledges** as soon as possible so that Fourth Church can effectively and meaningfully plan its

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## Christmas Joy Offering

A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps those who are homeless and hungry in this community and supports racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). To contribute to this offering, use one of the Christmas Joy Offering envelopes available in the pew racks or write "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. For other ways to share Christmas joy this season, see "Sharing Christmas Joy" on pages 9-10.

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mission and ministry for 2001. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

### Sharing Christmas Joy

> Christmas gifts are being collected for neighbors in need. Place unwrapped toys, toiletries, mittens, socks, and nonperishable food under the tree in Anderson Hall before December 18. For additional gift ideas, pick up a "Christmas Wishes" card from the literature racks. To give gifts to a specific child or family in need, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

> Christmas cards, designed by Partners in Education Tutoring Program students, are on sale during Coffee Hour today and, during the week, at the church reception desk, in local stores, or by mail (see [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). Proceeds from the sale of these cards benefit the Tutoring Program.

> Ornaments depicting Fourth Church are on sale today and each Sunday during Coffee Hour. Proceeds from the sale of these ornaments support the mission and ministry of the Board of Deacons.

> The flowers, wreaths, and garlands decorating the Sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons are made possible by financial gifts from members and friends. To contribute to this fund, pick up a "Memorial Gifts for Christmas Flowers" card from the literature racks or write "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

> Christmas cookies are needed for the children's Christmas party at Grainger Hall on Wednesday, December 13 and for the reception following the service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17. Cookies can be dropped off at the reception desk. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

> A Christmas Day dinner will be served to families and friends of Fourth Church with the assistance of volunteers. To help set up for or assist with the dinner, call Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

#### **Celebrating Christmas**

> Chrysalis Circle (women emerging into the values and virtues of midlife) will gather for a holiday celebration on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Tucci Benucch. To make a reservation or for more information, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

> Excerpts from *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, the Dylan Thomas classic, will be read by Judith Schneider at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 5 in the Dining Room. A brown-bag lunch precedes this Center for Older Adults-hosted program.

> Fourthlights will meet for dinner at Stefani's at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9 and afterwards those who purchased advance tickets in November will attend the 7:30 p.m. performance of Handel's *Messiah* at St. Josephat's Church. For more information, call the Fourthlights Infoline at ext. 494.

> The Center for Older Adults holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. To make a reservation to attend, make a donation to

the Lakeview Academy (recipient of this year's COA holiday gift) at the COA office.

> La Posada, a reenactment of the Holy Family's search for shelter on Christmas Eve, will be celebrated at Family Night on December 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted in Westminster House.

> Tickets for the Christmas Day dinner are available during Coffee Hour on Sundays and, during the week, at the reception desk. A traditional holiday dinner will be served on Christmas at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall (following the 11:00 a.m. worship service). All members and friends are invited to share this time of joyful celebration and fellowship.

> Christmas caroling time is almost here, so plan to bring family and friends to sing seasonal favorites to the passersby on Michigan Avenue. Caroling will take place on Sundays, December 10 and 17 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Cloisters. Hot cider will be served!

> The Morning Choir is available to sing at home and office gatherings this Christmas season. Donations for scheduling the choir go toward their June 2001 concert tour of France. To

schedule the choir for a carol performance, call John Sherer at ext. 219.

**Volunteers are needed** for the following. Learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church—or sign up to participate in them—by stopping by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour. To express interest or request information during the week, contact (unless otherwise noted) Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

> Ushers for the Sunday morning and evening worship services.

> Tutors to work with students one night a week. (Contact: Stacy Jackson at ext. 238.)

> Individuals to donate canned food items to the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk.

> Audio-Video operators for the 11:00 a.m. service (training is provided).

> Individuals to catalog books for Jenner Academy for the Arts in Cabrini-Green. (Contact: Diana Anton, ext. 273).

> Sunday school teachers for 11:00 a.m. sixth and seventh grade class.

> Cooks, servers, hosts, and cleaning crew for Christmas Eve Community Dinner (served at 1:00 p.m.)

> Individuals to be part of a team to assist a person or family living with HIV/AIDS.

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### **Holidays a cappella**

Join Chicago *a cappella* for a concert of seasonal songs from around the world. This ensemble of nine singers will perform Friday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For tickets, call Chicago *a cappella* at (773) 755-1628.

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#### **ABOUT THE COVER**

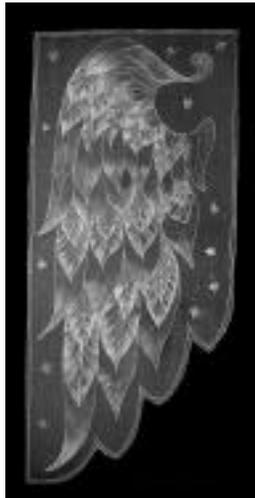
Psalm 150 encourages us to praise God with trumpet, harp, and string. These angels adorn a stained glass window, by Charles J. Connick, located in the reception area west of Anderson Hall.

# OBSERVING ADVENT

*With the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath, the church marks the beginning of the Advent season. Please join today and in the days ahead as the church observes this season of anticipating and awaiting the coming of the Messiah!*

- > Families are invited to make an Advent wreath to use at home throughout this special season of preparing and waiting. Today stop by the Dining Room between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to make a wreath together and enjoy a light lunch.

- > *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, a collection of poetry by Ann Weems, provides the basis for Fourth Forum discussions during the Advent season. Today and each Sunday in Advent, this group of gays and lesbians



- and friends of the community gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room to reflect on these poems. The book is available in the Borden Library.

- > Daily Advent meditations by Kathleen Norris will be available in the literature racks in the weeks ahead. This year's collection of meditations, "Come, Lord Jesus," is currently on backorder but should arrive soon. Until then, those with Internet access can read the daily devotions online at the "Advent Calendar 2000" link at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

- > Wednesday night Advent worship will feature the music of the Taizé and Iona communities. Led by Calum MacLeod and John Wilkinson, these brief services of reflection and preparation will be held in Blair Chapel on December 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 p.m.



- > A Women's Liturgy Advent service will be held on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. All women are invited to join in this opportunity for song, prayer, and reflection.
- > Children's Advent and Christmas art is on display in the Loggia. This exhibit features art created by children in the Presbytery of Chicago, including pieces by children of Fourth Church.

- > Banners, in the form of wings, adorn the Sanctuary, conveying the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. The three pairs of wings were designed and painted by Eliza Linely of Berkeley, California.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 3

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Mr. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:45 a.m.	Children's and Youth Choirs rehearsal	Choir Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:15 a.m.	Fourthlights	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Fourth Forum	Large Conference Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Manse
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Family Advent Workshop	Dining Room
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour begins	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum AIDS Luncheon	Anderson Hall, South Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group	Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Communion Service World AIDS Day Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers	Page Smith Room

### Monday, December 4

7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Children's Center, Monday through Friday	Westminster House
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School, Monday through Friday	Westminster House
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults, Monday through Friday	Chestnut Street Lobby
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring, Monday through Thursday	Westminster House
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

### Tuesday, December 5

6:00 p.m.	Books By Women	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Book Study	Randolph Room

### Wednesday, December 6

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Mothers Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Prayer meeting	Center for Whole Life
5:30 p.m.	Venture Fourth	Dining Room
7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel

### Thursday, December 7

7:30 a.m.	PWFC Breakfast and Conversation	Page Smith Room
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House

### Friday, December 8

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Pamina Blum, flute	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers Theater Group	(see announcement)
7:00 p.m.	Women's Liturgy Advent Service	Manse
8:00 p.m.	Concert: Chicago <i>a capella</i>	Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Dining Room
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

### Sunday, December 10

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Ms. Allen preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Communion Service Mr. Franca preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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