

**W**e can be sure that wherever the work of justice, freedom, and enlightenment is being done, the initiative for the work and the power for the work come from the Holy Spirit. Wherever people bravely bear witness to the truth, whenever people lay down their lives for one another, there the Spirit of God is operative. . . . God's realm is not confined to the church. The world is the realm of God, who, as Holy Spirit, is inspiring and empowering wherever the Spirit sees fit. In other words, the Spirit is at work through, outside, and sometimes in spite of the church. The realistic acceptance of this all-too-evident truth need not be a cause for despair. Instead it might save the church from the dangers of grandiosity and pride. . . . Just as there is no warrant for self-congratulation, there is no reason to fear failure.

Joanna Adams

*Hope as the Intractable Resolve of the Spirit*

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.*

(8:00) **Prelude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Kenneth Leighton*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Prelude** "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us *Jacobus Kloppers*  
Savior of the Nations, Come *Max Reger*  
Benedictus (Blessed Is the One Who Comes) *M. Reger*  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *K. Leighton*

**Introit** Our King and Savior draweth nigh. O come let us adore him.

**\*Doxology** (The Hymnal, 592)

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**\*Hymn 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Twelfth-century Latin*

**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

**Psalter** Psalm 72:1-7 *(responsively)* (page 533, O.T.)

**Anthem** "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" *William Mathias*  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**First Lesson** Isaiah 11:1-9 (page 640, O.T.)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)  
(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Sunday school classes.

**Second Lesson** Matthew 3:1-12 (page 2, N.T.)

**Sermon** by John M. Buchanan  
THE PEACE OF GOD

“The wolf shall live with the lamb. . . . They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” Isaiah 11:6, 9 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 48** “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” *Fifteenth-century German*

**\*Apostles' Creed** (unison)

**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 forever. Amen.**

**Response** Savior of the nations, come. Virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

**Offering**

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** “Prepare Thyself, O Zion” *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
from *Christmas Oratorio*

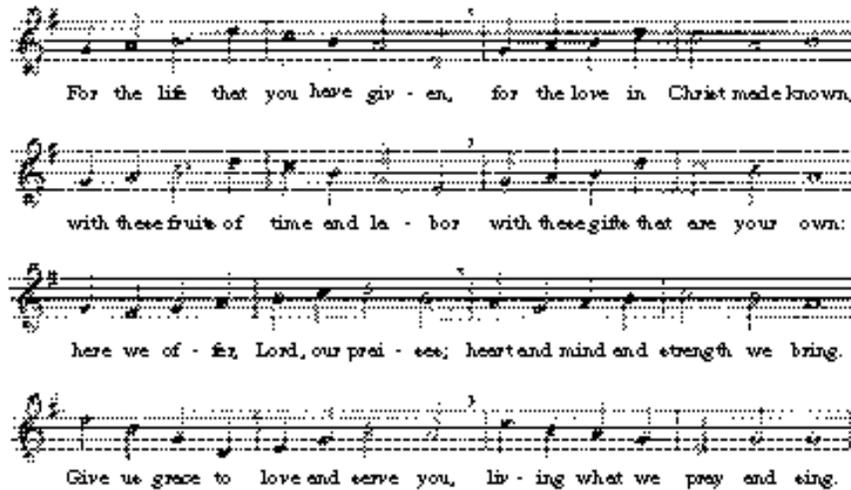
(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem**

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” *Elizabeth Poston*  
The tree of life my soul hath seen laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel. By faith I know, but never can tell, the glory, which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all, but now I see, 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil; here I will sit and rest awhile. Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive. Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

**\*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**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: 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. Fill us with gratitude overflowing, that we may share life and love in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 12** “People, Look East”

*Eleanor Farjeon*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Adolphus Hailstork*

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\*Stand as you are able.

## Today's Worship

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Laurie Armstrong, Pastoral Resident  
Steven Runholt, Pastoral Resident  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor  
for Congregational Care  
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Care  
Sarah Sarchet Butter, Associate Pastor  
for Stewardship and Development  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 6:30 p.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Care  
Calum I. MacLeod, Interim Associate Pastor  
for Evangelism

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

- 8:00 a.m. Richard Schlichting
- 9:30 a.m. Maggie and Jeffery McGuire
- 11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Foster and Michael Walsh, Matthew  
and Julianna

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Children's and Youth Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 6:30 p.m. The Vespers Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs

**Music Note:** Today's postlude, a toccata based on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," was written by the African American composer Adolphus Hailstork. Born in 1941, he currently serves as Professor of Music and Composer-in-Residence at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia. Hailstork has won numerous awards, and his orchestral compositions have been performed by major orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony.

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- > Individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex.
- > Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in Westminster 14.
- > Please pass the pew information pads during the Concerns of the Church, so that all worshippers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.
- > Today's sermon will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), in both print and audio formats, later this week. This bulletin, other information about the mission and programs of Fourth Church, and past sermons are also available at the Web site.

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## Vespers Service

6:30 p.m.

*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*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord;  
People: **make a path for our God in the desert.**  
Leader: Each valley shall be exalted;  
People: **every mountain and hill be laid low.**  
Leader: The crooked shall be straightened;  
People: **rough places shall become plain.**  
Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;  
People: **all people shall see it together.**  
Leader: His is the promise of the Lord;  
People: **God's promise shall be fulfilled.**

**\*Hymn 3** "Comfort, Comfort You My People" *Johannes Olearius*

### Prayer of Confession

*(unison)*

**Eternal God, you are worthy to be praised by voices that are pure and by faces filled with light. But as the sun sinks to its setting and the twilight of the evening comes, we discern the darkness, around us, and within. We have not loved what you commanded, nor desired what you promised. Amid the passing changes of the world, our hearts have not been fixed on you where true joys have been found. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

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

### Concerns of the Church

#### Responsive Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9 (page 640, O.T.)

#### Anthem

"Paeon of Advent" *Eugene Butler*

#### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12 (page 2, N.T.)

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

### Communion Meditation

by Calum I. MacLeod  
THE FIRE IS SO DELIGHTFUL

**\*Hymn 10** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" *Charles Coffin*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*(unison)*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" *Eric Thiman*

**Doxology** (The Hymnal, 592)

**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**

Minister: . . . 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**

**Closing Responses**

Leader: O Trinity of Love, you have been with us at the world's beginning—  
People: **be with us till the world's end.**  
Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping—  
People: **be with us at our life's end.**  
Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising—  
People: **be with us till the day's end. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 546** "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended" *John Ellerton*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Adolphus Hailstork*

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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 the Loggia 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
- > attend an Inquirers' Class and explore Presbyterian history or beliefs either **Saturday, December 15**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; **Monday, January 7**, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; or **Saturday, January 19**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

This class is a prerequisite for membership. No prior registration is necessary. For further information, contact Anne Crowe at (312) 787-2729, ext. 369.

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).

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**TODAY AT  
FOURTH CHURCH**

**Holiday cards** illustrated by children in the Partners in Education Tutoring Program are on sale during Coffee Hour. During the week they are available at the reception desk or can be ordered online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Proceeds from these sales benefit the Tutoring Program, which serves children in Cabrini-Green and Henry Horner Homes.

**Christmas ornaments** are being sold by the Deacons during Coffee Hour. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the Fourth Church Board of Deacons.

**Christmas dinner tickets** are on sale during Coffee Hour and will be available from the church receptionist during the week. All are invited to join in this time of joyful celebration and fellowship, to be held in Anderson Hall following the

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**Special Meeting of  
the Congregation**

The Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church has called a special meeting of the congregation for today, Sunday, December 9, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on the Committee's recommendation.

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11:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship service.

**Art exhibits** are on display in the Loggia and Gallery. "Art from the Heart: The Children of El Hogar Del Nino" expresses the cultural heritage of the children of the Pilsen community. "Cultural Crossings," art by Anil Revri, seeks to raise awareness of the profound influence religious traditions have upon our pluralistic society.

**Fourthlights** (40s and older) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room to hear James Thompson, Illinois' longest serving governor, address issues currently affecting Illinois and the United States. Next Sunday morning Cheryl Perlitz, adventurer, mountain climber, and personal coach, will talk about adventure and opportunity in everyday life.

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

**Academy for Faith and Life courses** meeting at 9:30 a.m. are "What Presbyterians Believe," led by Calum MacLeod and other staff; "Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines," led by Sarah Sarchet Butter; and the John Knox Bible Study. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. are "Introduction to the Bible," led by John Cairns, and "Isaiah: Prophet of Relationships," led by Cynthia Campbell and other faculty of McCormick Theological Seminary.

**Junior Highs** (grades 6-7) meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Venture Fourth** (30s and 40s) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse for its weekly discussion about the Christian faith life. Those interested in going for brunch in the area meet in the Chestnut Street lobby at 12:30 p.m.

**Fourth Acts**, those interested in performing dramatic readings to enhance worship, meets in the Randolph Room following the congregational meeting.

**Senior High Youth Group** (grades 9-12) does not meet this afternoon. This morning they will attend the 9:30 a.m. worship service with the visiting youth group from First Presbyterian Church in Racine, Wisconsin, with whom they had a joint lock-in last night.

**Fourthcomers Young Adult Fellowship** (20s and 30s) meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for a discussion with Carol Allen about the scriptural references of Advent.

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## COMING EVENTS

### OBSERVING ADVENT

> **Daily Advent devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks. To receive devotions by e-mail, send your e-mail address to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org) (Those already receiving e-mailed devotions from Fourth Church need not resubscribe.)

> **Wednesday evening Advent worship** is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair

Chapel. Incorporating Celtic prayer and world song, the services focus on what it means to be "waiting for God."

**Fourthlights** gathers to socialize at Coq D'Or at the Drake Hotel (140 E. Walton) on Tuesday, December 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, December 16 the group meets from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for its annual Christmas party, this year at a member's home. Today is the last day to sign up for the party; to sign up stop by this morning's Fourthlights meeting.

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss the Christmas story using various texts from the Gospels.

**The Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m. in

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## Christmas Joy Offering

A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps those who are homeless and hungry and supports racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A portion of the Joy Offering is given to Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center, which provides services for the increasing number of those struggling with self-sufficiency in the current economy. To contribute to the Joy Offering, use one of the special envelopes in the pew racks or write "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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the Page Smith Room to create toys and treats for hospitalized children.

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

**"Introduction to Church History: 1700 to the Present,"** taught by John Cairns, continues to meet on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson Hall South Balcony.

**The Chute Middle School Chorus and Handbell Choir** of Evanston will perform as part of the free Noonday Concert Series Friday, December 14 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Inquirers' Class**, for those interested in learning more about Fourth Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meets Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. (See "If You Are New to Fourth Church," on page 8.)

**Fourthcomers** meets Saturday, December 15 at 3:15 p.m. at the church to go Christmas caroling at the Warren Barr Pavilion nursing care residence. Afterwards the group will go out for dinner.

**The Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal** takes place Sunday, December 16 in the Sanctuary following 11:00 worship. Attendance at the rehearsal is required for participation in the pageant, to be presented on Christmas Eve.

**The Center for Older Adults** hosts its annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 20 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. For reservations, call Pat Langton or Mary Belcastro at (312) 787-4570.

**SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY**

- > **Volunteers are needed to bake Christmas cookies** for a party for the children at Grainger Hall (Wednesday, December 12) or a reception following the Advent service of Nine Lessons and Carols (Sunday, December 16). For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.
- > **Scarves and other winter clothing** are needed by Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center. The Center is also in need of canned goods. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk.
- > **Give Life-Changing Gifts** in the name of friends, loved ones, and colleagues. Gifts, made through Fourth Church, will make a difference in others' lives, providing food for a family in need, a scholarship to the Center for Older Adults, and much more. Brochures containing gift request forms are available in the literature racks. For more information, contact Marissa Montano at ext. 233.
- > **Fulfill the Christmas wishes** of young children at Christopher House, students in the Tutoring Program, and visitors to the Social Service Center. Lists of suggested gifts are available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour or from Lisa Cochrane

(ext. 271) or Vayram Nyadroh (ext. 319).

- > **Contributions for Christmas flowers** to decorate the church can be made using the "Memorial Gifts for Christmas Flowers" card found in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/christmas-memorial.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/christmas-memorial.html). The names of those honored or memorialized by the contributions will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Day bulletins. (Memorial contributions must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 17 in order for the names of those honored and remembered to appear in the bulletin.) For more information, contact Carroll Cole at ext. 252.
- > **Book members of the Morning Choir** to carol at Christmas parties at your home or office this December. All proceeds will benefit the Music and Arts programs of Fourth Church. For reservations, call Carroll Cole at ext. 252.

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**Service of Lessons and Carols Next Sunday Evening**

A seasonal favorite, the annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent will be held next Sunday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. Join the Fourth Church Festival Choir for this celebration in word and song. Childcare will be available. Afterwards the Presbyterian Women in Fourth Church will host a Christmas cookie and hot cocoa reception in Anderson Hall.

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**Your help is needed.**

- Among current needs are
- > Dinner helpers to set tables, serve, and clear tables when Fourth Church hosts the Chicago Presbytery on Tuesday, December 11 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - > Library aids, tutors and substitutes, data entry helpers, and other volunteers to assist with the Tutoring Program.
  - > Sunday school teachers for the third/fourth grade classes at 11:00 a.m. (alternate Sundays with other teachers).
- For more information about these and the many other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

**Fourth Church Cares:** For information about the kinds of pastoral care available through staff and programs of this congregation or to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations, and other concerns, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at ext. 292 or e-mail [callen@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callen@fourthchurch.org).

**The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center,** a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling (312) 787-8425.

## **Baptism at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

*“Let the little children come to me . . .  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”  
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

### **Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are**

*Stella Victoria Cook, daughter of Steven and Bess Cook  
Jacob George Dong, son of Ronald and Rachel Dong  
Rachel Louise McFarland, daughter of Matthew and Rebecca McFarland  
Colleen Joan Murray, daughter of Timothy and Christen Murray  
Anna Claire Ter Molen, daughter of David and Shirley Ter Molen  
Grant Ronald Wiarda, son of Howard Wiarda and Ann Buikema Wiarda*

### **Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are**

*Zachary George Biela, son of Brian and Ingrid Biela  
Eleanor Cathryn Danhong Guentert, daughter of Philip and Jennifer Guentert  
William Hamilton Nicholson IV,  
son of William Hamilton Nicholson III and Colleen Nicholson  
Olivia Jane Oosterbaan, daughter of David and Lindsay Oosterbaan  
James Edward Rainey III, son of James Edward Rainey Jr. and Ruth Rainey  
Jane Catherine Wahlfeldt, daughter of Walter and Mary Lisa Wahlfeldt*

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 9

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
9:15 a.m.	Fourthlights	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	The Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	(see announcement)
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	The Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Congregational meeting	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Venture Fourth	(see announcement)
12:45 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
12:45 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Large Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service Mr. Macleod preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers	Page Smith Room

### Monday, December 10

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

### Tuesday, December 11

1:00 p.m.	Chicago Presbytery meeting	Parish House
6:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room

### Wednesday, December 12

10:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Worship</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>

### Thursday, December 13

7:00 p.m.	Intro to Church History	Anderson Hall South Balcony
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### Friday, December 14

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Chute Middle School Chorus and Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
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### Saturday, December 15

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
3:15 p.m.	Fourthcomers	(see announcement)

### Sunday, December 16

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan 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>Service of Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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