

So God was born as a baby in a stable in Bethlehem of Judea. The divine light and love entered our troubled world, where peace was kept among nations only by the Roman sword. God wanted women and men to know the depths of the holy love in the heart of being, the love that moves the sun and other stars. The message was this: Love is the ultimate reality and creator; live in harmony with this love and there will be peace on earth and goodwill among all people.

Morton Kelsey
The Drama of Christmas

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.*

During Today's Worship

- Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions. Activity bags for children in worship are available outside the south transept doors.
- During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.
- Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

- Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.
- We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.
- A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.
- Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, January 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or Sunday, January 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

- For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 312.640.5398 (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.
- Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@fourthchurch.org).

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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
(8:00)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

George Schafer

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

The Bells of Speyer

Ludwig Senfl

arr. Erich Peterson

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Jacobus Kloppers

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Praetorius

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

George Schafer

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

M. Praetorius

arr. Aaron David Miller

INTROIT

“Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh”

Leo Sowerby

Our King and Savior draweth nigh.

O come, let us adore him.

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Tune: MENDELSSOHN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us?

Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us

in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth,

forgive us our sins, and deliver us

from proud thoughts and vain desires.

Make our hearts leap for joy

at the sound of your word, and move us

by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.

We humbly ask this, through him

whose coming is certain, whose day draws near;

your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever .

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM (8:00)	“Rorate Coeli” Drop dew, ye heavens from above, and let the clouds break forth in showers upon the righteous ones, in rain upon the just, and let the earth be opened and blossom forth a Savior.	<i>Christopher Tye</i>
PSALTER	Psalm 80:1–7 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 540, O.T.)
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 1:1–5, 10–18 Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	(page 91, N.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan NO CRYING HE MAKES “And the Word became flesh and lived among us.” John 1:14 (NRSV)	
*HYMN 25	“Away in a Manger”	<i>Tune: MUELLER</i>
*APOSTLES’ CREED	(<i>unison</i>) 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

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

Greek liturgy

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

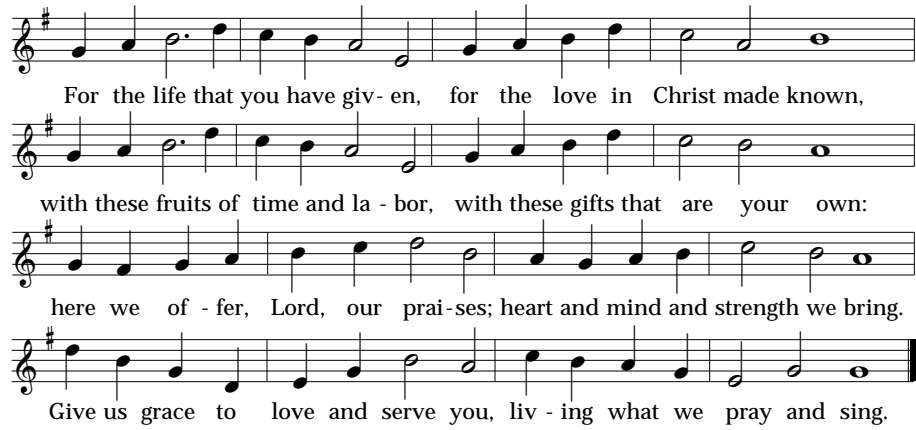
"Quia Respexit" from *Magnificat* *Antonio Vivaldi*
He has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed.

OFFERTORY CANTATA "Magnificat"
(9:30 and 11:00)

Johann Pachelbel

- I. Chorus: My soul magnifies the Lord,
II. Alto and Tenor: *and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*
III. Bass and Chorus: For he has looked with favor on the lowliness
of his servant. Surely, from now on all
generations will call me blessed.
IV. Soprano: *For the Mighty One has done great things
for me and holy is his name.*
V. Alto: His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
VI. Chorus: *He has shown strength with his arm.*
VII. Chorus: He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
VIII. Bass: *He has brought down the powerful from
their thrones and lifted up the lowly.*
IX. Tenor: He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
X. Chorus: *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of
his mercy, according to the promise he made to our
ancestors, to Abraham, and to his descendants forever.*
XI. Chorus: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
XII. Chorus: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,*
XIII. Chorus: world without end. Amen.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



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 prai - ses; 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 AND DEDICATION

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: Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us?

Yet through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit,
you still bring light to illumine our paths.

Now prepare our hearts for his coming again--
keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service.

Thank you for all your gifts,
supremely your love, which comes to us
in the birth of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior .
Amen.

*HYMN 36

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Tune: CRANHAM

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

*M. Praetorius
arr. E. Peterson*

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Donna Gray, Associate Pastor
Richard Williams, Parish Associate
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Donna Gray, Associate Pastor
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

Lighting the Advent Wreath

- 9:30 a.m. Mark, Kathryn, Lauren, and Mark Delfs
11:00 a.m. Esther and Brad Cesario

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; Lindsay Peters, soprano soloist;
Laura Kubelka, alto soloist; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist;
Jared Metzger, bass soloist
- 11:00 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; Lindsay Peters, soprano soloist;
Laura Kubelka, alto soloist; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist;
Jared Metzger, bass soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

The Christmas cantata *Magnificat* by Johann Pachelbel will be sung by the Morning Choir during 9:30 and 11:00 worship this morning. The Magnificat is the joyful song of Mary's acceptance that she would bear a son and name him Jesus. These beautiful and profound words have been set to music by countless generations of composers.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership during 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month from September through May.

The Advent banners, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley of Berkeley, California.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Daily prayer is held each weekday morning at 11:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel except this December, when the fourth Friday is Christmas Eve. The next service is Friday, January 28.