

January 8, 2006

Epiphany

Every action and passage that manifests Christ to us is his birth, for Epiphany is manifestation. Every manifestation of Christ to the world, to the Church, to a particular soul is an Epiphany, a Christmas day.

John Donne

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.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. 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.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

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.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 9 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church 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 Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@fourthchurch.org).

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6 (*responsively*) (page 690, O.T.)

ANTHEM
(8:00)

“Epiphany Alleluias” *John Weaver*
Alleluia. We have seen his star in the East and are come
to worship him. Alleluia. Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen up on thee. Alleluia.

ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Salva Nos, Stella Maris” *Cristobal de Morales*
Save us, star of the sea, you who hold in your embrace the King
to whom kings come offering gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 3:1–12 (page 193, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12 (page 2, N.T.)

SERMON

by Calum I. MacLeod
SEEING THE MYSTERY
“. . . to make everyone see what is the plan
of the mystery hidden for ages . . .”
Ephesians 3:9 (NRSV)

*HYMN 63

“As with Gladness Men of Old” *Tune: DIX*

*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

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"

Richard Warner

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"A New Year Carol"
Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to
worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing levy dew,
the water and the wine, the seven bright gold wires and
the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of fair maid, with
gold upon her toe, open you the west door and turn
the old year go. Sing reign of fair maid, with gold upon
her chin; open you the east door, and let the New Year in.

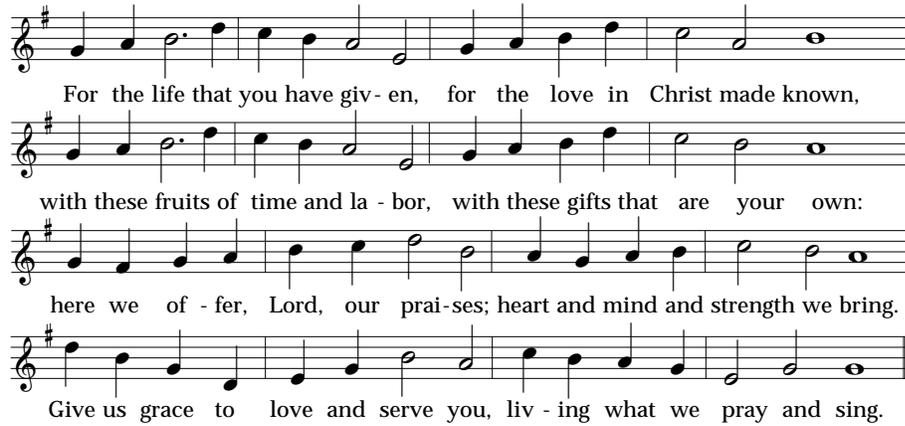
Benjamin Britten

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth"
(9:30 and 11:00)

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a scepter
from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations.
How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden
radiance from afar, with light and comfort glowing!
Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us,
life bestowing. Praise, O praise, such love overflowing!

Felix Mendelssohn

*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: Holy Jesus, before your infant for m
sages bowed the knee and acknowledged
your lordship over all power and wisdom.
Grant us also clear vision and courage,
that in the light of your light,
we may devote our power and potential
to your service, even when that requires us
to go home another way. Amen.

*HYMN 36

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Tune: CRANHAM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Niels Gade

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.

The child being baptized at the 9:30 worship service is
Sara Nash Schubert, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Schubert

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Dominic Salvatore Amato, son of Salvatore and Kathryn Amato
Timothy Paul Cook, son of Christopher and Julie Cook
Logan Michael Day, son of Matthew and Nora Day
Maxwell Joseph Day, son of Matthew and Nora Day
Kamryn Reid Eskew, daughter of Kevin and Deborah Eskew

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Catherine Knott, Calum I. MacLeod
9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Today the church celebrates Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. *Epiphany* is a Greek word meaning “appearance,” “manifestation,” or “coming to light.” On this day we remember the magi following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all people.

The Prayer for the Season of Christmas and the Prayer for Thanksgiving and Dedication are from the Church of Scotland’s Common Order, 1994.

Dieterich Buxtehude, composer of the 9:30 and 11:00 prelude “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,” was the organist at St. Mary’s Church in Lübeck, where he enjoyed a great reputation for his “Abendmusicken,” evening concerts held during the Advent season that were open to all people. To hear these concerts, Johann Sebastian Bach walked fifty miles and outstayed his vacation by several weeks.

The bulletin cover image is of “The Great Teacher,” which was sculpted by Abbott Pattison and given to Fourth Presbyterian Church by the Center for Older Adults in 1991. It is now displayed at the Delaware Place entrance to the church.

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