

Advent is rehearsal time. Advent prepares us for the joyful task of joining with all creation and singing in the reign of Jesus Christ. . . . So pull out the Gospel of Luke and read the first few chapters in the weeks before Christmas. Or, get a recording of Handel's *Messiah* and play it and sing along—if not out loud, then in your heart of hearts: “For unto us a child is born, a son is given.” Practice singing the light and warmth of Christ into every dark corner of this world: In the million-mile-long shopping lines, in the life of a child who has come to believe that Santa Claus is the sole reason for the season, in a hurting world torn apart by division. . . . Sing expectantly of him who is King of kings and Lord of lords! . . . Belt it out with confidence: “And he shall reign forever and ever.”

Heidi Husted Armstrong, *Singing in the Reign*

## 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. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

**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.

**A church tour** begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

**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 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 28 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@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** Thy Holy Wings *Richard Webster*  
(8:00)

**PRELUDE** How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou *Marcel Dupré*  
(9:30 and 11:00) A Maiden Most Gentle *Andrew Gant*  
Thy Holy Wings *Richard Webster*  
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child *Paul Manz*  
Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending *Alan Ridout*

**INTROIT** “Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh” *Stephen Sturk*  
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 9** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*

### **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**

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

### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

(11:00)

*\*Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM "Dixit Maria" *Hans Leo Hassler*  
Gabriel came to Mary, the blessed one, and Mary heard the message of God in silence. Mary stood in great awe. Then Mary answered Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. According to his blessed word, may it be done to me."

PSALTER Psalm 85 (*responsively*) (page 514, O.T.)

\*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:26–45 (page 53, N.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan  
ELIZABETH AND MARY, WAITING EXPECTANTLY  
"Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'" Luke 1:41b–42 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 4 "Creator of the Stars of Night"  
*Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM*

\*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”

*Thomas Tallis*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**  
(8:00)

“Every Valley Shall Be Exalted” from *Messiah*

*George Frideric Handel*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Ave Maria”

*Franz Biebl*

The angel of the Lord made his annunciation to Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Mary said, “Behold the servant of the Lord. Let it be unto me according to your word.” And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. 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: **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 that you continue to come into the life of the world.**

**Fill us with gratitude overflowing for all your gifts,  
that we may share life and love in praise to you, in the  
gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 3**

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

*Tune: PSALM 42*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00)

Savior of the Nations, Come

*Paul Manz*

**POSTLUDE**

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

# *Christmas Worship*

## *at Fourth Presbyterian Church*

**Christmas Eve** – Sunday, December 24 in the sanctuary

**9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

John M. Buchanan preaching

*Please note that there will be no 8:00 a.m. worship service.*

**4:00 p.m.**

Children's Pageant

**6:00 p.m.**

Christmas Meditation and Children's Message

John W. Vest preaching

**8:30 p.m.**

Lessons and Carols

John M. Buchanan preaching

**11:00 p.m.**

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**Christmas Day** – Monday, December 25 in the sanctuary

**11:00 a.m.**

Calum I. MacLeod preaching

*A traditional Christmas dinner in Anderson Hall will be served at 12:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.*

## *Light Up a Life through Joyous Giving!*

This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Light Up a Life" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Details about this giving opportunity are also available in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Keith C. Harris, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, Keith C. Harris, John M. Buchanan

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

9:30 a.m.	Agnes and Gabrielle Boateng
11:00 a.m.	Jessica and Ryan Gregory

## The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor 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's Minute for Mission** is being presented by Sandra Nelson on behalf of the "Light Up a Life" year-end giving campaign.

**Today's offertory anthem, "Ave Maria,"** was composed by German composer and arranger Franz Biebl (1906–2001). Biebl worked in Munich as a choral music consultant for the Bavarian State Radio, where he encouraged and supported small choral groups throughout Germany. "Ave Maria" is a devotional text that commemorates the incarnation and, in this anthem, incorporates a musical style that beautifully blends medieval chant, lyric melody, and lush harmony.

**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.

**The stained glass window** shown on the bulletin cover depicts angels praising God with harp and strings, as Psalm 150 calls us to do. The window, located in the reception area west of Anderson Hall, was designed by Charles J. Connick.

## Pastoral Staff

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