December 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.

THERE ARE MANY OF YOU who think to yourselves: "If I had only been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby!" . . . Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor.

Martin Luther

# 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.
- 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 \$7.00 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.
- Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

# Fourth Church Cares

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns and anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

# MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Four Advent PiecesRobert PowellPrepare the Way, O ZionCome, Thou Long-Expected JesusPeople, Look EastFejoice, Rejoice, Believers	
Introit	"Prepare the Way of the Lord" Richard Proulx Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths. Rejoice, the Lord is at hand!	
*Doxology	(The Hymnal, 592)	
LIGHTING OF THE A	Advent Wreath	
Lea	der: In expectation of her child, Mary sang out for joy: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor upon the lowliness of his servant." (Luke 1:47–49)	
Peo	ple: "Surely, from now on all generations will call us blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is God's name."	
Lea	der: The third candle on the Advent wreath stands for joy. It reminds us to be thankful that God's presence is becoming brighter in our world.	
Peo	ple: <b>The light reminds us that God's child is coming to bring joy to the world.</b>	
Lea	der: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."	
Peo	ple: Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.	
*Hymn 1	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Tune: STUTTGART	
<b>Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent</b> (unison)		
	Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son. We confess that as we struggle with the distractions and anxieties of our lives, we have not prepared ourselves for the coming of Christ. Forgive us and	

send us your peace. Grant us the wisdom to see your

purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his kingdom of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our judge and redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

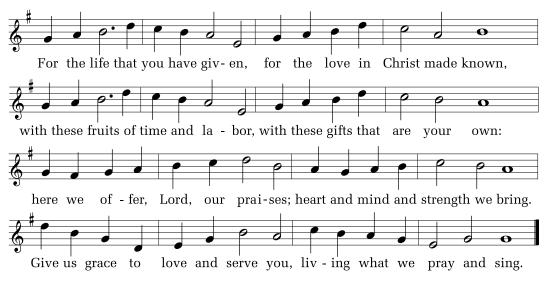
#### **D**ECLARATION OF **P**ARDON

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM	"And the Glory of the Lord" from <i>Me</i>	essiah George Frideric Handel
	And the glory of the Lord shall be reveale it together, for the mouth of the Lord hat	ed, and all flesh shall see
PSALTER	Psalm 126 (responsively)	(page 541, O.T.)
*Gloria Patri		(The Hymnal, 579)
	John 1:6–8, 19–28 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	(page 86, N.T.)
Sermon	by Adam Fronczek TESTIFYING TO THE LIGHT	
*Нумл 10	"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"	<i>Tune:</i> Winchester New
*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.	
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY SOLO	"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Afr	ican American spiritual

## **\*O**FFERTORY **R**ESPONSE



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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

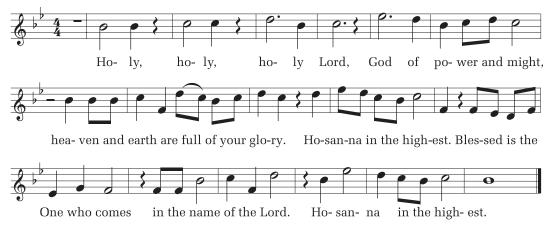
#### INVITATION

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . . . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



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#### **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.

#### THE COMMUNION

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

#### Henry H. Bancroft

There's a voice in the widerness crying, a call from the ways untrod, "Prepare in the desert a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!" O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King. Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay, the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away, but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of nations and he will right the wrong. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; the lambs he'll gently hold; to pastures of peace he'll lead them and bring them safe to his fold.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (unison)

Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, we give you thanks and praise for finding us and accepting us, for strengthening us through the sharing of Christ at this common table, and for sending us out into the world to testify to the light that your Son is about to bring. Make us joyful deliverers of the good news that is about to come. Help us to serve you with courage and to love you forever, as you have loved us. Amen

*Нумл 9	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	<i>Tune:</i> Veni Emmanuel
BENEDICTION AND	Response	

<b>POSTLUDE</b> On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's CryAa	ron David Miller
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Christmas Worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church

4 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Wednesday, December 24 **4:00 p.m**.

Children's Pageant

**6:00 p.m.** Family Service *Adam Fronczek preaching* 

8:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols

John M. Buchanan preaching

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# **Christmas Day Service**

Thursday, December 25 11:00 a.m.

Joyce Shin 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 during the week.

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 special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing "Light Up a Life" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Worship Leaders	Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Calum I. MacLeod, Adam Fronczek	
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH		
	Juli Crabtree and Don Horvath	
THE MUSIC TODAY	The Chancel Choir Carol Component flutist: Jorry Johnson, bass soloist	
	Carol Carpenter, flutist; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music	
	Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist	

## WORSHIP NOTES

- This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.
- **During Advent, a midweek worship service** is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.
- **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 musical angels on the bulletin cover** adorn a stained-glass window, by Charles J. Connick, located in the reception area west of Anderson Hall. Psalm 150 encourages us to join in praising God with trumpet, harp, and string.

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

John M. Buchanan, Pastor Calum I. MacLeod, Acting Executive Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry John H. Boyle, Parish Associate Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate Jocelyn Cadwallader, Pastoral Resident Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident David A. Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus