

December 14, 2008

*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.

**T**HERE 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).

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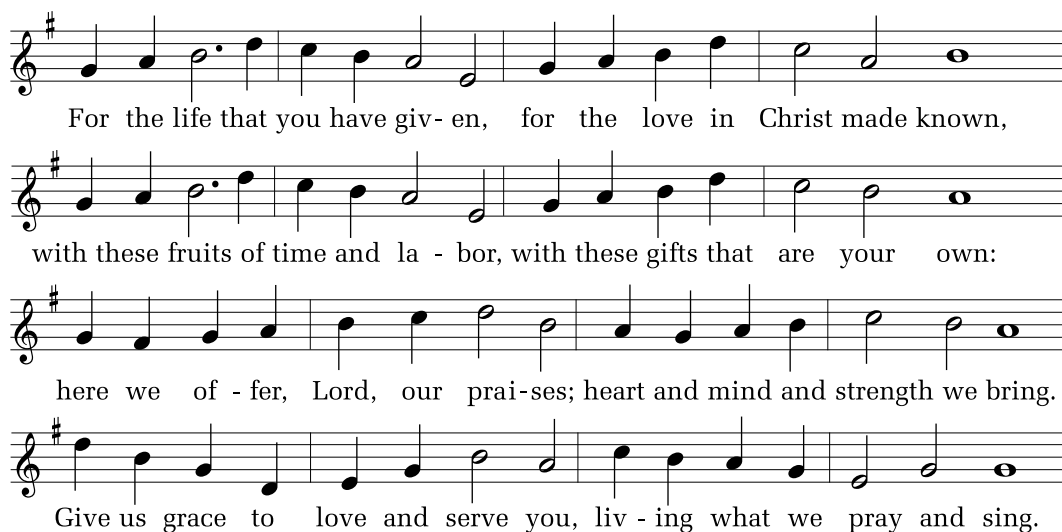
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## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

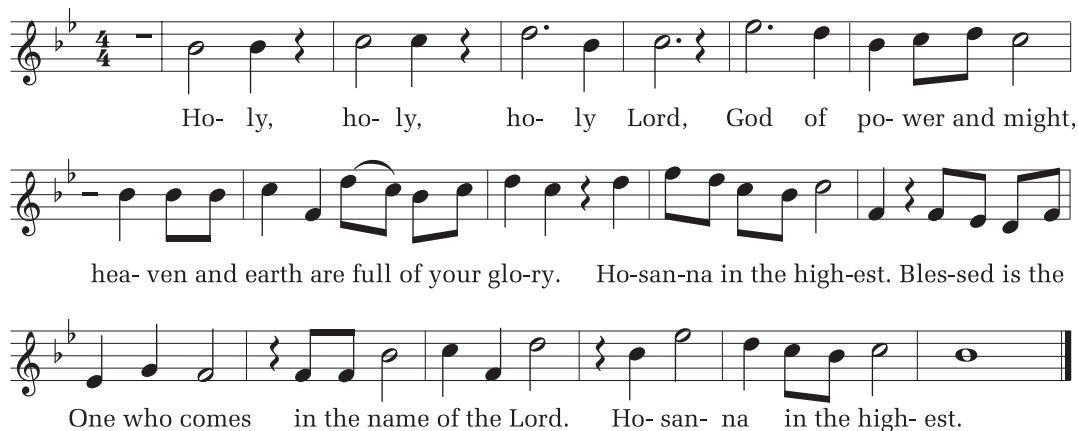
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - ner and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the  
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 wilderness 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**

**\*HYMN 9**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*Aaron David Miller*

# *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*

**11:00 p.m.**

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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 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

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**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

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