

January 4, 2009

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

8:00 a.m.

Before the world began  
one Word was there;  
grounded in God he was,  
rooted in care;  
by him all things were made,  
in him was love displayed,  
through him God spoke and said,  
“I am for you.”

John L. Bell  
“Before the World Began”

## 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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## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Johann Pachelbel*

**INTROIT** “Saw You Never in the Twilight” *Harold Friedell*  
Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies,  
up in heaven the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver  
eyes? So of old the wise men, watching, saw a little stranger star, and  
they knew the King was given, and they followed it from afar.

**\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

**\*CAROL 22** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *Tune: REGENT SQUARE*

**PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS** (*unison*)

**God Most High,  
your only Son embraced the weakness of the flesh  
to give us power to become your children;  
your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us,  
that we might live in your presence.  
Grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know how rich is the glory you have made our own  
and how great is the hope to which we are called  
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us  
as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not  
welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good.  
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.  
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 90 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 210)

**ANTHEM** “Then Entered in Those Wise Men” *David Hurd*  
Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their  
knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh  
and frankincense.

**FIRST LESSON** Ephesians 1:3–14 (page 180, N.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON** John 1:1–18 (page 86, N.T.)

**SERMON** by Calum I. MacLeod  
I AM FOR YOU  
“The light shines in the darkness.” John 1:5 (NRSV)

**\*CAROL 51** “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” *Tune: HUMILITY*

**\*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 VOLUNTARY** We Praise Thy Holy Beam *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

**\*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: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .

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

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer 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 Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)*

**T**HE LORD'S SUPPER IS THE SIGN AND SEAL of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

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.

*"I am the bread of life."*

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS** Adam Fronczek, Joann Lee, Calum I. MacLeod

**THE MUSIC TODAY** The Chancel Choir  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

**The “Light Up a Life” offering** is being received through the Christmas season.

This 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.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday morning services. An evening Vespers service is held at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. On weekdays, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to pray for members of the congregation and remember those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). On the fourth Friday of each month a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, January 23.

**The stained glass depiction of the birth of Christ**, shown on the bulletin cover, can be seen in Blair Chapel, where children’s services are held weekly. It is part of the memorial “children’s windows” that were donated in the 1930s for the children’s worship space.

### **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  
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