

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Kenneth Leighton*
Savior of the Nations, Come *Helmut Walcha*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Robert Lau*

INTROIT “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” *Michael Praetorius*
(9:30)
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came,
a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was
the night. Isaiah ’twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God’s
love aright, she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

INTROIT “Nova, Nova” *Michael Bedford*
(11:00)
The angel Gabriel by name unto the virgin Mary came with joyful
news unto the same. Nova, nova, tidings of salvation. Then Mary
looked unto the sky, “Be as it pleases God on high, whose name
my soul shall magnify.” By her the Christ child comes to earth, in
Bethlehem to have his birth; let all the world be filled with mirth!

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: 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.”

People: **“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.”**

Leader: 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.

People: **The light reminds us that God’s child
is coming to bring joy to the world.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

People: **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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness.

All season long we covet great material gifts,
when you alone offer what is lasting.

Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth,
forgive us, heal us, correct us.

Then open our lips,
that we may sing your praise with the angels,
and remake our lives,
that we may witness to your transforming love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in
our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 126 *(responsively)*

(page 541, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Bogoróditse Djévo”

Arvo Pärt

Rejoice, O virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

(page 53, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:46–55

(page 53, N.T.)

SERMON

Jesus Had a Mother

JOHN BUCHANAN

“Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be
with me according to your word.’” Luke 1:38 (NRSV)

***HYMN 27**

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” *Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM*

***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”

Philip Baker

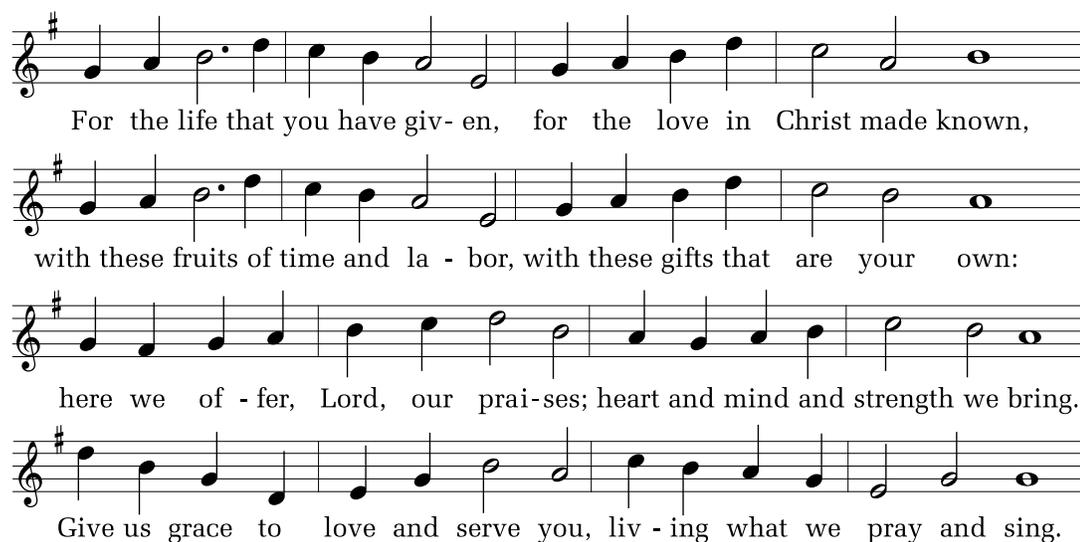
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “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 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. Holy Mary, pray for us 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 we eagerly await his coming again,
that his rule may be complete and
your righteousness reign over all the world.**

**Open our eyes to the generosity of your hand
and to the miracles of love all around us.**

**Fill us with gratitude and expectancy and hope,
in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**

Amen.

*HYMN 53

“What Child Is This”

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Elan Thomas Campbell, son of Shegan Campbell and Celeste Thomas
Everett Thomas Chmelar, son of Michael Chmelar and Mary Ammerman
Adrianna Evan Corsello, daughter of Kevin and Beth Corsello
Jocelyn Grace Mullman, daughter of Jeremy and Jennifer Mullman
Alexandra Marie Sivrais, daughter of William and Victoria Sivrais

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Elaina Rose Bathrick, daughter of Kerry and Anna Bathrick
Alia Rose Chapman, daughter of Tripp and Dina Chapman
Jackson Francis Fabianski, son of Frank and Jennifer Fabianski
George Beauchamp Fahner, son of Daniel and Devon Fahner
Carol Christine Hrnecir, daughter of Trent and Harlan Hrnecir
Haeil Johannah Kim, daughter of Hardy and Hyunjung Kim
Jack Henry Miller, son of Eric and Christine Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Calum I. MacLeod, John Buchanan

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. The DeMille Family

11:00 a.m. The Buchanan-McMahon Family

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Youth Choir; The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Children's Choir; The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout December. 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.

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 bulletin cover photograph depicts a snowstorm as viewed from under the Fourth Church cloister.

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