

FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC

6:30 p.m.

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

PRELUDE	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Savior of the Nations, Come The King Shall Come O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	<i>Michael Helman</i> <i>Paul Manz</i> <i>Ruth Elaine Schram</i> <i>Leo Sowerby</i> <i>Susan E. Geschke</i>
INTROIT	“Hail, Gladdening Light” Hail, gladdening light of his pure glory poured, who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest, holiest of holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now as we are come to the sun’s hour of rest, the lights of evening round us shine, we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue, Son of God, giver of life alone. Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.	<i>Charles Wood</i>
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN 11	“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” <i>Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN</i>	
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 40:1–11	(page 627, O.T.)
ANTHEM	“People Look East” People look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: love the guest is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: love the star is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: love the Lord is on the way.	<i>French folk melody</i>
SECOND LESSON	Jeremiah 31:31–34	(page 691, O.T.)
*HYMN 9	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	<i>Tune: VENI EMMANUEL</i>
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 35:1–10	(page 623, O.T.)

ANTHEM	“Qui Sedes”	<i>Josef Rheinberger</i>
	O thou who art enthroned over cherubim, stir up thy power, O Lord, quickly, and help us. Thou King of Israel, hear our plea, thou who ledest Joseph like a shepherd. Alleluia. Stir up thy power, O Lord, and quickly come. Come forth now and save us, O Lord. Alleluia.	
FOURTH LESSON	Micah 5:2–4	(page 815, O.T.)
*CAROL 44	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune: ST. LOUIS</i>
FIFTH LESSON	Isaiah 11:1–9	(page 602, O.T.)
ANTHEM	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	<i>Michael Praetorius</i>
	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.	
SIXTH LESSON	Zephaniah 3:14–18	(page 826, O.T.)
*HYMN 8	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	<i>Tune: TRURO</i>
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 1:26–38	(page 53, N.T.)
ANTHEM	“Nova, Nova”	<i>Michael Bedford</i>
	The angel Gabriel by name unto the virgin Mary came with joyful news unto the same, nova, nova, tidings of salvation. Then said the angel, “Do not fear, I bring glad news for you to hear: you will bring forth God’s Son so dear, nova, nova, tidings of salvation. Then Mary looked unto the sky: “Be as it pleases God on high, whose name my soul shall magnify.” Nova, nova, tidings of salvation. By her the Christ child comes to earth, in Bethlehem to have his birth. Let all the world be filled with mirth! Nova, nova, tidings of salvation.	
EIGHTH LESSON	Luke 1:39–56	(page 53, N.T.)
*HYMN 600	“Song of Mary”	<i>Tune: MORNING SONG</i>
NINTH LESSON	John 1:1–18	(page 86, N.T.)
ANTHEM	“O Nata Lux”	<i>Tom Porter</i>
	O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Comest Thou, Light of Gladness?"

Heinrich von Herzogenberg

Comest thou, light of gladness? Ay, thou wilt and waitest not.
Thou dost know how sad our lot; O thou mighty stay in sadness.
Jesu, all my heart to thee I will open. Jesu, come to me.

*CAROL 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Tune: GLORIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Prepare the Way"

Thomas Gouwens

WORSHIP LEADERS

Readers Matt Willis, Rachel Buchanan, Eleanor Buchanan, Hannah Nelson,
Kurt Wineiki, Paul Yim, Jean Marie Koon, Maggie Lewis;
John Buchanan, Pastor

Liturgist Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor

Music The Handbell Choir, The Children's Choir, The Youth Choir,
The Chancel Choir, The Morning Choir; Rachel Cohen, flute

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.

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