

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Partita on “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

1. Maestoso
2. Andante
3. Allegro
4. Largo
5. Toccata

Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT

(9:30)

“Drop Dew, Ye Heavens”

Christopher Tye

Drop dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds break forth in showers upon the righteous ones, in rain upon the just; and let the earth be opened and blossom forth a Savior.

INTROIT

(11:00)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Daniel Iverson

“My God Is So Great”

Ruth Harms Calkin

*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.**

*HYMN 9

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

**Stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**While we ask, Lord,
for the most meaningful Advent season ever,
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.
Forgive us Lord,
for not bending the knee,
for not reading your Word,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,
we may have a fresh sense of your presence
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Richard Webster*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. By thine own
eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient
merit raise us to thy glorious throne. Alleluia. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:68–79 (*responsively*) (page 54, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:7–18 (page 56, N.T.)

SERMON

Diverse in Description but Similar in Hope

ADAM H. FRONCZEK

***HYMN 36**

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Tune: CRANHAM

*** 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"

Heinrich Isaak

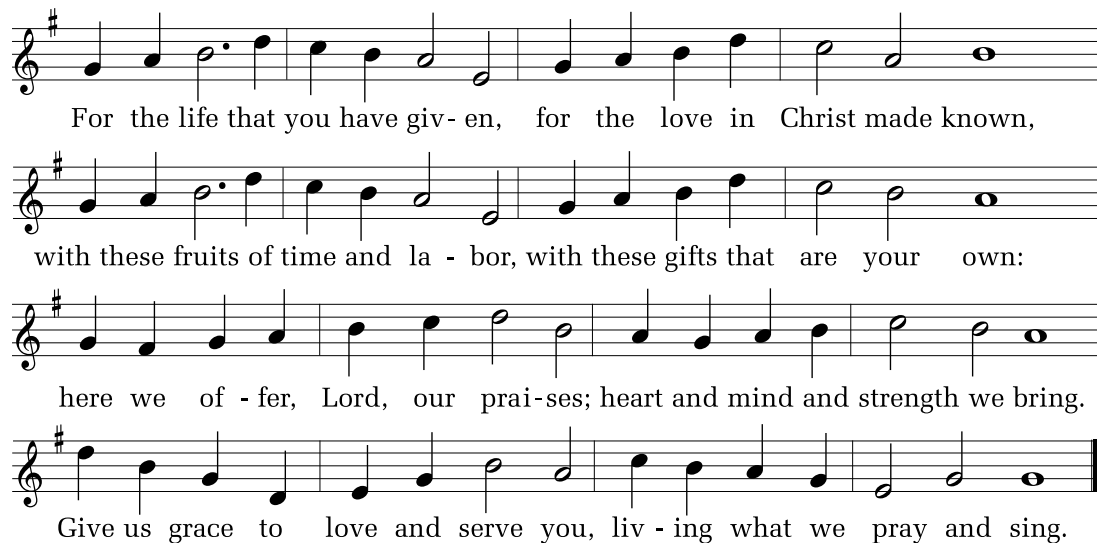
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Michael Praetorius and Jan Sandström

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

*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: **God of extravagant mercy,
with hands outstretched you have poured out
wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.
So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all
that is evil and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—
and thus may we and others know
ourselves to be blessed. Amen.**

*HYMN 12

“People, Look East”

Tune: BESANÇON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

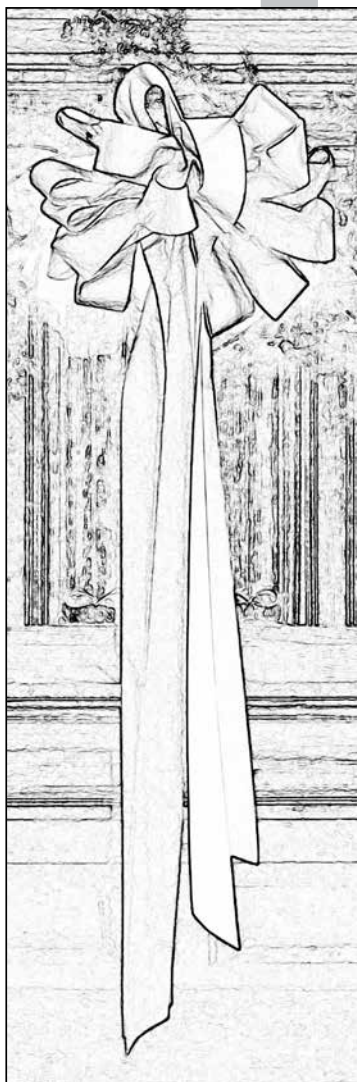
POSTLUDE

People, Look East

*Besançon carol
arr. Barbara Harbach*

Advent and Christmas Worship

AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Today, December 16
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Holiday reception follows

Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 20
6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel
For those experiencing loss or sadness

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 23
During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship
Charpentier's *In Navitatem Domini Nostri*
Jesu Christi Canticum

Four Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
6:00 p.m. Family Service
Joyce Shin preaching
8:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols
Calum I. MacLeod preaching
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Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 25
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Judith L. Watt preaching

New Year's Eve Taizé Service

Monday, December 31
7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Joyce Shin, Adam H. Fronczek

11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Joyce Shin, Adam H. Fronczek

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. Jim, Dawn, and Melody Kulich

11:00 a.m. Rob and Laura Sterkel Wetherald

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Cherub Choir; The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

The Offertory anthem, “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming,” was composed by the Swedish composer Jan Sandström in 1990. Sandström incorporates Michael Praetorius's familiar carol, written in 1609, which can be heard floating above the dense harmony.

The “Light Up a Life” offering supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. Gifts can be made by using the 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.

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