
Worship with Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m.

Prelude (*the congregation is invited to sing the following carols*)

Carols 119, 123, 129, 132, 143

Introit

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" A. E. Rusbridge

Processional

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Gustav Holst

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Carol 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

First Lesson: LUKE 1:26-33, 38 New Testament, page 53

Mary's Song "Magnificat" by C. Winfred Douglas

Anthem

"Come, Messiah, Come" Becki Slagle Mayo

Second Lesson: LUKE 2:1-7 New Testament, page 54

Carol 115 (*congregation remains seated*) "Away in a Manger"
(*Children in **animal** costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn.*)

Third Lesson: LUKE 2:8 New Testament, page 54

*Carol 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
(*Children in **angel** and **shepherd** costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn.*)

Fourth Lesson: LUKE 2:9-14 New Testament, page 54

Anthem

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Edward S. Barnes

Fifth Lesson: LUKE 2:15-20 New Testament, page 55

Anthem

"What Child Is This?" English ballad
(*All children in costumes return to their parents.*)

Sixth Lesson: MATTHEW 2:1-2, 10-11 New Testament, page 1

Anthem

"We Three Kings" John H. Hopkins Jr.

**Stand as you are able.*

Presentation of the White Gifts

The congregation remains seated and sings the first four verses of “The First Nowell,” Carol 147. During this hymn, children are welcome to come forward to place by the manger gifts of socks (known as “White Gifts” from the long tradition of wrapping the socks in plain white paper.)

Offertory Anthems

- “People, Look East” Martin Shaw
“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High!” Rosephanye Powell

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Homily

Spreading the Light (*congregation remains seated*)

Songs of Praise (*congregation remains seated*)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”

Silence

- *Carol 134 “Joy to the World”

*Benediction

- Postlude: Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella. Keith Chapman

Family Service with Jazz at 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Angels from the Realms of Glory Henry T. Smart
Go Tell It on the Mountain John Behnke
This Christmas Donny Hathaway and Nadine McKinnor

Introit

“O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam and Placide Cappeau

Opening Responses

Leader: *Do not be afraid; for see—
I am bringing you good news of great joy.*
People: **To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**
Leader: *This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.*
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace!**
Leader: *Let us go now to Bethlehem.*

*Carol 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: *We light the Christ candle to symbolize God’s promise fulfilled.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all people.*

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Anthem

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” David Blackwell

A Time with Children

*Carol 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Story of Jesus’ Birth: LUKE 2:1–20 New Testament, page 54

*Carol 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Meditation Shannon J. Kershner

*Carol 114 “Away in a Manger”

Prayer

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“God’s Love Made Visible” Dave Brubeck

The Light Shines: JOHN 1:1–5 New Testament, page 86

Spreading the Light: “Silent Night” (*see front cover of bulletin for words*)

Sentences of Light

*Carol 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Benediction

Postlude

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. Richard S. Willis

4:00 Children’s Pageant

Matt Helms *Associate Pastor for
Children and Family Ministry*

Briana Belding-Peck
Family Ministry Coordinator

Samuel Deverman

Eleanore Wallace

Leila Madhani

Henry Ramsey

Alexis Unander

Andrew Phelps

The Cherub and Children’s Choirs

Katy Sinclair *Associate Director of Music
for Children and Youth*

Hsing-Huei Huang *Pianist*

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

6:00 Family Service with Jazz

Shannon J. Kershner *Pastor*

Rocky Supinger *Associate Pastor*

Sarah Thomas *Member*

Maddie Pieper *Member*

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

Thomas E. Gouwens *Associate Organist*

The Chancel Choir

Lucy Smith *Vocals*

Bryan Doherty *Bass*

Marcus Evans *Drums*

Amr Fahmy *Piano*

Greg Ward II *Alto Sax*

8:00 and 10:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

Shannon J. Kershner *Pastor*

Victoria G. Curtiss *Associate Pastor*

Matt Helms *Associate Pastor*

Rocky Supinger *Associate Pastor*

Judith L. Watt *Associate Pastor*

Nanette Sawyer *Minister for
Congregational Life*

Alex Wirth *Minister for Evangelism*

Jeffrey Doane *Parish Associate*

Abbi Heimach-Snipes *Pastoral Resident*

Samme Orwig and Beverly Washington *Members (8:00)*

Arlene Raine and Ed Miller *Members (10:00)*

Tower Brass; Morning Choir; Kimberly Gunderson *Soloist*

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

Thomas E. Gouwens *Associate Organist*

Matthew Comerford *Artistic Director of Tower Brass*

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Service of Lessons and Carols at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Prelude

Jesus, Be My Firm Foundation	Johann Sebastian Bach
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come.	Johann Pachelbel
Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand.	J. S. Bach
Noël	Louis-Claude Daquin
Of the Father’s Love Begotten.	William Berry
What Child Is This	Searle Wright
In the Bleak Midwinter.	Gustav Holst
Silent Night.	Samuel Barber
O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam

Introit

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	David Willcocks
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*Opening Sentences

*Carol 140 “Once in Royal David’s City” (*stanza 1 sung by soloist*)

*Prayer for Christmas Eve

- Leader: *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.*
- People: **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth. Alleluia!**
- All: **Living God, on this holy night we gather—
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.
May the good news of this night inspire us
to tell the world of our great joy:
for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.
Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.**

Lesson: GENESIS 1:1–5 Old Testament, page 1

Anthem

“A Maiden Most Gentle”	Andrew Carter
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Lesson: ISAIAH 9:2–7 Old Testament, page 600

*Carol 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Stand as you are able.*

Lesson: ISAIAH 11:1–4, 6–9 Old Testament, page 602

Anthem

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” David Blackwell

Lesson: LUKE 1:26–25, 38 New Testament, page 53

*Carol 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lesson: LUKE 2:1–20 New Testament, page 54

Christmas Homily

“Christmas at Luke’s House” Shannon J. Kershner

*Carol 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lesson: MATTHEW 2:1–12 New Testament, page 1

Prayer

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Ave Maria” Franz Biebl

Lesson: JOHN 1:1–5 New Testament, page 86

Spreading the Light: “Silent Night” (*see front cover of bulletin for words*)

Sentences of Light

*Carol 134 “Joy to the World”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand J. S. Bach

Postlude

Now the Triumph Is Completed J. S. Bach

Gifts of socks from the children—and known as “White Gifts” from the long tradition of wrapping the socks in plain white paper—can be placed in baskets at the back of the Sanctuary at the 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 p.m. services. At the 4:00 service they are presented as the offering.

The “Light Up a Life” offering supports mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; congregational programs; and denominational programs. Gifts can be made using the offering envelopes in the pew racks; by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or at www.fourthchurch.org.

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