

Welcome to Worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of Fourth Church!

During Today's Worship

Visual and hearing aids: Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available in the Narthex. Worship can be heard through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. Individual listening devices for improved sound are also available from ushers.

Children are always welcome in worship, and bulletins specifically designed for children are available from the ushers. If you need to step out to comfort your child, you may return at any point. The Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is also available as a quiet space for families.

Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the Nursery on the first floor of the Gratz Center. Children who are three years old through fifth-graders are welcome in Sunday School on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

During the Concerns of the Church, please sign the pew information pads, so that we might know you are here and all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we may 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.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the Hancock garage, 875 N. Michigan, is available on Sunday mornings only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period.

A church tour begins at 12:00 p.m. at the back of the Sanctuary.

An organ tour begins at 12:15 p.m. at the front of the Sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, offered monthly, is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, January 13 or February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) or go to www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org). (Please note that medical institutions do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing challenging times are invited to learn more about meeting with a Stephen Minister: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Noël Claude Balbastre
What Child Is This Ralph Vaughan Williams
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Keith Chapman
A Child Is Born Everett Titcomb

Introit

"Glory to God" Peruvian melody
Glory to God in the highest! To God be glory forever! Alleluia, amen!

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.**

*Litany for Christmastide

Leader: *The Word was made flesh.*

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Leader: *And dwelt among us.*

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Leader: *Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Light eternal—*

People: **Glory to you, our God!**

Leader: *Jesus, child of glory, Son of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary—*

People: **Glory to you, our God!**

Leader: *Jesus, friend of all, protector of the poor, treasure of the faithful—*

People: **Glory to you, our God!**

Leader: *Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom,
our Way, our Truth, our Life—*

People: **Glory to you, our God!**

Leader: *Jesus, joy of the angels and crown of all the saints—*

People: **Glory to you, our God! Let us worship God.**

*Stand as you are able. †Or "Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost."

*Processional Carol 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have been born again into our world,
and yet we do not know peace.
Lord Jesus Christ, you have been born again into our world,
and yet pain abounds.
Lord Jesus Christ, you have been born again into our world,
and yet there are those with no hope.
We know that you have promised abundant life, healing, and hope,
and yet we don't trust the promise—
the true and fully reliable promise—
that you have come among us, with healing in your wings.
Forgive our failure to trust your way, your truth, your life, this day.
Make us radiant in our gratitude for the gift of Jesus.
And renew our hope that it would sustain our faith
in you, O Christ, in you. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Love Came Down at Christmas” John Rutter
*Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all souls, love for plea, and gift, and sign.*

Listening for the Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-7 New Testament, page 54

*Carol 136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-14 New Testament, page 54

*Carol 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:15-21 New Testament, page 55

Anthem

“There Is No Rose of Such Virtue” John Joubert
*There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu, alleluia.
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space, res miranda.
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, pares forma.
Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth, transeamus.*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:22-39 New Testament, page 55

Homily Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Carol 110 “Love Has Come”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles' Creed

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

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" Dale Wood

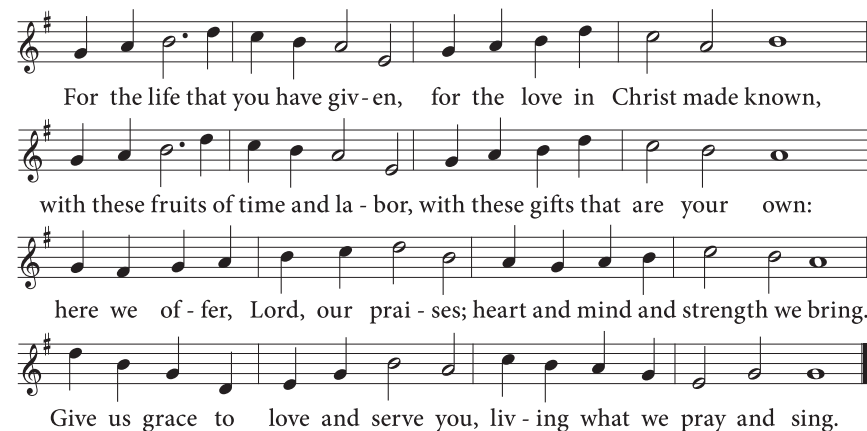
Offering

Offertory Anthem

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Harold Darke

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed,
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.
Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel, which adore.
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet, what I can I give him, give my heart.*

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of grace and peace,
as you have shared your life with us
through the child in the manger
by this offering of life and labor,
let us share your life with others
as the body of Christ in the world.
Through Jesus, born for all. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Carol 134 "Joy to the World"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella Keith Chapman

Worship Leaders

9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Sue Thompson, Jeffrey Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, Beverly Washington, Jeffrey Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THE “LIGHT UP A LIFE” OFFERING is being received throughout the Christmas season. “Light Up a Life” provides opportunity to support congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks; by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

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