
December 24, 2001

Christmas Eve

Now as at all times I can see in the mind's eye,
In their stiff, painted clothes, the pale unsatisfied ones
Appear and disappear in the blue depth of the sky
With all their ancient faces like rain-beaten stones,
And all their helms of silver hovering side by side,
And all their eyes still fixed, hoping to find once more,
Being by Calvary's turbulence unsatisfied,
The uncontrollable mystery of the bestial floor.

William Butler Yeats
from "The Magi"

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

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

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

Prelude Noël *Louis Claude Daquin*

Introit "The Snow Lay on the Ground" *English melody*
(Introit text: Hymn 57) *arr. Leo Soweby*

**Lighting of the
Advent Wreath** "A Candle Is Burning" *Sandra Dean*

Invitation to Worship

Minister: Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is
come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us. For
unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the
government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name
shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill
to all people.**

***Carol 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *John Francis Wade*

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Lesson Luke 1:26-33
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "The Angel Gabriel" *John Howells*

Second Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Carol 25 "Away in the Manger"
(Congregation remains seated) *Traditional carol*

Third Lesson Luke 2:8

Anthem "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
George Frideric Handel

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:9-14

Anthem "Angels We Have Heard on High" *French carol*

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:15-20

Anthem "What Child Is This" *English ballad*

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

Anthem "We Three Kings"
(Congregation sings stanza 5, Hymn 66) *John H. Hopkins Jr.*

Presentation of White Gifts

Offering

Offertory Anthem "Come with Hearts and Voices Sounding"
Johann Sebastian Bach

A SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

**Prayer of Preparation
and the Lord's Prayer**

2 **Act of Dedication**

Lighting of the Candles

***Songs of Praise**

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners
reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in
Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

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! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of
redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

***Silence**

(Please extinguish your candle prior to the hymn)

***Carol 40**

"Joy to the World"

Isaac Watts

Benediction

Postlude

Noel Nouvelet

Malcolm Archer

*Stand as you are able.

ASSISTING IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 Children's Pageant

Donna Gray, Mark Nelson, Laurie Armstrong, and
Devin Elliott

The Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs
Mary Theresa Reed and John W. W. Sherer

**5:30 Worship with
Christmas Meditation**

Paulo França, Calum I. Macleod, Carol J. Allen, and
Sarah Sarchet Butter

The Chancel Choir

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

John W. W. Sherer and Thomas Gouwens
Donna Gray, Calum I. MacLeod, Sarah Sarchet Butter,
Paulo França, Laurie Armstrong, John A. Cairns,
Dana Ferguson, and John M. Buchanan

Benjamin Schemper, soloist; the Morning Choir; Tower Brass
John W. W. Sherer and Thomas Gouwens

**11:00 Service of Lessons
and Carols**

Laurie Armstrong, Thomas C. Rook, Victoria Decker Millar,
John H. Boyle, Alice Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod,
Carol J. Allen, and John M. Buchanan

Diana Mocuta, soloist; the Morning Choir; Tower Brass
John W. W. Sherer and Thomas Gouwens

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Worship with Christmas Meditation 5:30 p.m.

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

Prelude Noël *Louis Claude Daquin*
La Nativité *Jean Langlais*
What Child Is This *Searle Wright*
Carol *Gerald Finzi*

Introit “To Us Is Born Emmanuel” *Michael Praetorius*
To us is born Emmanuel, Christ, the Lord. As proclaimed
by Gabriel, Christ, the Lord, who is our blessed Savior.
Here lieth in a manger small, Christ, the Lord, who was
born to save us all. He, very Light of very Light, Christ, the
Lord, was of Mary born this night.

Call to Worship

Leader: On this holy night, O God,
People: **draw us into the mystery of your love.**
Leader: Join our voices with the heavenly host
People: **that we may sing your glory on high.**
Leader: Give us a place among the shepherds
People: **that we may find the One for whom we have waited.**
Leader: Fill us with such love and wonder
People: **that with our gifts we may worship him.**
Leader: On this holy night, O God, let us come to adore him,
All: **Jesus the Christ, the Messiah and Lord!**

***Carol 41** “O Come All Ye Faithful” *John Francis Wade*

A Story for Christmas

***Carol 25** “Away in a Manger” *Traditional carol*

The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-14

***Carol 23** “Angels We Have Heard on High” *French carol*

Meditation by Sarah Sarchet Butter

THE HOSPITALITY OF THE MANGER

***Carol 53** “What Child Is This” *William Chatterton Dix*

Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Anthem “A Child Is Born in Bethlehem” *Samuel Scheidt*
A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia. And joy is in
Jerusalem. Rejoice, sing high, sing low. Benedicamus
Domino. To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, Alleluia. Thou son
of Mary, mother-maid. To Holy Trinity give praise. With
Deo gracias always.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Spreading the Light

Carol 60 "Silent Night"

Joseph Mohr

*Unison Prayer

Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Carol 40

"Joy to the World"

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Benediction

Postlude

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White gifts of socks brought to the 5:30, 8:00, and 11:00 services are being collected in baskets in the Narthex. At the 4:00 pageant, they are presented as part of the service.

Gifts supporting Christmastime Sanctuary adornments have been made in memory and in honor of family, friends, and loved ones.

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Service of Lessons and Carols 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

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

Prelude	O Magnum Mysterium	<i>Giovanni Gabrieli arr. Erich Peterson</i>
	Noël	<i>Louis Claude Daquin</i>
	Today Christ Is Born	<i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina arr. Bayne Dobbins</i>
	I Come Here from High Heaven	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	A Child Is Born	<i>Samuel Scheidt arr. Rich Mays</i>
	Carol	<i>Gerald Finzi</i>
	What Child Is This	<i>English Ballad arr. E. Peterson</i>
	La Nativité	<i>Jean Langlais</i>
	O Holy Night	<i>Adolphe Adam arr. Aaron David Miller</i>

Introit	“Away in a Manger” <i>(Introit text: Hymn 24)</i>	<i>William Kirkpatrick arr. David Willcocks</i>
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**Call to Worship
and Invocation**

*Carol 49	“Once in Royal David’s City” <i>(stanza 1 sung by soloist)</i>	<i>Cecil Frances Alexander</i>
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***Litany for Christmas**

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 Father, Light eternal:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader:	Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader:	Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader:	Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader:	Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader:	Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader:	Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:
People:	Glory to you, O Lord!

Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-7	(page 638, O.T.)
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Anthem	“Ríu, Ríu, Chíu”	<i>Spanish carol arr. Noah Greenberg</i>
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Lesson	Psalm 96	(page 550, O.T.)
*Carol 31	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Charles Wesley</i>
Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 38	(page 56, N.T.)
Anthem	“Ave Maria”	<i>Franz Biebl</i>
Lesson	Luke 2:1, 3-12	(page 58, N.T.)
*Carol 38	“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	<i>Edmund Hamilton Sears</i>
Lesson	Luke 2:13-20	(page 58, N.T.)
Anthem	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”	<i>Michael Praetorius / Jan Sandström</i>
Sermon	by John M. Buchanan	
*Carol 36	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	<i>Christina Rossetti</i>
Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory Anthem	“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”	<i>African American spiritual arr. David Blackwell</i>
Lesson	John 1:1-5	(page 91, N.T.)
Lighting the Candles	Carol 60 “Silent Night”	<i>Joseph Mohr</i>
*Unison Prayer	Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	
*Carol 40	“Joy to the World”	<i>Isaac Watts</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	<i>M. Praetorius arr. A. D. Miller</i>

*Stand as you are able.

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