

January 7, 2007

Epiphany Sunday

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

U.A. Fanthorpe
from "BC:AD"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

PRELUDE
(8:00)

March of the Magi Kings

Theodore Dubois

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Dieterich Buxtehude*

March of the Magi Kings *Theodore Dubois*

Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany *Maurice Duruflé*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Jan Koetsier*

INTROIT

“A Round for Epiphany”

David Hurd

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon
their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold and
myrrh and frankincense. Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 68**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY

(unison)

God of gold, we seek your glory:

**The richness that transforms our drabness into color
and brightens our dullness with vibrant light;**

your wonder and joy at the heart of all life.

God of incense, we offer you our prayer:

Our unspoken and unspeakable longings,

our questioning of truth,

our search for your mystery deep within.

God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our suffering:

The pain of all our rejections and bereavements,

our baffled despair at undeserved suffering,

our rage at continuing injustice;

and we embrace you, God-with-us,

in our wealth, in our yearning, in our anger and loss.

Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 72:1–14 *(responsively)*

(page 504, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM

“The Three Kings”

Peter Cornelius

Three kings came forth from an Eastern land; a brighter star led them to Jordan’s strand, and when they came into Judah the three asked where the newborn King should be, for gold and myrrh and frankincense they brought to lay before his innocence. The star shone high in the firmament and to a stable the three kings went, and when they looked on that child so sweet, the three kings bended them low at his feet. They brought a gift was lovelier than gold or frankincense or myrrh. O child of man, take the pilgrim’s way; the three kings took it, do thou as they. The star of mercy, the star of love shall light thy path to the Lord above. Leave frankincense and myrrh and gold, give him thy heart to have and hold. Give him thy heart.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 3:1–12

(page 181, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12

(page 1, N.T.)

SERMON

by Calum I. MacLeod

STAR LIGHT

“There, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.” Matthew 2:9 (NRSV)

***HYMN 63**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Tune: DIX

***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”

William Munday

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Niels Gade

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Magi Viderunt Stellam”

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Wise men who saw the bright star said in wonder among themselves, “This is a sign of majesty. Now go we and search until we find him and bring him offerings costly, gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Alleluia.

***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: **Holy Jesus, before your infant form,
sages bowed the knee and acknowledged your lordship
over all power and wisdom.
Grant us also clear vision and courage,
that in the light of your light
we may devote our power and potential to your service,
even when that requires us to go home another way.
Amen.**

***HYMN 62**

“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”

Tune: EPIPHANY SONG

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*South African freedom song
arr. John A. Behnke*

IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels closest to the chancel.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod
9:30 a.m.	Thomas C. Rook, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Anderson, alto soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Anderson, alto soloist; Steve Mason, oboist
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Anderson, alto soloist; Steve Mason, oboist

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

Worship Notes

Today's Prayer for Epiphany Sunday comes from the collection *Bread of Tomorrow* and was written by Jan Berry.

"Magi Viderunt Stellam," today's 9:30 and 11:00 offertory anthem, was composed by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611). Although he was born in Spain, de Victoria spent much of his career in Rome. He was ordained a priest in 1575 and worked for many years as an organist and choir director in Rome before returning to Spain in 1596, where he continued his musical calling by serving in a convent in Madrid.

The bulletin cover depicts the wooden ceiling of the sanctuary. Designed by renowned Chicago artist Frederick C. Bartlett, the ceiling is characteristic of English churches and reflects the Viking influences on the British Isles.

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