

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Noël	<i>Claude Louis Daquin</i>
	A Child Is Born	<i>Everett Titcomb</i>
	Good King Wenceslas	<i>Virgil Fox</i>
	The Snow Lay on the Ground	<i>Leo Sowerby</i>
	Away in a Manger	<i>Douglas Wagner</i>

INTROIT	“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning. You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning; this child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.		

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION	(The Hymnal, 592)
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*HYMN 40	“Joy to the World!”	<i>Tune: ANTIOCH</i>
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God, did you decide to become human because the
human race had gone so badly? Or did you always plan
to come? Would you have come to a good world where most
of the time we loved our neighbors and kept your laws?
Or did you come because our world is full of violence and
despair and only you can make it right? We confess that
we do not know all you plan to do through your Son
Jesus Christ. We are sorry that so often we fail to love
our neighbors and keep your commandments, and most
of all, we are sorry that we have not cared enough for the
world you made and into which your Son has been born.
For your precious Son's sake, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00)

**Stand as you are able.*

UNISON PRAYER

(11:00)

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in
our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 148 (*responsively*) (page 550, O.T.)

ANTHEM	“En Natus est Emmanuel”	<i>Michael Praetorius</i>
	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; Christ, the Lord who is our blessed Savior. He, very Light of very Light, Christ, the Lord, was of Mary born that night; Christ, the Lord, who is our blessed Savior.	

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18–20 (page 235, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:41–52 (page 55, N.T.)

SERMON

A Filial Piety

“Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49 (NRSV)

***HYMN 55** “That Boy-Child of Mary” **Tune:** BLANTYRE

***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"

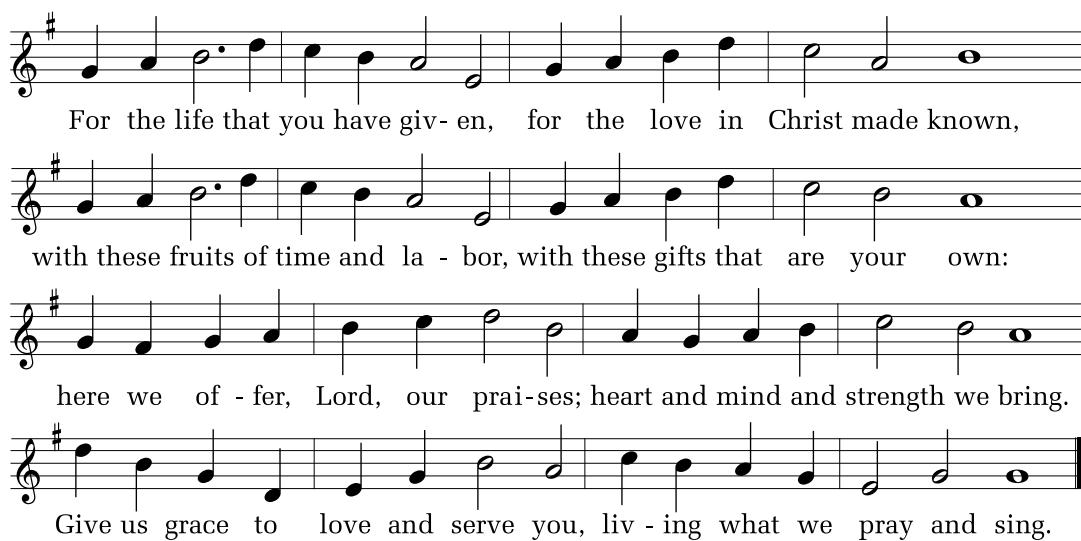
John Stainer

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,
worshiping 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



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, featuring quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

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: **Thank you, God, for the signs of your love in the workings
of the universe and in the faithfulness of humankind.**

**Thank you, above all, for humbling yourself
to be one of us to convince us of your love.**

**Thank you for everything that Jesus said and did
to show what a human life can be when you are fully in it—
from birth to death, from cradle to cross.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

*HYMN 29

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Tune: Go TELL IT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Noël

José Jesús Estrada

IN THE DETAILS



These kneeling angels—beginning with the Alpha and the Omega—grace the roof supports on the colorful arches far above the pews; the eight motifs pictured here are repeated four times each. Like all of the painting in the sanctuary, they were executed under the direction of famed Chicago muralist Frederick Clay Bartlett.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Linda C. Loving, Joyce Shin
11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Linda C. Loving, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Callie Thompson and Andrew Duncan, soloists
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The child being baptized during 11:00 worship is Alexandra Boston Clay, daughter of Christopher and Katrina Clay.

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout the Christmas season. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering 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.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An afternoon Communion service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month (except in November and December).

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