



Fourth Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Michael McCabe
- Savior of the Nations, Come Johann Sebastian Bach
- Elegy for Organ and Saxophone Michael Baker

Introit

“Prepare the Way of the Lord” Richard Proulx
Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.
Rejoice, the Lord is at hand! Prepare.

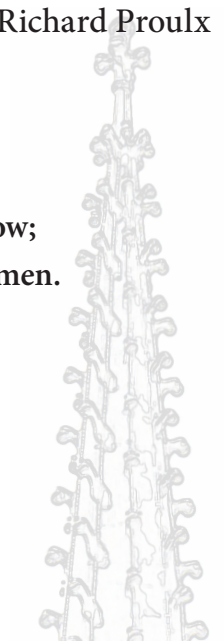
***Doxology**

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

***Call to Worship**

One: *The day foretold is coming—
 Whose light will shine through the deepest gloom:
 a manger’s glow in the silent night!*

All: **The savior draws near!
 Praise the Lord!**



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 88** (*vv. 1-4*) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer of Confession and Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*unison*)

God of hope, over and over again in scripture
we hear your dream for a beautiful world.
We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation:
for harmony and togetherness, for community and hope.
We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes.
We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight.
Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights.
Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world.
Hear us, O God, as we come before you in silence,
confessing those sins that we do not speak aloud, but hold in our hearts. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: *And also with you.*

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.

Welcome and Announcements

Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:†
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-13

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: *but the word of our God shall stand forever.*

Sermon

Christmas at Mark’s House Tom Are Jr.

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 138** “Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth
might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and angels sing;
such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing.
Stable beasts and bypassed strangers watch a baby laid in hay;
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move,
yet experience questions whether, with such progress, we improve.
While the human lot we ponder, lest our hopes and humor fray,
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” Paul Manz
*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our God, who was, and is, and is to come.
Sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye saints below,
for Christ is coming soon!
E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more.
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!*

***Offertory Response** Hymn 144, verse 4

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.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We will lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Sung Prayer *(unison)*

Come to us in peace, Lord Jesus;
speak anew your word of grace.

Bread of life, and wine of living,
draw us to your holy place.

To your table of remembrance,
we come seeking your shalom.

Speak to us your word of welcome;
now and ever be our home.

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Agnus Dei” Paul Halley

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;
 he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion (unison)

We have come to this table, graced with symbols of your love, O God.
Yours is a love that seeks us out and welcomes us home.
We go from your table, Blessed One,
 nourished and renewed for the journey of faith that awaits.
Our song is one of joy, our hope is unfailing, our spirit is refreshed,
 because you continue to lead us to your promised day.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 106** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
(Refrain) O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.
He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
(Refrain) O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.
Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
(Refrain) O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace. Robert Lau

Postlude

Sleepers Awake! J. S. Bach

About the Advent Sermons

During these Advent weeks we will visit each Gospel writer at their home. It will require some imagination, but reading what they have left us, we can learn more than we might first suspect. We will start by celebrating Christmas with Mark. When we arrive, we will have to let Mark know it’s Christmas, because Mark knows nothing about it. But he will still have an important word for us about Christmas.



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life**, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each Sunday service the doors open for worship, with three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and at 115 E. Delaware.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Parking

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Worshiping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the service

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service begins. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshiping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

Online

Those worshiping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Sunday Opportunities

Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to offer individual prayers with a Deacon today, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, a tour of our pipe organ begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

Afternoon worship service

We invite you to join us for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, a casual, intimate service. Beena David and the Gathering Ensemble lead our music; Rocky Supinger will be preaching.

Advent Lessons and Music tonight

The season of Advent begins today! As we begin this journey to Christmas, we will come together this evening 6:30 p.m. for a favorite tradition of December: the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music. Held in the Sanctuary, this special service will also be livestreamed.

Faces at the Manger next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom, members of the Adult Education Council will read passages from the book *Faces at the Manger* by J. Barrie Shepherd, portraying characters present at Jesus' birth. We are delighted that poet, author, and pastor J. Barrie Shepherd will be joining us via Zoom! Register at bit.ly/faces122024

Children and Youth

Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday school

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. During the 11:00 a.m. hour, families are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

Youth gatherings

Today Junior Highs and Senior Highs are worshipping in the Sanctuary at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. respectively. Next Sunday they return to their weekly schedule of meeting in the Bumpus Room at those same times.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Are you interested in learning more about or becoming a member of Fourth Church? Please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers12025) or in person on Sunday, February 2 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers22025). If you would like more information, please contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3362). He would welcome opportunity to get to know you!

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women's *Horizons* Bible Study

Women's *Horizons* Bible Study, which gathers via Zoom twice a month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., will gather on Wednesday, December 11. The theme this year is "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation." For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

"Bible Top Ten" podcast

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their "Bible Top Ten" podcast at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms as they explore the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Visiting Cuba

Join us in traveling to Cuba in March 2025, when we will visit the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, continuing our twenty-four-year partnership with our sister church. The deadline for registering for this March 10–17 trip is next Sunday, December 8. Register online at bit.ly/cubatrip2025; for details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Mens' Clothing Needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of new or gently used men's clothing as well as men's shoes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Advent and Christmas

Advent reflections

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a resource for your personal meditation and prayer this season.

We invite you to receive them in your inbox (subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions if you don't already receive our devotions), read them online (fourthchurch.org/devotions), or share them via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) or Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch)

Christmas Wishes for Tutoring Students

As part of our Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students, we are in need of gift cards by this Wednesday, December 4.

We are collecting gift cards (up to \$25) to Target, Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, and McDonald's. They can be dropped off at the church (attention: Simon Crow), with the amount designated on the card(s).

We are also collecting monetary contributions for the purchase of books. Please note "Christmas Wishes" in the designation of an online gift at fourthchurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Flowers

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward this year's Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin.

Cookies-and-Cocoa volunteers needed

On Sunday morning, December 15 Women at Fourth will host "Cookies and Cocoa" during Coffee Hour. In preparation, bakers are needed to make a minimum of two dozen holiday cookies each. Volunteers to set up and serve that day are also needed. If you can help with baking, setting up, or serving or would like to learn more, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Advent "Rhythm and Word" videos

On Wednesdays in Advent we will release a brief video of music, scripture, and prayer for your reflection in this season. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword to have them sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos) to receive notice of our new videos.

Christmas with Tower Brass

Join us Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. for a Christmas with Tower Brass concert! For holiday concert details, see fourthchurch.org/concerts

Advent and Christmas worship

In addition to this evening's Festival of Advent Lessons and Music (*see p. 9*), we have some special services we hope you will put on your calendar!

The "Longest Night" Service, for those for whom Christmas celebrations are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness, will be held on Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Buchanan Chapel.

This year's Christmas Cantata, Bach's *Magnificat*, presented by the Morning Choir and orchestra members, will be part of the Sunday morning services on December 22.

On Tuesday, December 24, we will gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services: the Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m.; Family Service at 6:00 p.m., and Lessons and Carols at 8:00 p.m. (also livestreamed) and 10:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 25, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. (in person only) for Christmas worship.

Caring for One Another

Prayer requests and pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Also email Gloria if you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries.

Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) or leave a confidential message for a Stephen Minister at 312.573.3365.

Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling and well-being, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425; visit reploglecenter.org).

Grief groups

Our Replogle Center also facilitates four-week grief groups via Zoom. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org; 312.787.8425)

Fellowship Opportunities

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets in person on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Cornerstones Sing-Along

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather for its Christmas sing-along and dinner on Friday evening, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Registration—for dinner and singing or just for the sing-along—is required by Monday, December 2 at bit.ly/cornerstones122024

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Almond* by Won-Pyung Sohn on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth holiday celebration

“La La Ladies: A Women at Fourth Holiday Celebration” will be held in the Manse on Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. For details and to RSVP, register at bit.ly/waf122024

Stay Connected!

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Calendar for December 1–7

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
December 1	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School.	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	10:15 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Room 4B
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop	Room 5C
	10:30 a.m.	Family Donut Gathering.	Room 4C
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	PNC Meeting	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Room 5F
	12:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting.	Room 4F
	2:00 p.m.	The Gathering: Communion at 2:00	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Lessons and Music.	Sanctuary

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
December 2	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner’s French	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4G / Zoom
	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities

Calendar for December 1–7

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
December 3	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting.	Room 5B
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts.	Room 4F / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language.	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk.	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 5G
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
December 4	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer via Zoom	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer in Person	Buchanan Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Men’s “Great Ideas”	Room 5A
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 5G
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language.	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk.	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 5G
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: <i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i>	Room 4E / Zoom
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Somatic Stress Busters	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond.	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons Christmas Party	Walton Manse
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+.	Room 4F

Calendar for December 1–7

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
December 5	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Intro to the Legal System	Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Range of Motion	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language.	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk.	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 5G
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Art Days	Room 4E
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
December 6	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Room 5G
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Holiday Extravaganza	Borwell Dining Room
	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: Christmas Sing-Along	Borwell Dining Room
	7:30 p.m.	Lux Cantorum: Glory! Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
December 7		<i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>	

Preaching on Sunday, December 8
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.
 2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Deacons (9:30), Youth Ministry (11:00), Rocky Supinger, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Phil Pierick, Saxophone

Morning Choir (9:30), Chancel Choir (11:00)

Michael Rees, Associate Organist

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace.

Those who are worshipping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so that we might share in this meal together, wherever we are.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at fourthchurch.org/give

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

Rocky Supinger Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Amy Pagliarella Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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