



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

My Soul Does Magnify the Lord (Schübler Chorales) Johann Sebastian Bach
Cantilena on “Mendelssohn” James Biery

Introit

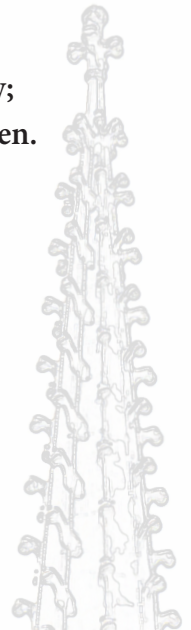
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Latin, ca. ninth century
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*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: *Alleluia, the Christ child comes.
Let us throw off our distractions and allow the chaos to settle.*
All: Let us watch for the signs and listen to the messengers.
One: *Let us stand on tiptoe and shout aloud and sing.*
All: **Something new is emerging; something new is being birthed.
Let us worship God.**



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

***Hymn 143** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
you, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

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

God of joy, you guided Mary and Joseph from the dangers of their journey
to the shelter of the stable where our deepest joy was born,
yet we trudge through our days as if we never knew he arrived.
Be it out of fear, resentment, callousness, or contempt,
we deny ourselves the nourishment of your graceful spirit
when we starve ourselves and others of reasons to remember joy.
Help us to embrace joy as we welcome your Son into our lives, and may that joy
carry with it hope and peace on its journey into the center of our hearts.

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.

Anthem

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (9:30) Edward Bairstow/ Liturgy of St. James

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling
and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation and to be given for food to the faithful.
Before him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power,
the cherubim with many eyes, and winged seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!*

“When Came in Flesh” (11:00) George Guest; words by J. Anstice

*When came in flesh the Incarnate Word, the heedless world slept on,
and only simple shepherds heard that God had sent his son.
When comes the Savior at the last, from east to west shall shine
the awful pomp, and earth aghast shall tremble at the sign.
Then shall the pure of heart be blest, as mild he comes to them,
as when upon the virgin’s breast, he lay at Bethlehem.
Lord, who could dare see thee descend in state, unless he knew
thou art the sorr’wing sinner’s friend, the gracious and the true.
Dwell in our hearts, O Savior blest, to shall thine advent’s dawn
’twixt us and thee, our bosom guest be but the veil withdrawn.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 42:1–4

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.

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

Second Lesson John 1:1–14

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*
All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Sermon

Christmas at John’s House Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 119** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) adapted from Colossians 1:15–19

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through and for him.

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Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together.
As the head of the body, the church,
 Jesus is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
 so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in Christ Jesus all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. 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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“And the Glory of the Lord” (from *Messiah*) George Frideric Handel
*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of joy, may giving these gifts be our deepest joy.
You are the God of abundance, and on this day
 we give thanks knowing you are our salvation;
 we will trust and not be afraid, for you are our hope and our strength. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 117** “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind:

“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.

“To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line

the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,

all humbly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.”

Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng

of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease!”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Rejoice, Rejoice! Latin, ca. ninth century

Postlude

Toccata on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Adolphus Hailstork

About the Advent Sermons

During these Advent weeks we are visiting each Gospel writer at their home. It requires some imagination, but reading what they have left us, we can learn more than we might first suspect. After the raucous family reunion at Matthew’s house last week, we welcome a quieter celebration this week. At John’s house we will light a candle or two, read some poetry, and John will speak of light in the darkness.



O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

CHRISTMAS 2024 AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Longest Night” Service

Friday, December 20 | 6:30 p.m. (in-person only)

In Buchanan Chapel

5:30 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments in the Manse

*A service for those for whom Christmas celebrations
are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness*

Concert: Christmas with Tower Brass

Saturday, December 21 | 5:00 p.m.

Also livestreamed at bit.ly/fpcvideos

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Bach's *Magnificat* performed by the Morning Choir
with members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago

The 9:30 service is livestreamed at bit.ly/fpcvideos

Four Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

6:00 p.m. Family Service

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

Also livestreamed at bit.ly/fpcvideos

10:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, December 25 | 10:00 a.m. (in-person only)

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 29 | 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship

Also livestreamed at bit.ly/fpcvideos

Please note that there will be only one worship service on Sunday, December 29.

New Year's Eve Taizé Service

Tuesday, December 31 | 6:30 p.m. (in-person only)

Livestreamed videos are also available for viewing later.





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. (*On December 29 we will worship at 10:00 a.m. only.*)

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each 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.

Worshipping 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 worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshipping 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 worshipping 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

Cookies-and-Cocoa Coffee Hour!

Women at Fourth invite you to stop by Anderson Hall this morning for a special Cookies-and-Cocoa Coffee Hour.

If you are worshipping with us in person, this time of fellowship after the service provides an opportunity to greet each other and to learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

A Christmas Carol, Dickens, and Christianity

Join John Clum this morning for a discussion of *A Christmas Carol* and its relationship to Dickens' view of Christianity. This adult education class meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/aedickens122024).

Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship

All are welcome to take part in a time of fellowship with Chicago's Japanese community at 11:00 a.m. today in the Manse.

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; Matt Helms will be preaching.

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.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day there will not be nursery care; on those days parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

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.

Sunday school classes will meet next Sunday, December 22 but then will take a two-week break, with no classes on December 29 or January 5.

Youth gatherings

Youth groups meet weekly, with Junior Highs gathering at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Youth groups will also take a two-week break, with no gatherings on December 29 or January 5.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for Inquirers' Class either via Zoom on 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). For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

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 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., will next meet on Wednesday, January 8. 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.

Visit Cuba with Us

This Friday, December 20 is the last day to sign up to join us in traveling to Cuba in March 2025. We will be visiting the First Presbyterian Church of Havana on March 10–17 as we continue our twenty-four-year partnership with our sister church. Register at bit.ly/cubatrip2025; for details, email 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

Books for Christmas Wishes

We still need monetary contributions toward the purchase of books for our “Christmas Wishes” gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. To give, please note “Christmas Wishes” in the designation when giving at fourthchurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

“Longest Night” service

Our “Longest Night” service—also known as a “Blue Christmas” service—provides a worship opportunity for those for whom Christmas celebrations are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness.

The service, which will take place this Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel (in person only)—will be preceded by a time of fellowship at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Christmas with Tower Brass

Join us Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. for the music of the season when our brass octet presents their festive “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert! For holiday concert details, see fourthchurch.org/concerts

Christmas Cantata: Bach’s *Magnificat*

Next Sunday morning, December 22 the magnificent strains of Bach’s *Magnificat*—a musical setting of Mary’s song, as recorded in Luke 1:46–55—will be presented by the Morning Choir and members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Christmas carols and their origins

Join Kat Evans next Sunday, December 22 for a Christmas carol sing-along at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room as she shares with us the history and origins of our favorite carols.

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), read them online (fourthchurch.org/devotions), or share them via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) or Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch)

Advent “Rhythm and Word” videos

On Wednesdays in Advent we are releasing 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.

Parking on Christmas Eve and Day

Christmas Pageant and Christmas Day parking validations for the 900 N. Michigan garage will be available for \$20 (cash only) outside Borwell Dining Room immediately before or after those two services. Apps such as parking.com and [spothero](http://spothero.com) may have less expensive options in the neighborhood available for advance reservation.

Vehicles entering the 900 N. Michigan garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park (with a free validation ticket from the church) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (\$18 for up to 12 hours).

One service on Sunday, December 29

On the First Sunday of Christmas, December 29, we will gather for just one worship service: at 10:00 a.m. The service will also be livestreamed.

New Year’s Eve Taizé service

On Tuesday, December 31 we invite you to join us, our neighbors, and our friends from Holy Name Cathedral at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary for a candlelit New Year’s Eve Taizé service (in person only), with music, prayer, and meditative pause for reflection on the turning of the year.

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

Feelings of grief over losses can be heightened at this time of year. Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities. Such experiences need not be dealt with alone. Fourth Church's Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with such experiences. To learn how the Replogle Center can help, call the Center at 312.787.8425 or visit www.reploglecenter.org

Prayer and Meditation

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). (Morning Prayer will not be held on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.)

Labyrinth Walk

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel will be available for walking this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Pause

You are invited to a Sacred Pause time of meditation offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Fourth Church in Florida

If you live in or travel to Florida, please let us know—at bit.ly/florida2025 or by contacting Shawn Fiedler (sfiedler@fourthchurch.org)—so we can keep you informed about in-person gatherings with Tom Are in February.

Gala of Hope 2025

The 2025 Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, March 7 at the Old Post Office. See chicagolights.org/events for tickets and ways to contribute, or email Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

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 15–21

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
December 15	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.	Youth Choir.	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	A Christmas Carol.	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship	Manse
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	PNC	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	World Mission Social Justice	Room 5E
	12:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee.	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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
December 16	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities

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Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study.	Zoom
December 17	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room	Room 5G
	5:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Council	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting.	Room 4F
	7:00 p.m.	Fulcrum Point Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Joint Finance Council	Zoom
December 18	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer.	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room	Room 5G
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making.	Borwell Dining Room
December 19	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
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting.	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room

Calendar for December 15–21

- 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . Buchanan Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room Room 5G
- 2:00 p.m. Sounds Good Choir Concert Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Meals Ministry Steering Team Morse Conference Room
- 5:15 p.m. Board of Trustees. Room 4G

- Friday** 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Program Morse Lounge
- December 20 11:00 a.m. CLL: Advisory Committee CLL Office
- 11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room Room 4G
- 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert Sanctuary / Online
- 2:30 p.m. Strategic Communications Task Force. Room 4F
- 4:30 p.m. Session. Room 4G
- 5:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Fellowship Time Manse
- 5:30 p.m. Family Night Borwell Dining Room
- 6:30 p.m. Longest Night Service Buchanan Chapel

- Saturday** 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
- December 21 5:00 p.m. Christmas with Tower Brass Sanctuary / Online

Worship on Sunday, December 22

- 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Christmas Cantata (*see page 11*)
- 2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger preaching

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Stephen Ministry (9:30), World Mission and Social Justice Council (11:00),
Joseph L. Morrow, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30), Chancel Choir (11:00)
Michael Rees, Associate Organist
Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

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