

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant December 24, 2024 • 4:00 p.m.



Christmas Carol Sing-A	Along (everyor	1e is	invited	to	sing)
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Carol 123: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Carol 119: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Carol 121: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Carol :: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
First Lesson
Mary's Song
Anthems
"Come, Messiah, Come" Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becky Slagle Mayo
"Nova, Nova"
Second Lesson Luke 2:1–7

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	children in shepherd and animal costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn	
Away in a manger, n	to crib for his bed,	
	esus laid down his sweet head.	
The stars in the	bright sky looked down where he lay,	
the little Lord Je	sus asleep on the hay.	
The cattle are lowing	g; the poor baby wakes,	
_	esus, no crying he makes.	
I love thee, Lord	Jesus; look down from the sky,	
and stay by my s	side until morning is nigh.	
Be near me, Lord Jes	sus; I ask thee to stay	
close by me fore	ver and love me, I pray.	
Bless all the dear	r children in thy tender care,	
and fit us for hea	aven to live with thee there.	
Third Lesson		T 1 20 0
		Luke 2:8–9
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	All children in angel costumes are invited	
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*Carol :: "Go, Tell It on the Refrain: Go, tell it on the rego, tell it on the reward while shepherds kep behold, throughout	All children in angel costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn mountain, over the hills and everywhere; mountain that Jesus Christ is born! ot their watching o'er silent flocks by night,	Hymnal 136
*Carol :: "Go, Tell It on the Refrain: Go, tell it on the rego, tell it on the rego, tell it on the rego, tell it on the rego. While shepherds kep behold, throughout the shepherds feared.	All children in angel costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn mountain, over the hills and everywhere; mountain that Jesus Christ is born! ot their watching o'er silent flocks by night, but the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refraing	Hymnal 136
*Carol :: "Go, Tell It on the Refrain: Go, tell it on the rego, tell it on the rego, tell it on the rego, tell it on the rego. While shepherds kep behold, throughout the shepherds feared rang out the anger	All children in angel costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn mountain, over the hills and everywhere; mountain that Jesus Christ is born! ot their watching o'er silent flocks by night, but the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrained and trembled when lo! above the earth	Hymnal 136

Fourth Lesson
Anthem : "Angels We Have Heard on High" Edward S. Barnes
Fifth Lesson
Carol : "What Child Is This"
Congregation remains seated. All children in animal, angel, and shepherd costumes return back to their parents
What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!
Sixth Lesson
Anthem : "We Three Kings"

Presentation of Gifts :: "The First Nowell"
During this hymn, children are welcome to come forward to place by the manger the traditional gifts of socks.
The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)
And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)
This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)
Offertory Anthems
"People, Look East" Besançon Carol
"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"
Prayer of Dedication
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.
Homily
Spreading the Light (congregation remains seated)

Carol (congregation remains seated)
"Silent Night, Holy Night!"
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! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"
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.
Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.
Silence
*Carol : "Joy to the World"
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.
*Benediction
Postlude From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

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

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Christmas blessings to you!

We are delighted to be celebrating with you this Christmas Eve! As our Advent hymn of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" joyfully transitions to "O Come, Let Us Adore Him," we embrace together the promise that has come to life: God with us. Inspired by the radical hospitality of the one born in the manger, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. We invite you to join us on the journey at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice. This season and always may you know and rejoice in the abiding presence of God with you. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve

This evening our candlelight Christmas Eve celebrations here in the Sanctuary will continue with our **Family Service** at 6:00 p.m. and **Lessons and Carols** at 8:00 p.m. (which will be livestreamed) and at 10:00 p.m. **** Discounted parking** for vehicles that enter the 900 N. Michigan garage prior to 5:00 p.m. today is available for \$20 by purchasing a validation ticket (cash only) outside Borwell Dining Room before or after the Pageant. For cars entering the garage after 5:00 p.m., parking is available at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (and \$18 for up to 12 hours) when using a green validation ticket picked up from one of the ushers when exiting the Sanctuary. ****** There is **no nursery care** on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. As on Sundays, children are invited to be with their parents in worship.

Christmas Day

We invite you to join us again tomorrow when we gather on **Christmas morning** for a joy-filled service of worship at 10:00 a.m. ** Discounted **Christmas Day parking** will be available only at the 900 N. Michigan garage and will cost \$20. Those parking validations can be purchased (cash only) in the Fourth Church Commons tomorrow morning prior to returning to the garage after worship. ** While we will not be livestreaming the Christmas Day service, we encourage those looking for an **online option on Christmas Day** to view the Christmas Eve service from 8:00 tonight or any of our past seasonal offerings available on YouTube (bit.ly/fpcvideos). We will also be sharing there tomorrow morning a brief **Christmas "Rhythm and Word" video**, offering scripture, music, and a reflection for Christmas Day.

First Sunday of Christmas

We will gather again for worship this **Sunday**, **December 29 at 10:00 a.m.**, both in person and via livestream. (*There will be just one worship service that day*.) **** Nursery care** will be available on Sunday, but **Sunday school** will be on break for the next two weekends, resuming on Sunday, January 12.

Sharing Christmas joy

Our annual "Light Up a Life" offering provides funds for Fourth Church programs that support our neighbors and congregation; for Chicago Lights, our nonprofit community outreach arm, as their Social Service Center, Tutoring, and Urban Farm programs build brighter futures for Chicago's youth and adults through supportive relationships and life-changing programs; and for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can make a gift to this special offering by using the envelopes found in the pew racks; by indicating that designation when giving via the church website at fourthchurch org/give or via Venmo; or by writing "Light Up a Life" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Christmas reflections

Daily Christmas devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for personal meditation and prayer. We invite you to receive them in your inbox (subscribe online at bit.ly/fpcdevotions), read them online (fourthchurch.org/devotions), or share them via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) or Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ** Our "Rhythm and Word" video series offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer for viewing at home. The next video will be released on Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m. on YouTube. On January 1 we will return to releasing the videos on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail to receive them by email; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos ** Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their "Bible Top Ten" podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts). This lively, informative, and often amusing podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists, with past topics including lesser-known figures of Advent and stories of waiting.

Music of the season

This Friday, December 27 our free Friday Noonday Concert series (in the Sanctuary and livestreamed) features a program of Christmas music presented by our Interim Organist and Director of Music Doug Cleveland and violinist Paul Christian. For a schedule of 2025 concerts, see fourthchurch.org/concerts

When the season isn't easy

Feelings of grief over losses can be heightened at this time of year. **Expectations for the holidays** can be different from the realities. The season can be lonely, and the turning of the year can be both challenging and an opportunity when we seek someone to walk alongside us in embracing change and opportunity. 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 reploglecenter.org

Pastoral care and a listening presence and witness

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. ** For **those facing life's challenges,** Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. 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.

New Year's Eve

At the turning of the year, on Tuesday, December 31, we will gather in our Sanctuary with neighbors and our friends from Holy Name Cathedral at 6:30 p.m. for a candlelit **New Year's Eve Taizé service** (*in person only*). This Taizé service offers moving music, space for prayer, and meditative pause for reflecting on the year past and looking ahead to the year to come.

Worshiping with us in person

Worship can be heard through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids. ** During worship please silence **electronic devices**. ** If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we typically gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., although as noted on page 8, we will have just one service this Sunday, December 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Worshiping with us online

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, this coming **Sunday, December 29, we will be streaming the 10:00 a.m. service** on our YouTube channel (bit.ly/ fpcvideos), where it can be viewed any time 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) We will also be streaming our **8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service** tonight. **When our regular Sunday schedule resumes on January 5,** we will return to livestreaming our 9:30 a.m. service. **** Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.

Worship podcasts and sermon text

During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at **fourthchurch.org/podcasts** ** You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (*fourthchurch.org/sermons*) **by email** by subscribing at bit.ly/fpcsermons.

Prayer and meditation

Our weekly **Morning Prayer via Zoom**, which will take a break on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, will resume on Wednesday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m., offering opportunity to pray for those in need as well as, over the course of the year, each Fourth Church member. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ****** A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

Joining together in service

Each of us has gifts and **talents to share** with our community. Perhaps it is lending a listening ear, serving meals, or tutoring a child. We invite you to explore **volunteer opportunities matching your interests** at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or by contacting Robert Crouch (*rcrouch@fourthchurch.org*), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee is at work **searching for a candidate for pastor** to recommend to the congregation. To suggest possible candidates, share what you hope the PNC will consider in the search and discernment process, or ask questions, please email the PNC at pnc@fourthchurch.org

Children and youth

Sunday School for children from three years old to fifth grade resumes on Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. *** Youth groups** also resume their weekly gatherings that Sunday morning, January 12, with **Junior Highs** at 9:30 a.m. and **Senior Highs** at 11:00 a.m. ***** To learn more about our weekday **Day School preschool,** contact Kathy Hager (*khager@fourthchurch.org*).

Stay connected!

We hope to stay connected with you in the seasons ahead and invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities for **learning**, **serving**, **and community building** at Fourth Church. You can find details about them and **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on **our website**: **fourthchurch.org**, where you will also discover various **resources**. Please do take some time to explore any of the opportunities that interest you—or even just make you curious. **

To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at **fourthchurch.org/calendar** ** We invite you to **follow us** on YouTube (*bit.ly/fpcvideos*), Facebook (*facebook.com/fourthchurch*), and Instagram (*instagram.com/fourthchurch*). ** Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our **weekly email newsletter**, to which you can **subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc**

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Associate Pastor

Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs; Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Maeve Lingenfelter, flute

Michael Rees, Associate Organist

Greta Burrichter

Maren Drake

Elliot Helms

Levi Burrichter

Sloane Drake

Cooper Giblin

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provides funds for Fourth Church programs that support our neighbors and congregation; for Chicago Lights, as it extends kindness and love to those who are most vulnerable; and for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, as it cares for communities affected by crises and catastrophic events. You can make a gift to "Light Up a Life" by indicating that designation when giving via fourthchurch.org/give or on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or by using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks.

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