



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

Come, Come, Emmanuel Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo

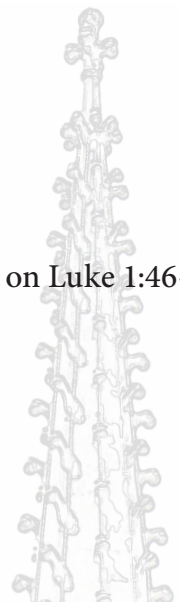
*Come, come, Messiah, come. Come, Emmanuel. Come, come, O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel.
Prophets of old have told of your coming. Long we have waited; long we have prayed. Kingdoms and
kings will bow down before you. Come, Emmanuel, today. We are your children; you are our Savior.
Lovingly guide us, we pray. Help us to follow; help us listen. Come, Emmanuel, today.*

***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** (*responsively*) based on Luke 1:46–49

One: *May our souls magnify the Lord!*
All: *May our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!*
One: *The Mighty One has done great things for us.*
All: *Holy is God's name!*



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

***Hymn 93** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God,
this season offers us a glimpse of the coming of new life and fresh possibilities.
It is sweetness for those who have known suffering.
But we refuse to hear glad tidings.
Worry, grief, and unceasing desire have prevented us from believing that
we have and are enough.
Our self-centered hearts often deprive our neighbors and loved ones of much deserved joy.
Let your spirit kindle in us again the capacity to give and receive abundant joy.
Now, in silence, we share with you all that keeps us from gladness
and open ourselves to the gift of your consolation.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn 88 (*verse 6*) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.*

(9:30) Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children (9:30)

Handbell Anthem

“Puer Nobis Nascitur” Plainsong/arr. John Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

(9:30) Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.
Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in person and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1–10

One: *The Word of the Lord.*
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.

Second Scripture Reading Luke 1:46b–55

Sermon Camille Cook Howe

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 100** “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (*Refrain*)

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) adapted from Colossians 1

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
in whom 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 him and for him.

Jesus is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Edward Bairstow

*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 giv'n 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, veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, Alleluia.*

***Offertory Response** Hymn 144, v. 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** *(unison)*

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives.

Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry.

May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely,
feed the hungry, heal the wounded.

As Christ's hands and feet, use us too, in service to building your beloved community. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 97.** “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.

Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.

Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?

Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.

Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.

Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?

Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o’er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.

Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.

Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.

Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!

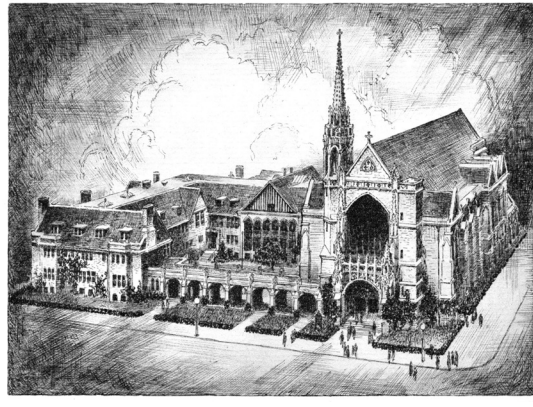
***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

God Be in My Head John Rutter

Postlude

Sleepers, Awake! J. S. Bach



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 **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that enable us to experience Beloved Community, where **differences are seen as assets that are celebrated and experienced as strengths.**

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.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping 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 weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (*except Sundays December 28 and January 4, when we will worship at 10:00 a.m. only*).

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship. On Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors there is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary

There are also two fully accessible entrances via the Gratz Center: at 126 E. Chestnut and 115 E. Delaware.

Parking

Information on discounted parking is on the back cover. If you have not set up an online payment account for discounted parking at the 900 garage, ushers have information cards to help. Volunteers at the Coffee Hour Connection Corner are available to assist as well.

Sound

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

Worshiping Online

Livestream

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service on our YouTube channel at bit.ly/fpcvideos, which is also accessible from the home page of our website: fourthchurch.org

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service has begun. 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.

Prayer

Personal Prayer with a Deacon following Worship

If you would like to meet with a Deacon to pray, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Praying Each Week for Our Members

Fourth Church maintains a practice of praying for each member's household throughout the year.

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Requests for Prayer

If you would like to submit a prayer request for our prayer ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

News, Updates, and Snapshots

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

For a calendar of Fourth Church events, see pages 13–15; scroll to the bottom of fourthchurch.org; or tap on the website menu option for calendar: fourthchurch.org/calendar

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.

Caring for One Another

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 (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. For information, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Podcasts from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include

- the Sunday worship service
- the Sunday sermon
- weekly “Rhythm and Word” reflections
- “Bible Top Ten,” a lively, informative, and often lighthearted exploration of the Bible through a series of top ten lists—including recent episodes on “Prophets,” “Sibling Rivalries in the Bible,” and “Passages on Heaven and Hell”—which is hosted by Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger.



Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

Today: “Cookies-and-Cocoa” Coffee Hour!

After the service today, all who are worshiping with us in person are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive Advent “Cookies-and-Cocoa” Coffee Hour hosted by Women at Fourth.

Come enjoy treats of the season while greeting each other and learning about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. There will also be information on hand about how you can help fill Christmas Wishes for Chicago Lights Tutoring students (*see story at right*).

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom immediately following the livestream of worship for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

Join the Fourth Church Family

Are you interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church? If so, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class via Zoom on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers012026) or in person on Sunday, February 1 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers22026).

For more information about membership at Fourth Church, see fourthchurch.org/joining or contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), who would welcome hearing from you!

Register for the CLL Winter Session

The Center for Life and Learning program for adults sixty and over will kick off its Winter Session of fitness classes as well as lectures and arts courses on Monday, January 5. Registration for the upcoming session—with its online and in-person opportunities—is now open and can be completed at fourthchurch.org/ccl

Help Fill Christmas Wishes

We still have more Christmas Wishes to fill before this week’s Chicago Lights Tutoring holiday parties.

Through this project, organized annually by Women at Fourth, we will be providing a gift card and two books to each Tutoring student. During Coffee Hour today we invite you to browse the books on our gift list and learn more about how to purchase them for students.

Monetary contributions for the purchase of those books as well as the gift cards can also be made by noting “Christmas Wishes” in the designation of an online gift at fourthchurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Light Up a Life This Christmas Season

You can share Christmas joy this holiday season with a gift to our annual “Light Up a Life” offering, which is being received throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Gifts designated to this offering provide funds for Fourth Church programs that support our neighbors and congregation and for Chicago Lights, as it extends kindness and love to those who are most vulnerable.

You can make a gift to “Light Up a Life” by selecting that designation from the drop-down menu when giving via fourthchurch.org/give (*also accessible by using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin*).

If giving by check, please make the check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and write “Light Up a Life” on the memo line. Those worshiping in the Sanctuary can also use the offering envelopes from the pew racks.

Help Welcome Christmas Eve Worshipers

We are in need of additional ushers to greet and welcome worshipers to one or more of our four Christmas Eve worship services, on Wednesday, December 24.

Whether you have never ushered with us before or you have done so often, we would appreciate your help in making Christmas Eve special for those worshiping with us!

To sign up, see bit.ly/usher122425

Opportunities to Connect

Artist Talk Today: Nora Moore Lloyd

Artist Nora Moore Lloyd, whose exhibition “Native Legacies: Past Present Future” is currently on display in our Loggia Gallery, will talk about her art today at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room and also online via Zoom at bit.ly/artistzoom202512

TwentiesThirties Holiday Party

Young adults are invited to a TwentiesThirties Holiday Party—complete with a gingerbread house decorating contest—this Tuesday, December 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Register at bit.ly/2030christmas25

Books by Women

Books by Women, which invites readers into a monthly conversation about a selected work, will discuss *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Connecting Online

Whether you live out of state, are traveling, are unable to be with us in person, or find online opportunities to be a meaningful complement to your in-person experiences, we invite you to explore our online opportunities for deepening your connections with your faith and with others: fourthchurch.org/online/connection

Christmas with Tower Brass This Saturday

Join us this Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. for the music of the season when our brass ensemble presents their festive “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Next Sunday: Bach’s *Magnificat*

Next Sunday morning, December 21 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. The 9:30 cantata will also be livestreamed.

Bach Marathon Finale

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago will be presenting the *Brandenburg Concertos* as their Bach Marathon Finale this Monday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Tickets are required and are available from cso.org

Free Friday Concerts

The December 19 free Friday Noonday Concert will feature organist Sharon Peterson at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream: fourthchurch.org/concerts

There will be no concert on Friday, December 26, as the campus will be closed. The Noonday series will resume on January 2 with a performance by pianist Ye-Eun Hyun.



Thanks to the generosity of 645 households, we have reached 91 percent of our combined 2026 pledge goal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights.

As we continue to be “Rooted in Faith and Grow in Love” as a community, your pledge—at any level—helps sustain the ministries and outreach that shape lives every day.

If you have not yet made your 2026 pledge, please consider doing so today at bit.ly/fpcpledging

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2026 Pledge Commitments as of December 10, 2025

	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	2,979,114.51	\$3,300,000	90%
Chicago Lights:	\$800,712.98	\$850,000	94%
Total:	\$3,779,827.49	\$4,150,000	91%



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

Children, Youth, and Family

Children in worship

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

Children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship before departing for their classrooms on the fourth floor.

There will be no Sunday School on December 28 or January 4; children are encouraged to worship with their families on those Sundays.

Youth

On Sundays the Junior High Youth group (grades 6–8) meets in the Bumpus Room at 9:20 a.m. to go into worship together before returning to the Bumpus Room during the Welcome and Announcements.

Senior High Youth (grades 9–12) gather in the Commons at 10:50 a.m. to go into worship together before heading to the Fifth-Floor Lounge during the Welcome and Announcements.

Zoom Bible Studies

For details about the following Zoom Bible studies, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday—gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

Horizons Women's Bible Studies—"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"—will resume in January, via Zoom, on second and fourth Wednesdays with both a midday and evening study at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Carol History and Sing-Along

This morning come learn about the historical background of four Christmas carols when Kat Evans also leads us in a carol sing-along at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline

Poets on the Mystery of Christmas

Next Sunday Adult Education continues its seasonal theme with John Clum talking about how poets from the seventeenth to the twenty-first centuries have presented the Christian mystery at the heart of Christmas. Join him on December 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online. Register at bit.ly/poets202512

TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study

Young adults are invited to a TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study that takes place on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5B through next Sunday, December 21. Together we will experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us in our world as we dig into Tracy Daub's *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark*.

Resources for Your Personal Reflection

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe online at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them on our website at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook.

Weekly "Rhythm and Word" video and podcast

Each Wednesday a Fourth Church pastor shares a brief reflection via video and podcast. Sign up online at bit.ly/fpcrandw to have new videos sent to your inbox, or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to the reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and via multiple podcast platforms.

Sermon transcripts

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive the sermon by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon



Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

Micah 6:8 Small Group

The Micah 6:8 Small Group—which offers opportunity to discuss our monthly highs and lows in justice seeking through church activities and in our personal lives—meets on Thursday, December 18 at 7:40 p.m. via Zoom. For details, including the Zoom link, contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

More tutors are needed to pair with the youth who would like to participate in our Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which meets virtually on Mondays and in person at Fourth Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. To learn more or volunteer to be a tutor, see chicagolights.org/volunteer/tutoring.

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

Christmas at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Bach’s Magnificat in Worship

Sunday, December 21 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Morning Choir with members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago perform Bach’s *Magnificat* during worship; the 9:30 service will be livestreamed

“Longest Night” Service

Sunday, December 21 | 5:30 p.m.

in Buchanan Chapel (*in person only*)

A service for those for whom Christmas celebrations are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness; a reception will follow

Four Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children’s Pageant (*in person only*)

6:00 p.m. Family Service (*in person only*)

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols (*also livestreamed*)

10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols (*in person only*)

Christmas Day Worship

Thursday, December 25 | 10:00 a.m. (*in person only*)

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28 | 10:00 a.m. (*also livestreamed*)

New Year’s Eve Taizé Service

Wednesday, December 31 | 6:30 p.m. (*in person only*)

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 4 | 10:00 a.m. (*also livestreamed*)

Please note that there will be only one worship service on Sundays December 28 and January 4.

Calendar for December 14–21, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent	9:30 a.m.	Worship • Camille Cook Howe preaching	Sanctuary / Online
December 14	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.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making.	Parish House Kitchen
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	“Cookies-and-Cocoa” Coffee Hour.	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship • Camille Cook Howe preaching. . .	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering.	Fifth-Floor Lounge
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Carol History and Sing-Along . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	“Cookies-and-Cocoa” Coffee Hour.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Caregiver Circle: Dementia Horizons	Room 5G
	12:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study.	Room 5B
	12:30 p.m.	Meet the Artist	Borwell / Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
December 15	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos	Classroom A
	7:00 p.m.	Civic Bach Marathon Finale.	Sanctuary

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
December 16	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic . . .	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)
 SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center (chicagolights.org)

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3:00 p.m. Paul Gignillat Memorial Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring Fifth Floor
 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Committee Zoom
 5:30 p.m. TwentiesThirties Christmas Gathering Manse

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Finance Council Zoom
 December 17 7:30 a.m. Men's Faith Study Offsite
 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool. Classroom B
 9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Classroom A
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Zoom
 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Services Anderson Hall
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. Anderson Hall
 12:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room. Borwell Dining Room
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring Fifth Floor
 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Room 4G
 6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ Room 4F

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
 December 18 9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play Classroom A
 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Services Anderson Hall
 10:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Borwell Dining Room
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. Anderson Hall
 12:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room. Borwell Dining Room
 12:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
 2:00 p.m. Sounds Good Concert Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel
 6:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F
 7:40 p.m. Micah 6:8 Small Group. Zoom

Friday 11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room Borwell Dining Room
 December 19 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert Sanctuary / Online

Saturday, December 20 5:00 p.m. Christmas with Tower Brass Sanctuary / Online

Calendar for December 14–21, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Advent	9:30 a.m.	Worship: Bach's <i>Magnificat</i>	Sanctuary / Online
December 21	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m.	Kindergarten/1st Grade Sunday School	Room 4D
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Pre-K Sunday School	Room 4B
	10:00 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
	10:15 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Room 4B
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Bach's <i>Magnificat</i>	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering.	Fifth-Floor Lounge
	11:00 a.m.	"Poets on the Mystery of Christmas".	Borwell / Online
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship	Manse
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Online Advisory Board	Room 5D
	12:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study.	Room 5B
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	5:30 p.m.	"Longest Night" Service	Buchanan Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	"Longest Night" Fellowship	Manse

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Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger, Nanette Sawyer, Joseph L. Morrow, Camille Cook Howe, Nancy Benson-Nicol

9:30 Advent Liturgists: Brannon Paulk and Elizabeth Herzog

11:00 Advent Liturgist: Randall Lindsey

The Music Today

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

The Morning Choir

The Bell Choir

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE ADVENT BANNERS, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley of Berkeley, California.

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Camille Cook Howe Pastor

Rocky Supinger Senior Associate Pastor

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

Matt Helms Associate Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Amy Pagliarella Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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Sunday parking is available at the Hancock garage (*enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by using a validation ticket from the ushers.