

December 15, 2002

*Third Sunday of Advent*



Without abandoning all hope that things may yet take a turn for the better, I must now write you a Christmas letter. We shall both experience a few dark hours. . . . We shall be assailed by questions of why . . . and then, just when everything is bearing down on us, the Christmas message comes. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us. . . . Christ is with us. Dearest Maria, let us celebrate Christmas in that way. Don't entertain any imaginings of me in my cell, but remember that Christ, too, frequents prisons, and that he will not pass me by.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
December 13, 1943, letter to fiancée  
Maria von Wedemeyer  
*Love Letters from Cell '92*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.*

### During Today's Worship

**Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices** for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary.

**Child care** for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14.

**During the Concerns of the Church**, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

**Please turn off all cell phones** when in the sanctuary.

### If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Please wear a lapel pin**, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

**We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour** after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

**A church tour** begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

**Inquirers' Class** offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend on Monday, January 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 26, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is not necessary. For information about membership, contact Don Allerton at ext. 221 ([dallerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dallerton@fourthchurch.org)).

### Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

**Morning prayer** is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

**Midweek Advent worship** is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, December 27.

**Daily Advent devotions**, written by the staff, are available in the literature racks, on the web site, and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**Today's sermon** will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) by this Friday.

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship**, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

### Fourth Church Cares

**For pastoral care**; to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; or to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at ext. 292 ([callen@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callen@fourthchurch.org)).

**The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center**, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling (312) 787-8425.

**Births, adoptions, and baptisms**: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry, at ext. 291 ([dgray@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dgray@fourthchurch.org)). Be sure to reserve baptism dates well in advance, as dates fill quickly.

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## MORNING WORSHIP 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

(8:00) **Prelude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Robert Lau*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Prelude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Robert Lau*  
"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us *Jacobus Kloppers*  
Benedictus (Blessed is the one who comes) *Alec Rowley*

**Introit** "O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light" *Plainsong*

**\*Doxology** (The Hymnal, 592)

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*Hymn 20** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" *Tune: ABERYSTWYTH*

### **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

*(unison)*

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you; now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives in power with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### **(11:00) Reception of New Members**

### **Concerns of the Church**

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\*Stand as you are able.

**Psalter** Psalm 126 Hal H. Hopson  
*(The congregation sings the following refrain  
 wherever (R) is indicated in the text below.)*



The Lord has done great things, and we are glad in - deed.

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If the Lord does not build the house, its builders will have toiled in vain. If the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain do the sentries watch. **(R)**  
 It is in vain that you rise so early and go so late to rest, you who toil for food to eat; while you sleep, the Lord provides all you need. **(R)**  
 Yes, children are a gift from the Lord; your descendants are a blessing from age to age. Like the arrow in the victor's hand are children born in one's youth. **(R)**  
 Blessed are you to whom children are given, yes, many, like a quiver full. For you shall be dealt justice at the city gate; it is there that the court defends you from your enemies. **(R)**

- (8:00) **Anthem** "Carol of the Advent" *Philip Dietterich*
- (9:30 and 11:00) **Anthem** "O Nata Lux" *Morten Lauridsen*  
 O born Light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.
- Scripture Lessons** John 1:6-8 (page 91, N.T.)  
 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (page 691, O.T.)
- Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**
- \*Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)  
*(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.*
- Sermon** by John M. Buchanan  
 BORN TO SET THY PEOPLE FREE  
 "He has sent me . . . to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners." Isaiah 61:1-1 (NRSV)
- \*Hymn 2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Tune: HYFRYDOL
- \*Apostles' Creed** *(traditional)* (The Hymnal, page 14)
- Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** *(traditional)* (The Hymnal, page 16)
- Response** "Amen" *Florence Worthington*
- Offering**

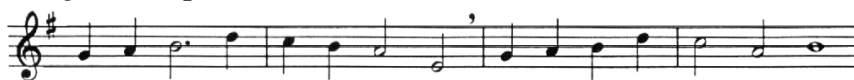
(8:00) **Offertory Solo**

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem**

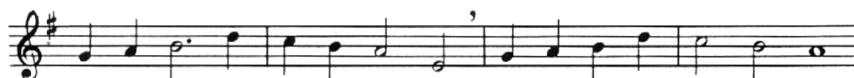
“I Look from Afar”

*Anthony Piccolo*

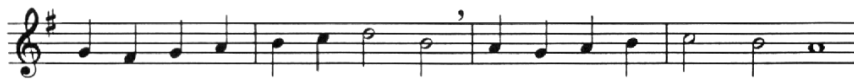
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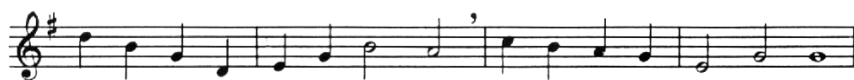
For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,



with these fruits of time and la - bor with these gifts that are your own:



here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.



Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All: **Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming again, that his rule may be complete and your righteousness reign over all the world. Fill us with gratitude overflowing, that we may share life and love in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 48**

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” *Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS'*

**Benediction and Response**

(8:00) **Postlude**

Improvisation on Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

*Thomas Gouwens*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Postlude**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*George Schafer*

## VESPERS SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

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

**Prelude** Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People *David N. Johnson*

### Introduction of Service Music

### Call to Worship *(Psalm 126:5-6)*

Leader: May those who sow in tears

People: **reap with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: **shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

### Invocation

**\*Hymn 16** "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

*Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE*

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Prepare us for your way, O Lord.

People: **Sung response:** "Lord, Have Mercy" (The Hymnal, 565)

### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**First Lesson** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (page 691, O.T.)

**Solo** "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" *George Frideric Handel*

**Second Lesson** Luke 1:46-55 (page 57, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Meditation** by Wendy Mathewson

THE ANNUNCIATION

"He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." Luke 1:53 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)*

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humankind in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. Amen.**

*(from The Confession of 1967, PCUSA)*

## Prayers of the People

### Offering

**Offertory Anthem** “Freedom Is Coming” *South African freedom song*

**\*Doxology** (The Hymnal, 592)

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### Invitation

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: . . . we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

People: **Sung response:** “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
(The Hymnal, 568)

Minister: . . . Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

#### The Lord’s Prayer

#### The Communion

**Communion Anthem** “Magnificat” *Jacques Berthier*

#### Prayer After Communion

*(unison)*

**Peaceful and just Christ, as you lived your life in obedience to the ways of God, may we also, having been filled with your presence, live a life of justice and peace. Empower us to go forth into the world, bearing your Word to all people. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 332** “Live Into Hope” *Tune: TRURO*

#### Benediction

**Postlude** Improvisation on Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People  
*Thomas Gouwens*

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\*Stand as you are able.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care  
Alice Trowbridge, Pastoral Resident  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care  
Calum I. MacLeod, Minister for Special Programs  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Keith Harris, Associate Pastor for Youth and  
Campus Ministry  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 6:30 p.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life  
Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist;  
Children's and Youth Choirs
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist
- 6:30 p.m. The Vespers Choir; Brian Hotchkin, tenor soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's  
and Youth Choirs

### 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 Linely of Berkeley, California.

**The stewardship banners** hanging in the sanctuary are revealed as member pledges are received, indicating our communal pledge to be a light in the city through the mission and ministries of Fourth Church. These cityscape banners were designed for the Stewardship 2003 campaign by liturgical artist Nancy Chinn.

**Tower Brass**, which regularly assists in 9:30 and 11:00 worship on the third Sunday of the month, will instead be in worship next Sunday to accompany the Christmas cantata *Gloria* by Dan Locklair.

**The hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** was authored by the Reverend Charles Wesley, who was ordained both a deacon and a priest in the Church of England. A personal conversion experience in 1738 gave him "rest in his soul" that released in him the grist for hymn writing. Dedicating his life to the Methodist movement, he is known to have authored more than 6,000 hymns.

### Christmas Joy Offering

A portion of the Christmas Joy Offering, received throughout Advent, will be distributed locally to support various ministries, including Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center and those agencies that serve people who are homeless and hungry. Nationally, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) uses contributions to this offering to support racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the PCUSA. To make a gift to this offering, use the special envelopes found in the pew racks or write "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.



## NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND RESOURCES

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**Today is the last day to add names** to the list of those memorialized or honored by contributions to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. This list will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the card available in the literature racks and on the web site.

**Spread holiday cheer with greeting cards created by Tutoring students.** Proceeds benefit Fourth Church's Partners in Education Tutoring Program. Cards are available during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk during the week, online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and by mail. For information, call Leandra Harville at ext. 220.

**Advent devotions** are e-mailed daily to those currently on the devotions e-mail list. To add your address, send it to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org). The devotions are also available in the literature racks and on the web site.

**Gloria**, composer Dan Locklair's festive telling of the angel's story at the birth of Christ, will be presented by the Morning Choir during 9:30 and 11:00 worship on Sunday, December 22.

**The Tower Brass holiday concert**, a traditional favorite, will be Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All ages will enjoy this joyous concert that includes singing favorite carols.

**Christmas dinner tickets** are available during Coffee Hour and, throughout the week, at the reception desk. All are invited to join in this traditional Christmas dinner in Anderson Hall following Christmas Morning worship.

### STEWARDSHIP

**If you have not yet submitted** your pledge for 2003, please consider doing so before the end of December. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and literature racks and can be completed at the church web site. To date we have received 883 pledges totaling \$1,983,488 toward our \$2.6 million goal for 2003.

### FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**The Center for Older Adults Holiday Luncheon** will be Thursday, December 19 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to come join in a seasonal lunch, stories, holiday music, and fellowship. For tickets, call Pat Langton at ext. 290 or Mary Belcastro at ext. 232.

**College Connection** (undergraduate and graduate student fellowship) meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

**Fourthlights (40s and older)** meets today in the Manse at 9:30 a.m. to learn about Cabrini-Green literacy and arts programs sponsored by Fourth Church. On Friday, December 20, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Pump Room of the Ambassador East Hotel (1301 N. State). On Tuesday, December 24, the group gathers in the sixth floor lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel following the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, gathers on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. for its annual Christmas gathering at a member's home. RSVP by Tuesday, December 17 by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline at ext. 367. On Sunday, December 22, the group meets for brunch at Tempo Café (1 E. Chestnut) after 8:00 worship.

**Venture Fourth** (30s and 40s) gathers today at 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Street lobby to go to brunch at a local restaurant. On Friday, December 20, the group will have its annual Christmas party in the Manse from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, December 18 by calling the Venture Fourth Infoline at ext. 259.

**Fourthcomers** (20s and 30s) meets tonight at 7:30 pm in the Randolph Room for "The Art of Christmas," a discussion led by Calum MacLeod. The group gathers for the Discernment Dinner Christmas party on Wednesday, December 18 at Harry's Velvet Room (RSVP to Rob Schroeder at ext. 321 by Tuesday, December 17).

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## ENRICHMENT AND ENLIGHTENMENT

**Academy for Faith and Life courses** meeting today are "Introduction to Church History, Part II" and the John Knox Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) and "The Apostles' Creed: An Exploration of the Basic Tenets of Our Faith" and "Community and Compassion in the Novels of Ann Patchett" (11:00 a.m.). "Jesus in the Gospel of John" meets Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**Venture Fourth Spiritual Reflection** (30s and 40s) gathers today at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse.

**Mothers' Bible Study** meets Wednesday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Child care is provided.

**Next Sunday's Scripture texts** are the basis of the Wednesday Noonday Bible Study, led by members of the pastoral staff, on Wednesday, December 18 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Stone Chapel (enter through the sanctuary) for a candlelight reading of the Christmas texts.

**The book group Books by Women** discusses *Good Harbor* by Anita Diamant on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Travel to Turkey** with Fourth Church members and friends in May 2003. John Cairns will be leading this trip to a land rich in fascinating religious and cultural history. For information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call John Cairns at ext. 289.

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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The exhibit "Advents and Epiphanies: Illuminated Texts"** is on display in the Loggia this month.

**Chute Middle School Chorus and Handbell Choir**, from Evanston, will perform the free Friday Noonday Concert on December 20 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES

**The mandatory pageant rehearsal** for children signed up to participate in the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant will be Sunday, December 22 in the sanctuary following 11:00 worship. For information, call Jill Stephens at ext. 282.

**White gifts**, socks wrapped in white tissue paper, will be presented by the children as part of the offering at the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. Baskets to collect these gifts will be available in the Narthex at the later services. The gifts will later be distributed to those in need.

**Sunday School** meets today in Westminster House at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Class** meets this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Junior Highs** (grades 6-7) meets today at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest for a Gold Elephant exchange and to assemble and deliver small stockings and cards to Children's Memorial Hospital.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9-12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest to assemble and deliver small stockings and cards to Children's Memorial Hospital and to share in a Gold Elephant exchange.

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Fourthcomers will help with the Night Ministry Christmas party** for runaway and troubled teens on Thursday, December 19 from 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. at the Night Ministry (1218 W. Addison). For information, call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385.

**Current Volunteer and Donation Needs Items for the Mission Benefit drawing** (to be held Friday, February 28).

(Contact: Ginger Bogle at ext. 370.)

**Ushers** for 8:00 a.m. (regular schedule) and 6:30 p.m. (on rotation) worship.

**Sanctuary hosts** to give tours and welcome visitors.

**Cooks and servers** for the monthly Saturday breakfasts served at the Social Service Center.

*For information about these and many other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact (unless otherwise noted) Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.*



*Special Advent and Christmas  
Worship Opportunities*

**Wednesday, December 18**

7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

**Midweek Advent Worship**

*Worship in the style of Iona,  
an ecumenical Christian community in Scotland*

**Sunday, December 22**

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship includes

**Christmas Cantata: Gloria**

*by Dan Locklair, featuring the  
Fourth Church Morning Choir  
and Tower Brass*

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

*Four Candlelight Worship Services*

**4:00 p.m. Worship with Children's Pageant**

**5:30 p.m. Worship with Christmas Meditation**

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

**11:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Wednesday, December 25**

11:00 a.m.

**Christmas Day Worship**

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 15

7:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:45 a.m.	Children's and Youth Choirs rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Fourthlights	Manse
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Dining Room
10:45 p.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Manse
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	Venture Fourth	(see announcement)
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Wendy Mathewson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	College Connection	Anderson Hall South Balcony
7:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers	Randolph Room

### Monday, December 16

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults, Monday through Friday	Chestnut Street lobby

### Tuesday, December 17

6:30 p.m.	Counseling Center Conversation Group	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Stone Chapel

### Wednesday, December 18

9:30 a.m.	Mothers' Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Fourthcomers	(see announcement)
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Worship</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>

### Thursday, December 19

12:00 noon	Center for Older Adults Holiday Luncheon	Anderson Hall
5:45 p.m.	Fourthcomers	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary

### Friday, December 20

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Chute Middle School Chorus and Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Venture Fourth	Manse

### Saturday, December 21

5:00 p.m.	Tower Brass Holiday Concert	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)

### Sunday, December 22

<b>8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Carol J. Allen preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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