Worship with Children’s Pageant

Prelude
Noël
Claude Balbastre

Introit
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
A. E. Rusbridge

Processional
“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”
Gustav Holst

Call to Worship
Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom God favors. There’s a song in the air. Will you sing it?
People: Let us sing to the Lord a new song.
Leader: There’s a star in the sky. Will you follow it?
People: Let us abandon our darkness and embrace the light.
Leader: There’s a mother’s deep prayer. Will you breathe it?
People: Let us repent our shallowness and ponder his coming.
Leader: And a baby’s low cry. Will you adore him?
People: Let us worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Carol 41
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Tune: Adeste Fideles

First Lesson
Luke 1:26–33, 38
(page 53, N.T.)

Mary’s Song
“Magnificat”
American folk song

Anthem
“Nova, Nova”
Michael Bedford

Second Lesson
Luke 2:1–7
(page 54, N.T.)

Carol 25
“Away in a Manger”
Tune: Mueller
(Congregation remains seated)

Third Lesson
Luke 2:8
(page 54, N.T.)

Anthem
“People, Look East”
French folk melody

Fourth Lesson
Luke 2:9–14
(page 54, N.T.)

Anthem
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
French carol

Fifth Lesson
Luke 2:15–20
(page 55, N.T.)

Anthem
“What Child Is This?”
English ballad

*Stand as you are able.
SIXTH LESSON  Matthew 2:1–2, 10–11  (page 1, N.T.)

ANTHEM  “We Three Kings”  John H. Hopkins Jr.
(Congregation remains seated and sings stanza 5, Hymn 66)

PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS  
(Congregation remains seated and sings “The First Nowell,” Hymn 56)

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS  “Ding-Dong! Merrily on High”  Ruth Artman
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  Michael Praetorius

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER  (traditional)  (page 16, The Hymnal)

ACT OF DEDICATION

SPREADING THE LIGHT  (Congregation remains seated)

SONGS OF PRAISE  (Congregation remains seated)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! 
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. 
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; 
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Go, tell it on the mountain, 
over the hills and everywhere; 
Go, tell it on the mountain 
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching 
o’er silent flocks by night, 
Behold throughout the heavens 
there shone a holy light.

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, heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; 
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

SILENCE  (Please extinguish your candle prior to the carol.)

*CAROL 40  “Joy to the World!”  Tune: Antioch

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella  Keith Chapman
The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

**Prelude**

Do You Hear What I Hear?  *Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne*

What Child Is This?  *English ballad*

O Holy Night  *Adolphe Adam*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  *Richard Storrs Willis*

**Introit**

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”  *arr. David Blackwell*  
*African American spiritual*

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**Opening Responses and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Minister: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Minister: Born in humility, Christ came to rule over all.

People: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Minister: Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of God’s love.

People: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Minister: Poor in the things of the world, he brought the wealth of God’s grace.

People: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Minister: The Light of the world has come: Mighty God, Everlasting Lord, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.

People: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

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**Carol 41**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
*Tune: Adeste Fideles*

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**A Story for Christmas**

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**Carol 44**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
*Tune: St. Louis*

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**The Story of Jesus’ Birth**

Luke 2:1–20  
*(page 54, N.T.)*

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**Carol 25**

“Away in a Manger”  
*Tune: Mueller*

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**Meditation**

by Adam H. Fronczek

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**Carol 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
*Tune: Mendelssohn*

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**Prayers of the People**

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**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

“God’s Love Made Visible”  
*Dave Brubeck*

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**Spreading the Light**

“Silent Night”  
*(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)*

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*Stand as you are able.*
**UNISON PRAYER**
This night, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth. This night, O God, the back street and the forgotten place have been lit up with significance. This night, O God, the households of earth welcome the King of Heaven. For you have crept in beside us; you have come among us; you are one of us. So may our songs rise to your throne as our knees bend at your cradle. Amen.

*CAROL 40*
“Joy to the World!”
*Tune: ANTIOCH*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**
Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Henry Thomas Smart
Go Tell It on the Mountain  
African American spiritual

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**4:00 Children’s Pageant**

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Service of Lessons and Carols 8:30 and 11:00 p.m.

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

Prelude

Jesus, Be My Firm Foundation  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Noël  
Claude Balbastre

Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand  
J. S. Bach

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come  
Johann Pachelbel

Of the Father’s Love Begotten  
William Berry

What Child Is This?  
Searle Wright

In the Bleak Midwinter  
Gustav Holst

Silent Night  
Samuel Barber

O Holy Night  
Adolphe Adam

Introit

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
Polish carol

(arr. David Willcocks)

Call to Worship and Invocation

*Carol 49

“Once in Royal David’s City”  
Tune: Irby

(Stanza 1 sung by soloist)

*Prayer for Christmas Eve

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth. Alleluia!

All: Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2–7  
(page 600, O.T.)

Anthem

“Love Came Down at Christmas”  
John Rutter

Lesson

Psalm 98  
(page 521, O.T.)

*Carol 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
Tune: Adeste Fideles

Lesson

Luke 1:26–35, 38  
(page 53, N.T.)

*Stand as you are able.
**Anthem**  
“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”  
arr. David Blackwell  
*African American spiritual*

**Lesson**  
Luke 2:1–12  
(page 54, N.T.)

**Carol 44**  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
*Tune: St. Louis*

**Lesson**  
Luke 2:13–20  
(page 55, N.T.)

**Sermon**  
by John Buchanan

**Carol 23**  
“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
*Tune: Gloria*

**Lesson**  
1 John 4:7–9, 16b  
(page 226, N.T.)

**Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**  
“God’s Love Made Visible”  
*Dave Brubeck*

**Lesson**  
John 1:1–5  
(page 86, N.T.)

**Spreading the Light**  
“Silent Night”  
*Tune: Stille Nacht*  
(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)

**Unison Prayer**  
Great God, as you came at night when all was still,  
so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the  
light of Christ’s presence, that we may clearly see the way  
before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

**Carol 40**  
“Joy to the World!”  
*Tune: Antioch*

** Benediction**

**Closing Response**

**Postlude**  
Now the Triumph Is Completed  
*J. S. Bach*

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**Gifts of socks,** known as “White Gifts” from the tradition of wrapping them in plain white paper, are being collected in baskets in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, at the 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00 services. At 4:00, they are presented as part of the service.

**The “Light Up a Life” year-end giving campaign** supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. Gifts can be made using the offering envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. These gifts are part of the $800,000 Fourth Church is seeking to raise by December 31 in John Buchanan’s honor.
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.

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