



Second Sunday after Christmas

Gathering

Gathering Music "What Child Is This?" . . . . . Joe Utterback
"Wonderful King" . . . . . Johannes Matthias Michel

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on page 12.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

\*Opening Responses

Leader: All God's people—
of every gender and every race,
of every age and every place:

People: come and worship!

Leader: Shepherds, magi, saints, and angels:

People: come and worship! Come and worship!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

People: come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn king!

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**Please note**

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**Prayer of Confession** *(please hold silence)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another but family in Christ.  
Please stand and greet each other with the peace of Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**\*Song** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace" . . . . . *Lucy Smith*



## Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,  
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

and the little hills bring righteousness.  
He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,  
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Leader: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Saba offer him gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,  
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Leader: For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,  
and the oppressed who have no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,  
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 2:1–12 . . . . .(New Testament, page 1)

**Sermon** . . . . . Layton Williams

# Responding to the Word

## Musical Reflection

**Offertory Music** "Do You Hear What I Hear?" . . . . . *Gloria Shayne and Noel Regney*

**Sharing of Gifts** (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

**\*Doxology** . . . . . *Lucy Smith*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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!**

**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.

**The Communion**

**Communion Music** "Little Drummer Boy" . . . . *Katherine David, Henry Onorati, and Harry Simeone*

**Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread  
and the one cup, and made us one with Christ.  
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Sending

\*Closing Song. . . . . "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

\*Benediction  
Sending Music

## Worship Leaders

<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Mark Eldred</b>	Worship Coordinator
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano
<b>John W. W. Sherer</b>	Organist and Director of Music

### A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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*A Light in the City*

### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



# News and Opportunities

## Worship

**Opportunity to walk the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Morning prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the congregation and those in need.

**A hosted labyrinth walk** will be held on Monday, January 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall in recognition of mass incarceration and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

**Devotions**, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), at [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

## Mission and Outreach

**An orientation session for new volunteers** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at [bit.ly/tutorwinter15](http://bit.ly/tutorwinter15)

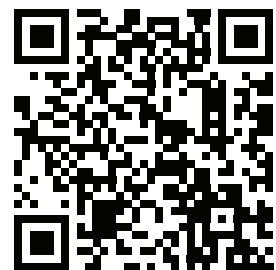
**The Benevolent Guild** next gathers this Wednesday, January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children.

**A presentation about ministry in Cuba** given by Carlos Emilio Ham, the Rector of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, will be offered by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. For details, contact Vicky Curtiss at [vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org) (312.981.3598).

**Applications** for the young adult mission trip to Northern Ireland are due Friday, January 15. Details are posted online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html). For more information, contact Hardy Kim at [hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org) (312.981.3399).

**The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be Friday, March 4 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For details, contact Andrea Miller at [amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org) (312.640.2576).

**It couldn't be easier to share Fourth Church** with friends: whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday Noonday concert, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)). Why not share at least one with friends?



# News and Opportunities

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Members to assist a child** with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Drummers** for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

**Ushers** for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

**Coffee Hour hosts** to serve refreshments during the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 12:00 noon Coffee Hours

**Audio-video recorders** for the 11:00 a.m. service

**Nursery caregivers** on Sundays at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

**Aides** to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice Food Pantry

**Book Nook attendants** to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour

**Clothes washers** to wash and dry clothes, on rotation, for a family with a chronically ill child and living in zip code 60618

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and sandwich teams, on rotation

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Clean blankets**

**Magazines**

**Yoga mats**, new or used

**Men's and women's winter clothes**

**Nonperishable food items** for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

## News and Resources

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, an archive of bulletins, sermons, prayers, devotions, News and Opportunities, and much more.

**Follow FourthChurch on Twitter:** @FourthChicago

**Stephen Ministry** provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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

## Music and the Arts

**Chancel Choir rehearsal** will resume this Thursday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

**The Grant Street String Quartet** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Those who would like to receive *Music Notes***, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to [music@fourthchurch.org](mailto:music@fourthchurch.org).

### Enrichment

**“What Is Justice?”**—a five-week Academy for Faith and Life class cohosted with McCormick Theological Seminary and taught by Robert Cathey—will continue next Sunday, January 10 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

**Men’s Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, January 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**“Too Hot to Handel:** The Music and Message of the Jazz-Gospel Messiah,” a free lecture offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held this Thursday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 to RSVP.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now: The Best of Mary Schmich* by Mary Schmich next Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study** will next meet Wednesday, January 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

**“Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education”** describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room on weekdays January 6–26, with “Harvesting Hope and Cultivating Minds: Stories from the South Bronx” on January 6; “Renaissance of Christian Thought” on January 7; and “Health and the Changing World” on January 8. Visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january) to learn more.

**“Look Around: The Cries Will Be Heard,”** a Michigan Avenue Forum on mass incarceration, will be presented by Iva Carruthers, professor emeritus and former chairperson of the sociology department at Northeastern Illinois University, on Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**“The Eyes of All”**—a panel discussion on mass incarceration with district attorney John Chisholm, the Presbytery of Chicago’s Barbara A. Wilson, Chicago Theological Seminary’s Christophe Ringer, and McCormick Theological Seminary’s Reggie Williams—will be held on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Author, Cook County defender, and Fourth Church member Jeanne Bishop will moderate this Michigan Avenue Forum Discussion.

**“Claiming Our Faith Stories,”** a retreat for women, will be held on January 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Led by Layton Williams, Vicky Curtiss, and members of Fourth Church, the morning will include a variety of workshops. Contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) for details and to register.

### Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School classes** will resume next Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Youth** will resume meeting next Sunday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

### Fellowship

**To sponsor Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**“The Lure of the Relic: Collecting the Holy Land”** will be presented by Morag Kersal at a joint gathering of Fourth Dimension and Cornerstones on Friday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, with refreshments to follow in the Manse. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.573.3369 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6.

## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to use the prayer card**, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be read aloud during this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

**All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table** to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

**The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary** were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

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

**Worship also can be heard** through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

**If your infant or small child needs care** during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

**Worship folders**, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html).

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 ([jwatt@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

## If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, January 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, February 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Information about opportunities and resources** available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Hardy Kim ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on January 24 or February 28.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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