# Fourth Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Epiphany January 7, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

## Gathering around the Word

### Prelude

Epiphany	Garth Edmundson
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Wayne L. Wold
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	Dieterich Buxtehude

### Introit

Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

### \*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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

One: Creator God, we praise you!

All: Risen Christ, we greet you!

One: Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

All: You alone are holy, and we worship you.

One: Light of the world, you shine upon us, and we thank you.

All: Light of Christ, you lead us, and we gladly follow. Alleluia! Shine upon us in our worship, that we may bear your light into the world. Alleluia!

\*Please rise in body or spirit. <sup>†</sup>Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

*Hymn 151
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. <i>(Refrain)</i>
Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. ( <i>Refrain</i> )
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. ( <i>Refrain</i> )
Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)
Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of Love,
we confess we do not always follow your star of love;
we turn aside; we grow weary of the journey.
We confess we sometimes cooperate with Herod; we sometimes fail to give our gifts.
Forgive us; renew your Spirit in us.
Be our star and guide us. Amen.

### **Declaration of Pardon**

One: *Believe this good news*: All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### \*Exchange of Peace

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 use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.

### Welcome and Announcements

### Listening for the Word

# Prayer for Illumination First Lesson Isaiah 60:1–6 One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God. \*Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Second Lesson Matthew 2:1–12 One: The grass withers, and the flower fades, All: but the word of our God shall stand forever. Sermon Arise, Shine! John W. W. Sherer Responding to the Word

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*Affirmation of Faith (unison).		. Apostles' Creed
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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Call to Offering**

### **Offertory Anthem**

"This Little Light of Mine" (9:30) . . . . . African American spiritual/arr. Craig Carnahan This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

*Offertory Response	
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In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,

to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,

help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We will lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Prayer
Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
forever singing to the glory of your name:
Sanctus (sung)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b> (sung)
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)
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 Anthems**

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed," and lo, the Eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command. O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use. To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one, may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise. Alleluia.

"Rise Up and Shine!" . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . English folk song/arr. Richard Clemmitt

Rise up and shine! Your light has come; God's glory breaks like dawn. For though the earth be cloaked in night and gloom shrouds everyone, yet over you the Lord will rise, with glory gleaming clear, till nations turn to seek your light and humbled kings draw near. Fling wide your gates, both day and night; no more keep watch or guard. You will be called God's holy hill, the city of the Lord. No sound of strife will plague your land, nor harm besiege your ways; "Salvation" will you name your walls, and all your portals "praise." No more will you implore the sun to shed by day its light, nor will you need the changeful moon to glisten through the night. Your glory then will be your God, whose light will never cease. Rise up and shine! Your light has come to give you joy and peace.

### Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;

he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### \*Prayer after Communion (unison)

Good and gracious God,

you have fed us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation.

In taking Christ's body and blood, we are made one with him,

filled with love, joy, and hope.

For this, we are ever grateful.

In being nourished by your good gifts, may we be bold to serve you by acts of care

for our kin, and this, your world, O God.

Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

### Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 853	e Are Marching in the Light of God"
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We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God; we are praying in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God; we are praying in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

A Light in the City

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. Those who are worshiping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so that we might share in this meal together, wherever we are.

# You are invited!

January 7–13, 2024



**The following pages are our invitation to you**—an invitation to explore in the coming year the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church

as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here. We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!

### Welcome!

We are glad to be worshiping with you today and invite you to continue to join us 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. **\*** Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

### Joining 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, we **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (*For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning*) **\*\*** Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

### Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. \*\* The **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. \*\* **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and* \$18 for up to 12 hours) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware *or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. **\*\* Worship can be heard** through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids. **\*\*** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.

### Joining us with children

**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. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

### Let us know you're worshiping with us!

**Please let us know you are here by filling out an information form.** Those worshiping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form**—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the "Welcome and Announcements" that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshiping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the 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 www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.

### **Prayer and meditation**

Those who would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today** are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **\*** On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). **\*** Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. **\*** 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.).

### **Resources for personal reflection**

Our **daily devotions** (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your **personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions **\*** Our weekly **"Rhythm and Word" video series** offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer for your viewing at home. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous series. To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail; you can also **subscribe to our YouTube channel** (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*)

### **About Fourth Church**

To **learn more about this congregation or become a member of Fourth Church,** we invite you to the Inquirers' Class next Sunday, January 14 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers124*). For more information about joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms (*mhelms@fourthchurch.org*).

### Sunday opportunities

Those worshiping in person are encouraged to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship, where there is also opportunity to learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. **# "Finding Faith in Hard Times: When Bad Things** Happen to Good People" is the topic of a three-week Adult Education class led by Amy Pagliarella beginning this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aefindingfaith **# Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **# Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. Junior High (grades 6-7) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and at 11:00 a.m. **Senior High** also meets in the Bumpus Room. **\*** Rehearsing on Sunday mornings are **Children's Choir** (kindergarten-grade 5) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (ages 3 and 4) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; Youth Choir (grades 6-12) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; Voices of Light, our gospel choir, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4G; and the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft. **\*** On exhibit in the Loggia is "Light in the Darkness," featuring the artwork of Jan Brandt and Amy Hanks. **\*** Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. **\*** We invite you to join us this afternoon for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00. This more casual, intimate service, which is livestreamed as well, features a breadth of musical expressions.

### **Get connected**

Books by Women will discuss *Firekeeper's Daughter* by A. Boulley Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. *Men's Bible Study* meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. *Horizons Women's*Bible Study meets via Zoom Wednesday, January 10 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurchorg*). *Benevolent Guild*, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets this Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary*. *LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome* gathers on Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for pizza and a movie. *"The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Future of American Democracy"* will be the topic of our next Michigan Avenue Forum, which will be held on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our speaker will be Robert P. Jones, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*. *Cornerstones, a* fellowship group for those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program on *"Do You Hear What You're Saying?': A Discussion of Microaggressions,"* led by Robert Crouch and Regan Burke, on Friday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Registration (*www.bit.ly/cornerstones224*) is required.

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### A farewell and a congregational meeting

Senior Associate Pastor Lucy Forster-Smith will be retiring on January 14. Lucy will preach at both services next Sunday morning, and we will have a reception in her honor during Coffee Hour that day, as we gather to thank her for her ministry among us and wish her well in retirement. **\*** In light of Lucy's upcoming retirement, Session has called a **congregational meeting for next Sunday, January 14** following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of formally dissolving the pastoral relationship between Lucy and Fourth Church. The meeting will be both in person in the Sanctuary and online.

### Long-range planning: proposed strategic directions

Your continued input is essential to the long-range planning process, so we encourage you to join the **Long-Range Planning Task Force** for one of their **upcoming listening sessions**, as the task force shares the **proposed strategic directions** and **welcomes your feedback**. There will be sessions on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. (*Zoom*); Sunday, January 21 at 10:45 a.m. (*in person*); Sunday, January 28 at 12:30 p.m. (*in person*); Tuesday, January 30 at 8:00 p.m. (*Zoom*); and Sunday, February 4 at 12:30 p.m. (*in person*). To ensure group sizes enabling all to be heard, **registration is required**. For registration links, see www.fourthchurch.org/about/long-range.html; to learn more, email longrange@fourthchurch.org

### Pastoral care and a listening presence and witness

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, hospitalizations, or deaths, 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. **\*** To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, email Gloria Fleming (*gfleming@fourthchurch.org*) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). **\*** Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence for **those facing life's challenges**. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. **\*** Our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** facilitates **grief groups.** For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker (*stucker@fourthchurch.org*). **\*\* To explore options for counseling,** call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.reploglecenter.org.

### Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: **www.fourthchurch.org**, where you will also discover various **resources. \*** 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 (*www.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 ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

### Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Jerry Johnson (9:30), Brad Pierce (11:00), Lucy Forster Smith, John W. W. Sherer

### The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30), Chancel Choir (11:00) Michael Rees, Organ Scholar John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

### **Worship Notes**

TODAY'S PREACHER, JOHN W. W. SHERER, has been Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church since 1996. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati College–Conservatory of Music with bachelor's degrees in organ performance and choral music education, he earned two master's degrees at Yale University—in organ performance and in art in religion—and received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the Juilliard School.

THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE was composed by Laura Bottei, who served as Organ Scholar at Fourth Church from 2019 to 2021 and is now Organ Scholar at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio. The title of this piece is based on the opening phrase of the Fourth Church mission statement proclaiming "We are a light in the city." Laura dedicated it to the people of Fourth Presbyterian Church, especially the choirs and John Sherer.

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