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December 10, 2000

*Second Sunday of Advent*

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CHURCH



A LIGHT IN THE CITY



The trained mind when brought face to face with the mystery of Jesus has no choice but to seek to reduce it to a manageable unit of comprehension in order to understand it. In other words, it has to make sense. . . . Despite all the merit that there is in the scholarly and reverential researches into the facts concerning the historical Jesus, they do not, nor can they, explain him adequately. . . . If God is and if God is love, as I believe most profoundly, and if in Jesus there is the projection of this central affirmation in concrete flesh and blood, then in such a person there are inevitably precious clues as to the meaning of God and the meaning of life. His way of life, then, becomes *the* way of life at its highest and best. Thus the historical quest throws important light upon the central figure of the Christmas story.

Howard Thurman  
*The Mood of Christmas*

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

## 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.*

**Prelude** Variations on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
*Daniel Pinkham*  
"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us *Jacobus Kloppers*

**Introit** Our King and Savior draweth nigh, O come let us adore him.

**\*Doxology and Lighting of the Advent Wreath** (The Hymnal, 592)

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 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Latin, c. twelfth century*

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. 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**

**Anthem** "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" *William Mathias*  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**Psalter** Psalm 24 (responsively) (page 502, O.T.)

**\*Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)  
(9:30 and 11:00) *Children are dismissed to Church School classes.*

(8:00) **Scripture Lesson** Luke 1:67-79 (page 58, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00) **Sermon** by Carol J. Allen

HANDING EACH OTHER ON

"... light to those who sit in darkness." Luke 1:79 (NRSV)

(9:30 and 11:00) **Scripture Lessons** Malachi 3:1-4 (page 889, O.T.)  
Luke 1:39-56 (page 57, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

(9:30 and 11:00) **Sermon** by John M. Buchanan

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

"He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly." Luke 1:52 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 14** "Savior of the Nations, Come" *attr. Ambrose of Milan*

**\*Apostles' Creed** (traditional)

**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.**

**Prayers of the People  
and 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Response** They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

**Offering**

(8:00) **Offertory Duet** "His Mercy Is on Them" *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
from *Magnificat*  
Karen Deschere, alto; Daniel Fulwiler, tenor

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

"Angelus ad Virginem" *Andrew Carter*  
Gabriel to Mary came and entered at her dwelling, with his salutation glad, her maiden fears dispelling. "All hail, thou queen of virgins bright. God, Lord of earth and heaven's height. Thy very Son shall soon be born in pureness, the savior of mankind. Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinners healer kind." "How could I, a mother be, that am to man a stranger? How should I, my strong resolve, my solemn vows endanger?" "Power from the Holy Ghost on high shall bring to pass this mystery. Then have no fear. Be of good cheer, believing that still thy chastity in God's almighty keeping shall all unsullied be." Then to him the maid replied, with noble mien supernal, eternal, "With thee, bright messenger of heaven, lo the humble handmaid, I, of God the Lord, by whom this wondrous news is given, I well agree and long to see fulfilled thy gracious prophecy. As God my Lord doth will it, so be it unto me." Hail thou mother of the Lord, who bringest of gifts the rarest. Peace to angels and to all, when Christ the Lord thou barest. Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son for us our longed redemption himself to win and from our sin release us; his succor for to give, that when we hence are taken, we too in heaven may live.

**\*Presentation of the  
Offering and Response**

"For the Life That You Have Given"

*Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

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 - see; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with a dashed line above it. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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 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 3** "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

*Johannes Olearius*

**Benediction and  
Response**

**Postlude** Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Adolphus Hailstork*

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\*Stand as you are able.

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## Today's Worship

<b>Ministers</b>	8:00: John H. Boyle, John A. Cairns, and Carol J. Allen 9:30: Sarah Jo Sarchet, Steven Runholt, and John M. Buchanan 11:00: Sarah J. Sarchet, Paulo França, and John M. Buchanan
<b>Vespers Leader</b>	6:30: Kari Sanderson, Linda McCarty, Calum I. MacLeod, and Paulo França
<b>The Music Today</b>	8:00: The Chancel Choir 9:30: The Morning Choir and the Children's and Youth Choirs 11:00: The Morning Choir 6:30: The Vespers Choir

Daniel Pinkham (b. 1923) composed this morning's prelude "Variations on 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'" in 1995. A composition student of Aaron Copland, Arthur Honegger, and Samuel Barber, Pinkham brought formidable knowledge of twentieth-century musical technique to the centuries-old plainsong "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." While the chant for "O Come, O Come" was written in the fifteenth century, the words of this Advent hymn date back to the twelfth century.

- > FOR LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SEE AN USHER.
- > Child care for infants and toddlers is available in Westminster 14.
- > Please pass the registration pads during the Concerns of the Church, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to register and greet one another following the service.
- > Individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex.

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## Directory

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Vespers Service

6:30 p.m.

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

**Prelude** "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;  
People: **The night is far gone, the day is near.**  
Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.  
People: **Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
All: **Glory to God in the highest. And peace to God's people on earth.**

**\*Hymn 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Latin, c. twelfth century*

**Prayer of Confession**

(unison)  
**Good God, at times we are keenly aware of our limitations, our faults, and our weaknesses. Sometimes we use them as an excuse for not doing the right thing. We think we are too weak to be strong, too flawed to be beautiful, too limited to exceed expectations. Forgive us for thinking small, and help us to see in ourselves what you see in us: people who can move mountains of hatred with love; people who can cross deserts of despair with hope; people who can grow a robust faith from a small mustard seed. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all humanity!  
People: **In his own person, Jesus carried our sins to the cross. By his wounds we are healed.**  
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Concerns of the Church**

**Psalter** Psalm 72:1-7 (responsively) (page 533, O.T.)

**Anthem** "Peace Child" *Amanda Husberg*  
Peace child, in the sleep of the night, in the dark before light you come, in the silence of stars, in the violence of wars—Savior, your name. Peace child, to the road and the storm, to the gun and the bomb you come, through the hate and the hurt, through the hunger and dirt—bearing a dream. Peace child, to our dark and our sleep, to the conflict we reap, now come, be your dream born alive, held in hope, wrapped in love: God's true shalom.

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 1:68-79 (page 58, N.T.)

**Communion Meditation**

by Paulo França

HERALDS OF THE NEW AGE

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare the Lord's ways."  
Luke 1:76 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *Georg Weissel*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison)  
**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** "Hark, the Glad Sound" *Mary Goetze*  
Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long. Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song. Let love attend the Prince of Peace, the Savior promised long. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heaven's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

### **\*Doxology**

## **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: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Communion**

### **Prayer After Communion**

(unison)  
**Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; may we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 15** "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" *Laurentius Laurenti*

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us  
*Johann Gottfried Walther*

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\*Stand as you are able.

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

## Coming Fourth

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### IF YOU ARE NEW TO FOURTH CHURCH

Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and ask you to register your name on the pew pad. We invite you to

- > identify yourself by wearing a Fourth Church lapel pin, located in the pew racks
- > attend coffee hour in Anderson Hall following the morning worship services for fellowship and conversation; visit the *Welcome Table* and the *Deacons' Information Table* to learn about church programs and volunteer opportunities
- > tour the church building at 12:15 p.m., beginning at the rear of the Sanctuary
- > attend an Inquirers' Class and explore Presbyterian history, beliefs, and worship on **Monday, January 8**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; **Saturday, January 20**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or **Sunday, January 28**, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This class is a prerequisite for membership. No prior registration is necessary. For further information, contact Nan Birmingham at (312) 787-2729, ext. 210.

You are invited to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church. For more information, see an usher or minister, or visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

### TODAY AT FOURTH CHURCH

**Overflow seating** for the 11:00 worship service is available in Anderson Hall, directly across from the south transept doors of the Sanctuary. A newly installed video system allows worshippers in Anderson Hall to see and participate in the worship service.

**Fourthlights** (40s and older) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room to hear Ron Miller, codirector of Common Ground, a center for religious study and dialogue, discuss models of understanding other religions and how they affect interfaith conversation.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, meets for a discussion of *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, a collection of poems by Ann Weems, at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

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### Tutoring Christmas Cards on Sale

Christmas cards, designed by Partners in Education Tutoring Program students, are on sale during Coffee Hour today and, during the week, at the church reception desk, in local stores, or by mail (see [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). Proceeds from the sale of these cards benefit the Tutoring Program.

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**Academy for Faith and Life courses** meeting at 9:30 a.m. are "Old Testament Survey," taught by John Cairns; "To Speak about God," taught by Randy Newman; and the John Knox Bible Study. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. are "The Feuding Faithful," taught by Catherine G. Borchert, and "Understanding Mental Illness."

**Sunday school classes** for children meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Venture Fourth** (mid-30s and 40s) meets for a discussion of various spiritual topics each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. Anyone interested in going for brunch in the area should meet in the Chestnut Street lobby after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**A brief period of intercessory prayer** is led by Deacons after the 11:00 a.m. service. All are invited to Stone Chapel to participate. Written prayer requests can be placed in the box outside the chapel.

**Fourth Acts**, a group of those interested in performing dramatic readings that enhance the worship experience, meets at 12:15 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Confirmation class** for eighth graders meets from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.



**The Senior High Youth Group** meets for pizza, conversation about Advent, and Christmas caroling at 4:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Sing Christmas carols** to passersby on Michigan Avenue from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Cloisters today and next Sunday. Bring along family and friends to enjoy hot cider and join in the caroling.

**Fourthcomers** (20s and 30s) welcomes newcomers and old friends to a Christmas party open house at a member's home at 7:30 p.m. For directions or more information, call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385. Donations of refreshments are welcome.

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## COMING EVENTS

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for a discussion of the biblical texts for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

**The Benevolent Guild** will handcraft toys and treats for hospitalized children on Wednesday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. All helpers are welcome!

**Noonday Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, December 13 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Led by members of the pastoral staff, this Bible study discusses the biblical text for the following Sunday morning's sermon.

**Please submit Stewardship 2001 pledges** as soon as possible so that Fourth Church can effectively and meaningfully plan its mission and ministry for 2001. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

### Observing Advent

> Wednesday night Advent worship services, featuring the music of the Taizé and Iona communities, will be held in Blair Chapel on December 13 and 20 at 7:00 p.m.

> Daily Advent meditations by Kathleen Norris are available online at the "Advent Calendar 2000" link at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

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## Special Advent Worship Services December 17

Come celebrate Advent with music-filled worship services on Sunday, December 17.

In the morning, Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat* will be performed by the Morning Choir, with chamber orchestra, at the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services.

In the evening, the annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Vespers, followed by a reception hosted by Presbyterian Women in Fourth Church.

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> Children's Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany art is on display in the Loggia. This exhibit features art created by children in the Presbytery of Chicago, including children of Fourth Church.

> Banners, in the form of wings, adorn the Sanctuary, conveying the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. The new pulpit parament for Advent and the three pairs of wings were designed and painted by Eliza Linley, an Episcopal priest, artist, and architect who has done much research on Ralph Adams Cram, the architect of Fourth Church.

> During Advent, the paraments adorning the pulpit and lectern are purple, which signifies the royalty of the awaited Christ child, the Messiah whose coming the church anticipates this season.

### Celebrating Christmas

> Tickets for the Christmas Day dinner are available during Coffee Hour on Sundays and, during the week, at the reception desk. A traditional holiday dinner will be served on Christmas at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall (following the 11:00 a.m. worship service). All members and friends are invited to share this time of joyful celebration and fellowship.

> The Morning Choir is available to sing at home and office gatherings this Christmas season. Donations for scheduling the choir go toward their June 2001 concert tour of France. To schedule the choir for a carol performance, call John Sherer at ext. 219.

> Ornaments depicting Fourth Church are on sale today and each Sunday during Coffee Hour. Proceeds from the sale of these ornaments support the mission and ministry of the Board of Deacons.

> The Center for Older Adults holiday party, complete with music by the Jon Menges jazz trio and sweet treats, will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. To make a reservation to attend, make a donation to the Lakeview Academy (recipient of this year's COA holiday gift) at the COA office.

> La Posada, a reenactment of the Holy Family's search for shelter on Christmas Eve, will be celebrated at Family Night on December 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted in Westminster House.

> Fourthlights continues its holiday tradition of gathering for chestnuts round a roasting fire when it meets at the Pump Room at the Ambassador East Hotel on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

> The Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal takes place Sunday, December 17 following the 11:00 worship service. The rehearsal will last less than an hour and is a requirement for participation in the pageant, which will be presented by children of the Sunday school, Cherub Choir, and Children's and Youth Choirs at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

**Volunteers are needed** for the following. Learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church—or sign up to participate in them—by stopping by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour. To express interest or request information during the week, contact (unless otherwise noted) Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

> Cooks, servers, hosts, and cleaning crew to help with the Christmas Eve Community Dinner (served at 1:00 p.m. on December 24).

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## Enjoy Music of the Season

> Compact discs of Christmas favorites performed by Tower Brass, Fourth Church's professional brass ensemble, have just arrived! They can be purchased during Coffee Hour today.

> The Chicago Choral Artists will sing a concert, "To Drive the Cold Winter Away," this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come hear them explore in song the historical roots of the most commonly celebrated Christmas traditions.

> His Majestie's Clerkes, Chicago's premier *a cappella* chamber choir, will sing *a cappella* music from the turns of the centuries on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For ticket information, call (312) 461-0723.

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> Ushers for the Sunday morning and evening worship services.

> Individuals to make Christmas cookies for the children's Christmas party at Grainger Hall on Wednesday, December 13 or for the reception following the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17. Cookies can be dropped off at the reception desk. (Contact: Lisa Cochrane, ext. 271.)

> Individuals to set tables, serve at the buffet, and clear dishes at the Christmas Day Dinner for family and friends of Fourth Church (served at 12:15 p.m. on December 25).

> Tutors to work with students one night a week. (Contact: Stacy Jackson at ext. 238.)

> Individuals to donate canned food items to the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk.

> Audio-Video operators for the 11:00 a.m. service (training is provided).

> Individuals to catalog books for Jenner Academy for the Arts in Cabrini-Green. (Contact: Diana Anton, ext. 273).

> Sunday school teachers for 11:00 a.m. sixth and seventh grade class.

> Individuals to be part of a team to assist a person or family living with HIV/AIDS.

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## ABOUT THE COVER

Psalm 150 encourages us to praise God with trumpet, harp, and string. These angels adorn a stained glass window, by Charles J. Connick, located in the reception area west of Anderson Hall.

## SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY



**I**n this season of preparing to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of Emmanuel, God with us, consider making Christmas joy present for others through the giving of your gifts.

- > Giving to the Christmas Joy Offering helps those who are homeless and hungry in this community and supports racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the Presbyterian Church. To contribute, use the Christmas Joy Offering envelopes available in the pew racks or write “Joy Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.
- > Fulfill the Christmas wishes of those in need by placing unwrapped gifts under the Christmas tree in Anderson Hall before December 18. These gifts will be distributed to members of the community who are served by various social service agencies. Especially appreciated are toys, toiletries, mittens, hats, socks, and gift certificates to food stores. Additional gift suggestions are listed on the “Christmas Wishes” card in the literature racks.
- > Make a life-changing gift in the name of a friend, loved one, or colleague. Gifts, made through Fourth Church, can provide grief counseling at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a year of tutoring for a Partners in Education Tutoring Program student, and much more. Acknowledgment cards will be sent to those in whose name the gifts are given. Gift forms are available in the literature racks. For more information, contact Marissa Montano at ext. 233.
- > The flowers, wreaths, and garlands decorating the Sanctuary this Advent and Christmas are made possible by financial gifts from members and friends. To contribute to this fund, pick up a “Memorial Gifts for Christmas Flowers” card from the literature racks or write “Christmas Flowers” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Church.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 10

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Ms. Allen preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:45 a.m.	Children's and Youth Choirs rehearsal	Choir Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:15 a.m.	Fourthlights	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Fourth Forum	Large Conference Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Manse
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour begins	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Large Conference Room
1:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Chicago Choral Artists	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Christmas caroling	Cloisters
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Communion Service Mr. Franca preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers	(see announcement)

### Monday, December 11

7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Children's Center, Monday through Friday	Westminster House
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School, Monday through Friday	Westminster House
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
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring, Monday through Thursday	Westminster House

### Tuesday, December 12

7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Book Study	Randolph Room

### Wednesday, December 13

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Prayer meeting	Center for Whole Life
7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel

### Thursday, December 14

7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
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### Friday, December 15

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Chute Middle School Chorus and Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	La Posada Family Night	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)

### Sunday, December 17

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Ms. Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$4.75 until 2:00 p.m. and \$5.75 after 5:00 p.m.; at 111 East Chestnut Street at the rate of \$4.00 until 2:00 p.m.; and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan and the John Hancock Center at the rate of \$5.75. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

For child care arrangements (other than during Sunday morning worship services),  
call (312) 787-2729, ext. 282 at least three working days in advance.