

FOURTH
PRESBY
TERIAN
CHURCH



A LIGHT IN THE CITY



It is not over, this birthing.
There are always newer skies
into which God can throw stars.
When we begin to think
that we can predict the Advent of God,
that we can box the Christ in a stable in Bethlehem,
that's just the time that God will be born
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.
Those who wait for God
watch with their hearts and not their eyes,
listening, always listening for angel words.

Ann Weems
"Kneeling in Bethlehem"

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 Three Christmas Carols *Paul Manz*
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
What Is This Lovely Fragrance
What Child Is This
Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella *Christopher Uehlein*
Of the Father's Love Begotten *David Lasky*
Joy to the World *Wilbur Held*

Introit Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today.

***Doxology and Invocation** (The Hymnal, 592)

***Hymn 40** "Joy to the World!" *Isaac Watts*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

(unison)

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns 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

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Psalter Psalm 148 (page 582, O.T.)

Anthem "Ding-Dong! Merrily on High" *George Ratcliffe Woodward*
Ding-dong merrily on high. In heaven the bells are ringing. Verily the sky is riven with angel singing. Gloria. Hosanna in excelsis. Even so, here below, below let steeple bells be swungen. And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen. Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers. May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.

(8:00) **First Lesson** Isaiah 63:7-9 (page 693, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(9:30 and 11:00) **First Lesson** Colossians 3:12-17 (page 201, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Christmas Carols Carol 22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory," stanzas 1, 4
Carol 21 "All My Heart Today Rejoices," stanzas 1, 3
Carol 28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," stanzas 1, 3
Carol 51 "See Amid the Winter's Snow," stanzas 1-3

(8:00) **Second Lesson** Matthew 2:13-23 (page 2, N.T.)

(9:30 and 11:00) **Second Lesson** Luke 2:8-20 (page 58, N.T.)

(8:00) **Sermon** by John A. Cairns
RECOGNIZING AND RECOUNTING
"I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord."
Isaiah 63:7 (NRSV)

(9:30 and 11:00) **Sermon** by John M. Buchanan
THE ENDLESS JOURNEY STARTS
"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."
Luke 2:20 (NRSV)

***Hymn 29** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *John W. Work II*

***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 forever. Amen.

Response Lo, how a rose ever blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Offering

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** "Exultate Jubilate" *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Gail Livermore, soprano

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

“Away in a Manger”

David Willcocks

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay. The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

***Presentation of the Offering and Response**

“For the Life That You Have Given”

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praise; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

All: **God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you, for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping, to enter our world as a child of humble birth. We thank you for your son, Jesus Christ, born of your handmaid Mary. In his face we behold your glory, for in his life, as in his death, is your gift of salvation. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving, that we may give as we have received. Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you, God of love and peace, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn 308**

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Louis FitzGerald Benson

Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare for the New Year

Calvin Hampton

*Stand as you are able.

Today's Worship

Ministers 8:00: John Wilkinson, Carol J. Allen, and John A. Cairns
9:30: John A. Cairns, Carol J. Allen, and John M. Buchanan
11:00: John A. Cairns, Carol J. Allen, and John M. Buchanan

The Music Today 8:00: The Chancel Choir
9:30: The Morning Choir
11:00: The Morning Choir

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984), who wrote *Fanfare for the New Year*, was a prolific and eclectic composer who had an extraordinary ability to produce superior results according to his own ideals and unique vision of beauty. Written in December 1983, *Fanfare for the New Year* was premiered at the New Year's Eve service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. This fanfare features the Festival Trumpet organ pipes in the rear of the Sanctuary.

- > 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.

Directory

John M. Buchanan	Pastor
Elam Davies	Pastor Emeritus
John Wilkinson	Executive Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen	Associate Pastor
Dana Ferguson	Associate Pastor
Donna Gray	Interim Associate Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod	Interim Associate Pastor
Sarah Jo Sarchet	Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns	Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
John H. Boyle	Parish Associate
Thomas C. Rook	Parish Associate
Laurie Armstrong	Pastoral Resident
Paulo França	Pastoral Resident
Steven Runholt	Pastoral Resident
John W. W. Sherer	Organist and Director of Music
Kevin McKelvie	Interim Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed	Director of Children's and Youth Choirs

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO
Coming Fourth

**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.

**TODAY AT
FOURTH CHURCH**

A new compact disc recorded by the choirs of Fourth Church and Tower Brass can be purchased during Coffee Hour or during the week at the church reception desk.

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.

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering can still be made by using the Christmas Joy Offering envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school classes do not meet today but resume Sunday, January 7.

**New Year's Eve
Service Tonight**

John Buchanan and Father Robert McLaughlin will lead an ecumenical New Year's Eve worship service tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Fourth Church Sanctuary. Fourth Church and Holy Name Cathedral are cosponsors of this service. (The usual 6:30 p.m. Vespers will not be held tonight.)

End-of-year giving helps make many of Fourth Church's mission commitments and dreams possible. All gifts dated December 31 will appear, for tax purposes, on the 2000 giving statements. Finance Office envelopes are available in the pew racks for these end-of-year mission and ministry gifts.

Academy for Faith and Life courses do not meet today but resume Sunday, January 7. "Renewing the Vision: Reformed Faith for the Twenty-First Century," taught by John Wilkinson and guests, begins January 7 at 11:00 a.m. See the January issue of *Fourth Press* for information about the Academy courses beginning in January.

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.

COMING EVENTS

The Center for Older Adults will host a discussion of fatigue—and its effects—on Tuesday, January 2 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

Books by Women will discuss *Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood on Tuesday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Benevolent Guild will handcraft toys and treats for hospitalized children on Wednesday, January 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. All helpers are welcome!

Noonday Bible Study meets on Wednesday, January 3 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Presbyterian Women Breakfast and Conversation will discuss *Working on God* by Winifred Gallagher on Thursday, January 4 at 7:30 a.m.

“The Politics of Poverty and Welfare: A Christian Response,” a four-week Academy for Faith and Life course, begins Thursday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony. It will be taught by Joe Pettit of Protestants for the Common Good.

Venture Fourth (mid-30s and 40s) will go bowling on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Marina Towers. RSVP by Monday, January 8 to the Venture Fourth Infoline at ext. 259.

Cornerstones (couples 50 and above) will discuss handgun violence on Friday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by Wednesday, January 10 to the Cornerstones Infoline at ext. 454.

David Donovan will reflect on his recent visit to China at the next meeting of the Fourth Church Men’s Group on Saturday, January 13 at

8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To make a reservation for this breakfast, call the church receptionist at (312) 787-4570 by noon on Friday, January 12.

A blood drive will be held on Sunday, January 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Activity Center. To make an appointment to donate blood on January 14, sign up during Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 7 or call Mary Belcastro at ext. 232 or Odile Bellew at ext. 290 during the week.

Volunteers are needed for the following. To express interest in or request more information about these opportunities, contact (unless otherwise noted) Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

> Tutors to work with students starting the week of January 8, the beginning of the second semester. (Contact: Stacy Jackson, ext. 238.)

> 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.

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

> Ushers for the Sunday morning and evening worship services.

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

Help Ease Local Poverty by picking up HELP cards from the literature racks and giving them to those in

need and to friends who can HELP. The cards list shelter, food, medical, and substance abuse resources for those in need. HELP is a coalition of local churches, organizations, and business leaders, of which Fourth Church is a member.

The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers a variety of professional counseling services to individuals and couples. The Center also offers educational and premarital seminars throughout the year and a yearly midwinter conference to be held the first Saturday in March. For more information, pick up a Counseling Center brochure from the literature racks or call the Center at (312) 787-8425.

ABOUT THE COVER

The birth of Christ is depicted with the words from Luke: “They came and found Mary and Joseph and the babe.” The scene is found on the stained-glass memorial “children’s windows” that were donated in the 1930s when the former Blair Chapel space was used for weekly children’s Sunday school worship services. These windows are now installed in the new Blair Chapel.

In the spirit of good stewardship of God’s resources, this bulletin is printed on recycled paper.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Mr. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Garth
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour begins	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Ecumenical Service	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Children's Center, Tuesday through Friday	Westminster House
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School, Tuesday through Friday	Westminster House
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Tuesday through Friday	Blair Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults, Tuesday through Friday	Chestnut Street Lobby
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

7:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Breakfast and Conversation	
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House

Friday, January 5

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Edyta Kulczak, mezzo-soprano	Sanctuary
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Sunday, January 7

8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Ms. Sarchet preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Ms. Sarchet preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Ms. Sarchet preaching	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Communion Service Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Wilkinson	Sanctuary

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.