
December 16, 2001

Third Sunday of Advent

There are, Vaclav Havel once said, different ways of waiting. There is waiting without carrying hope within ourselves: sitting, waiting for salvation to come from the outside. At the other end of the spectrum are those who wait with faith and who fight for truth even when they are defeated and beaten back a hundred times. This is the kind of waiting that sends forth seeds out of which change and progress may one day grow. The difference is between waiting for lilies to appear that have never been planted and doing your utmost to help good seeds find nourishment in rocky soil.

Madeleine Albright

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.

(8:00) **Prelude** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Leo Sowerby*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Prelude** Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates *Heinrich Schütz*
arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Savior of the Nations, Come *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Ave Maria *Anton Bruckner*

arr. Erich Peterson

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *L. Sowerby*

Advent Fanfare *Aaron David Miller*

Introit Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not.
Behold, your God will come and save you.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

***Hymn 2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *Charles Wesley*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you.
Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save
us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children
may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and
love. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
nor have we always welcomed the light of your love shining
in the darkness. In your mercy, forgive us for all the ways
we have failed to live up to your hopes and expectations for
us. Grant us courage to welcome your way and to seek to be
your faithful people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Psalter Psalm 146 *(responsively)* (page 581, O.T.)

(8:00) **Anthem** "Matin Responsory" *Robert Lehman*

I look from afar and lo! I see the power of God coming and a
cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and
say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy
people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of
Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Stir up thy
strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

(9:30 and 11:00) **Anthem** "People, Look East" *Robert Evans*
(*Anthem text: Hymn 12*)

First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10 (page 663, O.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Second Lesson Matthew 11:2-11 (page 11, N.T.)

Sermon by John M. Buchanan

FEAR NOT!

"Strengthen the weak hands, make firm the feeble knees.
. . . Say to those of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!'"
Isaiah 35:3, 4

***Hymn 44** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *Phillips Brooks*

***Apostles' Creed** (*unison*)
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 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say. "Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the days."

Offering

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer" *César Franck*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem** "A Hymn of St. Columba" *Benjamin Britten*
King of kings and of lords most high comes his day of
judgment nigh: day of wrath and vengeance stark, day of
shadows and cloudy dark. Thunder shall rend that day
apart, wonder amaze each fearful heart. Anguish and pain
and deep distress shall mark that day of bitterness. That
day the pangs of lust will cease, man's questing heart shall
be at peace; then shall the great no more contend and
worldly fame be at an end.

***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 fruit of time and la - bor with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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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 again, that his rule may be complete and your righteousness 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 22** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *James Montgomery*

Benediction and Response

(8:00) **Postlude** Come Thou Now, Down from Heaven *J. S. Bach*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Postlude** Duo Seraphim *Jacob Handl*
arr. E. Peterson

Today's Worship

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children
and Family Ministry
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children
and Family Ministry
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor for Mission
Victoria Decker Millar, Pastoral Resident
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

Lighting the Advent Wreath

- 8:00 a.m. Don and Frances Coe
- 9:30 a.m. Teri Peterson, Moses Cheapoo, Meredith Packham,
Ariana Tuckey (*Junior Highs leader and participants*)
- 11:00 a.m. Rosemary Withaeger

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock,
soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Children's and Youth Choir,
and Tower Brass
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services each third Sunday of the month between September and May.

Music Note: The text of the opening hymn, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). The eighteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, he came to colonial Georgia in 1735 as secretary to General Oglethorpe, having previously received both deacon's and priest's orders. But a personal conversion experience on Pentecost Sunday in 1738, under the influence of the Moravians, gave him "rest in his soul" and released in him the gift of hymn writing. He is known to have written more than 6,000 hymns and perhaps as many as 6,500. Although he dedicated his life to the Methodist movement, he never relinquished his ordination in the Church of England.

- > FOR LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, ASK AN USHER.
- > Individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex.
- > Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in Westminster 14.

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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 or beliefs either **Monday, January 7**, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; **Saturday, January 19**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; or **Sunday, January 27**, 12:30-3:30 p.m. This class is a prerequisite for membership. No prior registration is necessary. For further information, contact Rob Schroeder at (312) 787-2729, ext. 321.

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**

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a Christmas cookie and hot cocoa reception, hosted by Presbyterian Women in Fourth Church, in Anderson Hall. Childcare will be available.

Holiday cards illustrated by children in the Partners in Education Tutoring Program are on sale during Coffee Hour. Proceeds from the sale of these cards benefit the Tutoring Program, which serves children in Cabrini-Green and Henry Horner Homes.

Christmas ornaments are being sold by the Deacons during Coffee Hour. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the Fourth Church Board of Deacons.

A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps those who are homeless and hungry, including visitors to Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center. To contribute to the Joy Offering, use one of the special envelopes in the pew racks or write "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Christmas dinner tickets are on sale during Coffee Hour and will be available from the church receptionist during the week. The dinner will be held in Anderson Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship service.

Fourthlights (40s and older) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room to hear Cheryl Perlitz talk about adventure and opportunity in everyday life. Next Sunday morning the group will share Christmas treats at a holiday social hour.

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

Academy for Faith and Life courses meeting at 9:30 a.m. are "What Presbyterians Believe," "Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines," and the John Knox Bible Study. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. are "Introduction to the Bible" and "Isaiah: Prophet of Relationships."

Junior Highs (grades 6-7) meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest for their Christmas party.

Venture Fourth (30s and 40s) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse for its weekly discussion about the Christian faith life. Those interested in going for brunch in the area meet in the Chestnut Street lobby at 12:30 p.m.

The Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal takes place in the Sanctuary following 11:00 worship.

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

Senior High Youth Group (grades 9-12) meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Street lobby for a Christmas party of ice-skating, food, and fun.

Fourthcomers Young Adult Fellowship (20s and 30s) has its Christmas party at a member's home at 8:30 p.m. following the service of Lessons and Carols. For directions, call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385.

COMING EVENTS

Joanna Adams will join John Buchanan as Co-Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church beginning in March 2002. She was elected by the congregation at last Sunday's meeting. To learn more about Joanna, pick up a brochure from the literature rack or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

Fourthcomers Young Adult Book Group meets Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home to discuss Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. For directions, call the Infoline at ext. 385.

Young Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss the Christmas birth narrative.

Noonday Bible Study meets Wednesday, December 19 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Wednesday Advent worship is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on December 19.

The Center for Older Adults hosts its annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 20 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. For reservations, call Pat Langton or Mary Belcastro at (312) 787-4570.

Classical guitarist Steve Vazquez performs Concert Series Friday, December 21 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Senior High Youth Group meets Saturday, December 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chestnut Street lobby to attend the Center for Whole Life Christmas party.

Fourthcomers Young Adult Fellowship meets Saturday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Hi Ricky for dinner before going to Music Box to watch *White Christmas*. Movie tickets should be purchased in advance.

SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY

> **Scarves, other winter clothing, and canned goods** are needed by Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk.

> **Give Life-Changing Gifts** in the name of friends, loved ones, and colleagues this Christmas. Gifts, made through Fourth Church, will make a difference in others' lives, providing food for a family in need, a scholarship to the Center for Older Adults, and much more. Brochures containing gift request forms are available in the literature racks. For more information, contact Marissa Montano at ext. 233.

> **Contributions for Christmas flowers** to decorate the church can be made using the "Memorial Gifts for Christmas Flowers" card found in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/christmasmemorial.html. The names of those honored or memorialized

by the contributions will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Day bulletins. (Memorial contributions must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 17 in order for the names of those honored and remembered to appear in the bulletin.) For more information, contact Carroll Cole at ext. 252.

Your help is needed.

Among current needs are
> Ushers for 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday services and 6:30 p.m. Sunday Vespers.
> Library aids, tutors and substitutes, data entry helpers, and other volunteers to assist with the Tutoring Program. For more information about volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

Fourth Church Cares: For information about the kinds of pastoral care available or to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations, and other concerns, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at ext. 292 or e-mail callen@fourthchurch.org.

The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling (312) 787-8425.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 16

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:15 a.m.	Fourthlights	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	The Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Manse
11:00 a.m.	The Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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.	Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group	(see announcement)
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Reception	Anderson Hall
8:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers	(see announcement)

Monday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Fourthcomers Book Group	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room

Wednesday, December 19

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, December 20

12:00 noon	COA Holiday Luncheon	Anderson Hall
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Friday, December 21

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Classical guitarist Steve Vazquez	Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 22

9:30 a.m.	Senior High Youth Group	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Fourthcomers	(see announcement)

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Ms. Armstrong preaching	Sanctuary

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 until 2:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 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 at the rate of \$6.25. 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.

