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December 30, 2001    *First Sunday After Christmas*

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**S**o here we are, called to begin where we left off and yet make a new beginning. It is an old choice and a new chance for us and for the world. Christmas and creation are part of the same process of God; they have everything to do with one another. They each speak of loving purpose and renewed hopes, and is it not cause for joy that our gospel, the good news for which we seek, is a gospel of second chances, new opportunities to claim the love of the Father, new opportunities to share and express that love in the world, new opportunities to discover who we are and what we can become in Christ?

Peter J. Gomes  
*Sermons*

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** He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child *Douglas Wagner*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Prelude** Noël *Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*  
The Snow Lay on the Ground *Leo Sowerby*  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *Keith Chapman*  
What Child Is This *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child *D. Wagner*

**Introit** Ding-dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing.  
Ding-dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing:  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

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

**\*Hymn 46** "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" *Piae Cantiones*

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

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

### Concerns of the Church

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

(8:00) **Anthem** "The Snow Lay on the Ground" *Leo Sowerby*  
(*Anthem text: Hymn 57*)

(9:30 and 11:00) **Anthem** "Love Came Down at Christmas" *John Rutter*  
Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine.  
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.  
Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus. But where-with for sacred sign?  
Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all. Love for plea and gift and sign?

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

**\*Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)

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

**Sermon** by John A. Cairns  
SOME THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING

“I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord . . . that he has shown [us] according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.” Isaiah 63:7 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 342** “By Gracious Powers” *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**\*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 forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *Polish carol*  
*(Response text: Hymn 37)*

**Offering**

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” *African American spiritual*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem** “A Child My Choice” *Richard Dirksen*  
Let folly praise that fancy loves, I praise and love that child whose heart no thought, whose tongue no word, whose hand no deed defiled. I praise him most, I love him best, all praise and love is his, while him I love, in him I live, and cannot live amiss. Love’s sweetest mark, laud’s highest theme, our most desired light, to love him life, to leave him death, to live in him delight. He mine by gift, I his by debt, thus each to other due, first friend he was, best friend he is, all times will try him true. Though young, yet wise, though small, yet strong; though man, yet God he is; as wise he knows, as strong he can, as God he loves to bliss. He knowledge rules, his strength defends, his love doth cherish all; his birth our joy, his life our light, his death our end of thrall. Alas, he weeps, he sighs, he pants, yet do his

angels sing. Out of his tears, his sighs, and throbs doth bud  
 a joyful spring. Almighty Babe, whose tender arms can  
 force all foes to fly, correct my faults, protect my life, direct  
 me when I die. Amen.

**\*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**

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, fill us with the mystery of your Word made  
 flesh, until our hearts overflow with praise and joy .  
 Through our gifts and our giving may light shine out of  
 darkness and hope rise out of chaos. Let all people  
 everywhere find in Christ their new beginning and their  
 faithful companion into the future, for we pray in the  
 name of the one who came to make all things new. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 28**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Medieval Latin*

**Benediction and  
 Response**

(8:00) **Postlude**

Noël

*Guy Morancon*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Postlude**

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

*K. Chapman*

\*Stand as you are able.

## Today's Worship

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate  
Alice Trowbridge, Pastoral Resident  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
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John H. Boyle, Pastoral Resident  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Paulo França, Pastoral Resident  
Alice Trowbridge, Pastoral Resident  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 6:30 p.m. Ann Ross, Liturgist  
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Natalie Mann, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 6:30 p.m. The Vespers Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

- >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.
- > Please pass the pew information pads during the Concerns of the Church, so that all worshippers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.
- > Today's sermon will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), in both print and audio formats, later this week. This bulletin, other information about the mission and programs of Fourth Church, and past sermons are also currently available at the Web site.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

John M. Buchanan, Pastor

Elam Davies, Pastor Emeritus

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## Vespers Service

6:30 p.m.

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

**Prelude** Variations sur un Noël *Jean Langlais*

### Call to Worship

Leader: God's love for the world brought Jesus Christ to the world.  
People: **Thanks be to God for this amazing gift.**  
Leader: Let us pray.

### Invocation

**\*Hymn 68** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" *Charles Coffin*

### Prayer of Confession

*(unison)*

**God of love and light, your truth and presence came to the world embodied in Jesus Christ and now in the church, his body in the world. We confess that we have often turned our backs to him, done our own thing rather than his will, and have sought to satisfy our own desires at the expense of the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and replace our indifference with compassion, that our lives may embody the love that came to the world in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Responsive Reading** Isaiah 63:7-9 (page 693, O.T.)

**Anthem** "Ding-Dong! Merrily on High" *French carol*  
*arr. Charles Wood*

Ding-dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing.  
Ding-dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing:  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis. E'en 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 rime your evetime  
song, ye singers.

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 2:13-23 (page 2, N.T.)  
Philippians 2:1-5 (page 197, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Communion Meditation

by John H. Boyle  
THE PERIL AND PROMISE CHRISTMAS BRINGS

**\*Hymn 49** "Once in Royal David's City" *Cecil Frances Alexander*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)*  
**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** "The Snow Lay on the Ground" *Leo Sowerby*  
*(Anthem text: Hymn 57)*

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

**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, your table with its bread and cup reminds us of both the peril and the promise of your love. Help us to be willing to undergo the peril and to be strengthened by the promise of your encouragement in Christ, so that we may live courageously and with compassion for those who need your love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 63** "As with Gladness Men of Old" *William Chatterton Dix*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Noël *Guy Morancon*

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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 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**TODAY AT  
FOURTH CHURCH**

**Art exhibits** are on display in the Loggia and Gallery. In the Gallery is "Art from the Heart: The Children of El Hogar Del Nino," an exhibit that expresses the cultural heritage of the children of the Pilsen community. In the Loggia is "Cultural Crossings," art by Anil Revri that seeks to raise awareness of the profound influence religious traditions have upon our pluralistic society.

**Sunday school classes** do not meet today or next Sunday, January 6.

**The John Knox Bible Study** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**Academy for Faith and Life courses** do not meet today. Courses resume Sunday, January 6 (see page 11 for information about new classes).

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**New Year's Eve  
Worship at Fourth  
Church**

The joint New Year's Eve worship service with Holy Name Cathedral will be held at Fourth Church on Monday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. John Buchanan and Robert McLaughlin will lead worship.

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**Junior Highs (grades 6-7) and Senior High Youth Group** members worship with their parents today. Neither group meets today.

**Venture Fourth** (30s and 40s) does not meet for discussion about the Christian faith life or for Sunday brunch today. The weekly discussion resumes next Sunday, January 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. Those going for brunch in the area that day meet in the Chestnut Street lobby at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call the Venture Fourth Infoline at ext. 259.

**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.

**Fourthcomers Young Adult Fellowship** (20s and 30s) does not meet today. Next Sunday, January 6, young adults will go to Southport Lanes for an evening of bowling, billiards, and fun. Meet at Southport Lanes (3325 N. Southport) anytime after 7:30 p.m. Call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385 for more details.



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## COMING EVENTS

**Mothers' Bible Study** meets for fellowship and a study of Acts, led by John Cairns, on Wednesday, January 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room. Childcare is available.

**Noonday Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, January 2 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Led by members of the pastoral staff, this group discusses the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon.

**Pianist Sharon Rich Peterson** performs as part of the free Noonday Concert Series Friday, January 4 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Cornerstones** (couples 50 and above) meets for hors d'oeuvres at the Manse on Friday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to the Cornerstones Infoline at ext. 454 by Wednesday, January 2.

**Fourth Forum**, a group of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, meets for First Sunday Brunch at the Westin Grill on Sunday, January 6 following the 11:00 worship service. On Saturday, January 19, the group will host an all-day retreat, "Cultivating the Inner Voice of Love." The retreat, based on Henri Nouwen and the spiritual life, will be led by Chris Glaser. Held at Fourth Church, it will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end with dinner at a restaurant. To register for this event, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at ext. 367.

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** meets for breakfast and a program on Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Steve Runholt, Pastoral Resident, will present a program on "The Healing Circle," discussing the legacy of Native Americans to our own spirituality. Make reservations by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 11 by calling the church receptionist at (312) 787-4570.

**The next blood drive** at Fourth Church will be Sunday, January 20. For more information, call the Blood Donor Infoline at ext. 388.

**The Winter Retreat for Women** will be held the weekend of January 25 at Loyola at the Cenacle in Chicago. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women in Fourth Church and led by Edwina Gateley, the retreat will focus on "Renewal of the Body, Transformation of the Spirit." The registration deadline is Friday, January 10. To register, pick up a brochure from the literature racks. For more

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## End-of-Year Gifts

End-of-year giving helps make many of Fourth Church's mission commitments and dreams possible. All gifts identified with name and address and dated or postmarked by December 31 will appear, for tax purposes, on the 2001 giving statements.

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information, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

**The Annual Mission Benefit** "A Midwinter's Night Dream" will be held at the Ritz-Carlton on Friday, February 8. This year's event will have a Mardi Gras theme and includes dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and a drawing. All proceeds will benefit the adult mission programs of Fourth Church. For more information, call Marissa Montano at ext. 233.

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

## Your help is needed.

- Among current needs are
- > Ushers for 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday services (regularly) and 6:30 p.m. Sunday Vespers (on rotation).
  - > Replacement tutors and substitute tutors for the spring semester of the Tutoring Program at Fourth Church.
  - > Individuals to help label books at Manierre School in Cabrini-Green on Monday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m.

For more information about these and the many other 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 through staff and programs of this congregation 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](mailto:callen@fourthchurch.org).

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

**The Fourth Church Day School** is accepting preschool applications for the 2001-2002 school year. For more information, call Jill Stephens at ext. 282.

**Small group ministry** at Fourth Church offers opportunities for connecting with a group within the larger community of this congregation. To find out more about the groups that exist at Fourth Church and how to find one that fits, call Melinda Lupfer at ext. 379.

**Visit Fourth Church's Web site** at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) for Sunday sermons as well as information about Fourth Presbyterian Church, including current programming news, the weekly calendar, a staff directory including e-mail addresses, and more.

**Devotions by e-mail,** written by Fourth Church staff, are available by writing [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org). These devotions are e-mailed each Tuesday and Friday.

**The weekly e-mail newsletter** [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) is available by e-mailing [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

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**Grief Seminar Begins January 9**  
"Your Particular Grief," a seminar for those dealing with loss, will be held on Wednesdays, January 9 through February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. John Boyle and Melinda Lupfer will facilitate these free sessions. Register by Monday, January 7 by calling the Center at (312) 787-8425.

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### **Mission Statement of Fourth Presbyterian Church**

*We are a light in the city reflecting the inclusive love of God.*

*Comforted and challenged by the Gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving, community.*

*At the intersection of faith and life, we share God's grace through worship, preaching, education and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.*

*We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage. Inspired by our heritage, we confront our future with hope and confidence in God's purpose.*

## New Academy for Faith and Life Courses



Two new Academy for Faith and Life courses begin on Sunday, January 6:

**“Practicing Prayer,”** taught by Melinda Lupfer, meets for four Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Providing background and instruction into several styles of prayer, it offers the opportunity to develop one’s own life of prayer.

**“Thinking Inter religiously,”** taught by Dirk Ficca, meets for four Sundays at 11:00 a.m. It invites participants to explore the ways in which being in dialogue with other traditions can challenge and enrich Christians as they live out their faith.

*For more information about these and other Academy for Faith and Life courses, pick up a catalogue from the literature racks or visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Catalogues of February–June courses will be available in late January.*

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 30

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Mr. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Mr. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship Mr. Cairns 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
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service Dr. Boyle preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia

### Monday, December 31

<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Morning Prayers	Blair Chapel
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### Tuesday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 2

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Wednesday through Friday	Blair Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults, Wednesday through Friday	Chestnut Street lobby
9:30 a.m.	Mother's Bible Study	Randolph Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

### Friday, January 4

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Pianist Sharon Rich Peterson	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Manse

### Sunday, January 6

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b>	<b>Mr. Macleod preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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.

