

December 22, 2002

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers;
fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals;
fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable;
and most of all fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life,
while faith rejoices in its God.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.*

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend on Monday, January 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 26, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is not necessary. For information about membership, contact Don Allerton at ext. 221 (dallerton@fourthchurch.org).

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, December 27.

Daily devotions, written by the staff, are available in the literature racks, on the web site, and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today's sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; or to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at ext. 292 (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.

Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry, at ext. 291 (dgray@fourthchurch.org). Be sure to reserve baptism dates well in advance, as dates fill quickly.

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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 *Kenneth Leighton*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Prelude** Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine *Hieronymous Praetorius*
Savior of the Nations, Come *Helmut Walcha*
“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us *Johann Sebastian Bach*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Kenneth Leighton*
Advent Fanfare *Aaron David Miller*

(8:00) **Introit** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

(9:30 and 11:00) **Introit** “Advent Joy” *Hal H. Hopson*

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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 22** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *Tune: REGENT SQUARE*

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

**Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us?
Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in
your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, forgive
us our sins and deliver us from proud thoughts and
vain desires. Make our hearts leap for joy at the sound
of your Word, and move us by your Spirit to bless
your wonderful works. We humbly ask this through
him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

(8:00) **Anthem** “Hark, the Glad Sound” *Mary Goetze*

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38 (page 56, N.T.)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.

***Gloria Patri**

(The Hymnal, 579)

(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.

Sermon

by Joanna M. Adams

FEAR NOT

“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.’” Luke 1:30-31 (NRSV)

***Hymn 36**

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Tune: CRANHAM

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

Gloria

Dan Locklair

Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace to people of his goodwill. We praise you, we reverence you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for the great glory that is yours, Lord God, heavenly King, God and Father Almighty! Lord and only Son, Jesus Christ the most high! Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; receive our prayer, you who sit at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us; since you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***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.

Response

“Amen”

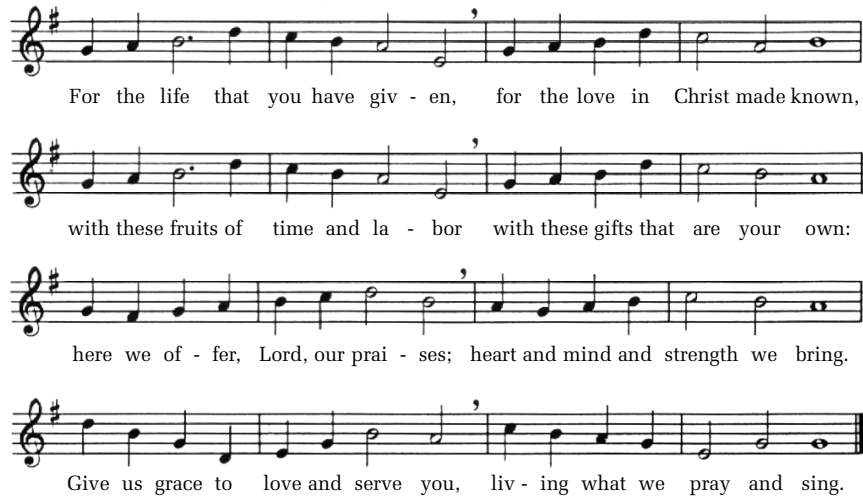
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Offering

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** “Quia respexit” *Antonio Vivaldi*
 from the *Magnificat*
 For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his
 servant. Surely from now on all generations will call
 me blessed.

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem** “Love Came Down at Christmas” *John Rutter*

***Offertory Response**



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 - 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 and Dedication**

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, we give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, your love incarnate, your Word made flesh. Open our eyes to the generosity of your hand that we may share life and love in praise to you.**
Now fill us with your grace, that with Mary we may rejoice in your salvation and, in all things, embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 23** “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Tune: GLORIA*

Benediction and Response

Postlude The King Shall Come *Michael Burkhardt*

VESPERS SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

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

Prelude Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Johannes Brahms*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The desert will sing and rejoice,
People: **and the wilderness blossom with flowers;**
Leader: all will see the Lord's splendor,
People: **see the Lord's greatness and power.**
Leader: Tell everyone who is anxious:
People: **Be strong and don't be afraid.**
Leader: The blind will be able to see;
People: **the deaf will be able to hear;**
Leader: the lame will leap and dance;
People: **those who can't speak will shout.**
Leader: They will hammer their swords into ploughs
People: **and their spears into pruning-knives;**
Leader: they will train for war no more.
People: **God's promise will be fulfilled.**

*Invocation

***Hymn 5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Tune: PICARDY*

Prayer of Affirmation and Confession

(unison)

Like an angel you come, God, with light spilling from
your hands, dispensing peace. And we who have
labored long in darkness are surprised and
unaccustomed to your blessing. In your presence we
stand revealed. Our reluctance to love, our fear of
being loved, our need of mercy, and our refusal to
serve, all stand exposed. Forgive us, God. Help us, in
the midst of busy, burdened lives, to welcome the One
who always has time for us. May we, like Mary, accept
you within us and, like the shepherds, embrace the
Light shining in our darkness. Then may we be filled
with joy and wonder and hearts of holy calm. Teach us
to bear the light into the world and live in the peace by
which you would bless all people. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own
baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to
obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Psalter Reading Psalm 138 *(responsively)* (page 577, O.T.)

Solo "Zion Hears the Watchmen singing" *J. S. Bach*

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38 (page 56, N.T.)

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

Communion Meditation

by Carol J. Allen
ONCE MORE THE QUIET MYSTERY IS PRESENT

***Hymn 14** “Savior of the Nations, Come”
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

***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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Hark, the Glad Sound” *Mary Goetze*

***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)
Gracious Lord, we have gathered around this table, longing for your future to come to us. In these common things of bread and cup, we see a world transformed, a new and holy reality dawning in our lives. For all things bright and beautiful, for all things dark and mysterious and lovely, for all things green and growing and strong, for all things weak and struggling to push life up through rocky earth, for all human faces, hearts, minds, and hands that surround us, and for all living creatures and this earth our home, for this life and the life of this world, for all that you have laid before us, O God, we lay our thankful hearts before you. In Christ’s name. Amen.

***Hymn 12** “People, Look East” *Tune: BESANÇON*

Benediction

Postlude The King Shall Come *Michael Burkhardt*

*Stand as you are able.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor for Mission
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor for Mission
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 6:30 p.m. Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Children's and Youth Choirs;
Tower Brass
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Children's and Youth Choirs
- 6:30 p.m. The Vespers Choir; Thomas Michael Ballentine, tenor soloist
- 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

Worship Notes

The child being baptized at 6:30 worship is Pierce James John Rutledge, son of John and Amanda Rutledge.

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

The Advent banners, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linely of Berkeley, California.

The stewardship banners hanging in the sanctuary are revealed as member pledges are received, indicating our communal pledge to be a light in the city through the mission and ministries of Fourth Church. These cityscape banners were designed for the Stewardship 2003 campaign by California-based liturgical artist Nancy Chinn.

Of this morning's cantata *Gloria*, based on Luke 2:14 and written in 1998, composer Dan Locklair writes, "In the first part of *Gloria*, I have sought to symbolize 'the angel's song' aspect of the text that celebrates the birth of Jesus. . . . A small group of singers begins a chant-like statement of the Gloria text. These singers begin singing in a different location. As the small group sings, they process toward the larger ensemble, symbolizing the angels bringing the good news of Jesus' birth to God's people on earth."

NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND RESOURCES

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A portion of the Christmas Joy Offering, received throughout Advent, will be distributed locally to support various ministries, including Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center and those agencies that serve people who are homeless and hungry. Nationally, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) uses contributions to this offering to support racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the PCUSA. To make a gift to this offering, use the special envelopes found in the pew racks or write "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Holiday cards created by Tutoring students are still available at the reception desk. Proceeds benefit Fourth Church's Partners in Education Tutoring Program. For information, call Leandra Harville at ext. 220.

Christmas dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and, during the week, at the reception desk. All are invited to join in this traditional Christmas dinner in Anderson Hall following Christmas Morning worship.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES

The mandatory pageant rehearsal for children signed up to participate in the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant is today in the sanctuary following 11:00 worship.

White gifts, gifts of socks wrapped in white tissue paper, will be presented by the children as part of the offering at the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. Baskets to collect these gifts will be available in the Narthex at the later services. After Christmas, the gifts will be distributed to those in need.

Sunday School meets today in Westminster House at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Classes do not meet on Sundays, December 29 and January 5 but resume on Sunday, January 12.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights (40s and older) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse for coffee and conversation. On Tuesday, December 24, the group gathers in the sixth floor lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel following the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, meets for brunch today at Tempo Café (1 E. Chestnut) after 8:00 worship. Those wishing to walk to the restaurant together meet by the fireplace in Anderson Hall.

Venture Fourth (30s and 40s) gathers today at 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Street lobby to go to brunch at a local restaurant.

The Center for Older Adults will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. Programs and classes will resume Thursday, January 2.

STEWARDSHIP

Any pledge, no matter its size, is valuable, so if you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2003, please consider doing so before the end of December. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and literature racks and can be completed at the church web site. To date we have received 914 pledges totaling \$2,039,335 toward our \$2.6 million goal for 2003. To those who have made their commitment for 2003, thank you!

Year-End Gifts of Stock: Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. To make a gift of stock or mutual funds for which you have a *loss*, sell the securities first and then contribute the proceeds to Fourth Church. To make a gift of *appreciated* stock to Fourth Church, do not sell the stock first; transfer it to Fourth Church and the church will then sell it. For more information about making a gift of securities, see the article in the December issue of *Fourth Press* (available in the literature racks and at the church web site) or call Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at ext. 383.

ENRICHMENT AND ENLIGHTENMENT

Academy for Faith and Life courses

meeting today are “Introduction to Church History, Part II” and the John Knox Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) and “The Apostles’ Creed: An Exploration of the Basic Tenets of Our Faith” and “Community and Compassion in the Novels of Ann Patchett” (11:00 a.m.).

Two new Academy classes begin on Sunday, January 5: “God on Stage” looks at how dramatists have interpreted God for us, and “Tying the Celtic Knot” explores the rich world of Celtic spirituality. To register for these classes, sign up during Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 29 or call Sheila Cotter at ext. 202.

Venture Fourth Spiritual Reflection (30s and 40s) does not meet today or Sunday, December 29. On Sunday, January 5, the group moves to a new time and place: 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony, Room B.

The book group Books by Women discusses *Good Harbor* by Anita Diamant on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Travel to Turkey with Fourth Church members and friends in May 2003. John Cairns will be leading this trip to a land rich in fascinating religious and cultural history. For information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call John Cairns at ext. 289.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The exhibit “Advents and Epiphanies: Illuminated Texts” is on display in the Loggia this month.

A Christmas carol sing-along will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, December 27 at 12:10 p.m.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

New Year’s Eve worship will be held on Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Losing Our Mothers, Finding Our Selves,” a six-week bereavement support group for women grieving the death of their mothers, begins Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. Prior registration is required; to register, call Ginger Archer of the Counseling Center at ext. 306

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Current Volunteer and Donation Needs

Cooks and servers for the monthly

Saturday breakfasts served at the Social Service Center.

Ushers for 8:00 a.m. (regular schedule) and 6:30 p.m. (on rotation) worship.

Sanctuary hosts to give tours and welcome visitors.

Items for the Mission Benefit drawing

(to be held Friday, February 28).

(Contact: Ginger Bogle at ext. 370.)

Tutors to work with students one night a week at church.

Storytellers and readers for Children’s Corner, held during Coffee Hour after 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

For information about these and many other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact (unless otherwise noted) Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.



Christmas Worship Opportunities

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Four Candlelight Worship Services

4:00 p.m. Worship with Children's Pageant

5:30 p.m. Worship with Christmas Meditation

8:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 25

11:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Worship

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 22

7:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Fourthlights	Manse
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Children's Pageant rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Venture Fourth	(see announcement)
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Carol J. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.	Worship with Children's Pageant	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Worship with Christmas Meditation	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Christmas Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, December 27

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Christmas Carol Sing-Along	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Blair Chapel

Sunday, December 29

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Keith Harris preaching	Sanctuary

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 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.