

We never left the place where we were born.
Have only lived one day, but every day,
Have walked a thousand miles yet only worn
The grass between our work and home away. . . .
Tonight for the first time the prison gates
Have opened.
Music and sudden light
Have interrupted our routine tonight,
And swept the filth of habit from our hearts.
O here and now our endless journey starts.
W. H. Auden
“The Shepherds”
For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio

WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT 4:00 p.m.

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

Prelude Noël Grand Choeur *Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child *French carol*
arr. Douglas Wagner

Introit "The Snow Lay on the Ground" *English melody*
arr. Leo Sowerby

Lighting of the Advent Wreath "Born in the Night, Mary's Child" *Geoffrey Ainger*

Invitation to Worship

Minister: Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is
come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us. For
unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the
government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name
shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill
to all people.**

***Carol 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Lesson Luke 1:26-33, 38

Anthem "The Angel Gabriel" *John Howells*

Second Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Carol 25 "Away in a Manger" *Tune: MUELLER*
(Congregation remains seated)

Third Lesson Luke 2:8

Anthem "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
George Frideric Handel

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:9-14

Anthem "Angels We Have Heard on High" *French carol*

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:15-20

Anthem "What Child Is This" *English ballad*

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

Anthem "We Three Kings" *John H. Hopkins Jr.*
(Congregation sings stanza 5, Hymn 66)

*Stand as you are able.

**Presentation of
White Gifts**

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *African American spiritual
arr. John Purifoy*

A SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

**Prayer of Preparation
and the Lord's Prayer**

Act of Dedication

Spreading the Light *(Please remain seated during Songs of Praise)*

Songs of Praise Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine.

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners
reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in
Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silence *(Please extinguish your candle prior to the carol)*

***Carol 40** “Joy to the World!” *Tune: ANTIOCH*

Benediction

Postlude Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella *French carol
arr. Keith Chapman*

WORSHIP WITH CHRISTMAS MEDITATION 5:30 p.m.

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Prelude Noël Grand Choeur *Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child *French carol*
arr. Douglas Wagner
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Johannes Brahms*
Sweet Little Jesus Boy *African American spiritual*
The Snow Lay on the Ground *English carol*
arr. Leo Sowerby

Introit "Ding Dong, Merrily on High" *French carol*
arr. Charles Wood

Call to Worship

Leader: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**
Leader: Born in humility, Christ came to rule over all.
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**
Leader: Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of God's love.
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**
Leader: Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace.
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**
Leader: The Light of the world has come: Mighty God, Everlasting Lord, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

***Carol 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

A Story for Christmas

***Carol 44** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *Tune: ST. LOUIS*

The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-14 (page 58, N,T.)

***Carol 23** "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Tune: GLORIA*

Meditation by Dana Feguson
MOVING IN

***Carol 25** "Away in a Manger" *Tune: MUELLER*

Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Anthem "Love Came Down at Christmas" *John Rutter*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Spreading the Light "Silent Night" *Tune: STILLE NACHT*
(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)

*Stand as you are able.

***Unison Prayer** Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Benediction

Postlude Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella *arr. Keith Chapman*

Participating in the Services

4:00 Children's Pageant	Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry Alice Trowbridge, Pastoral Resident Victoria Decker Millar, Pastoral Resident Keith Harris, Associate Pastor for Youth and Campus Ministry Caroline Boneham, Ninth Grade Student Jake Judisch, Fifth Grade Student The Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
5:30 Worship with Christmas Meditation	Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor for Mission Calum I. MacLeod, Minister for Special Projects Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care The Chancel Choir and Elizabeth Hedgcock, Soprano Soloist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
8:00 Service of Lessons and Carols	John M. Buchanan, Pastor Joanna M. Adams, Pastor Keith Harris, Associate Pastor for Youth and Campus Ministry John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life Victoria Decker Millar, Pastoral Resident John H. Boyle, Parish Associate Donna Gray, Interim Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor for Mission The Morning Choir and Tower Brass Benjamin and Jacob Schemper, Soloists John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
11:00 Service of Lessons and Carols	John M. Buchanan, Pastor Joanna M. Adams, Pastor John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life John H. Boyle, Parish Associate Alice Trowbridge, Pastoral Resident Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Calum I. MacLeod, Minister for Special Projects The Morning Choir and Tower Brass William Adams, Soloist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

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Prelude Noël Grand Choeur *Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*
Jesus, Be My Firm Foundation *Johann Sebastian Bach*
The Snow Lay on the Ground *English carol*
I Stand Beside Thy Cradle Here *J. S. Bach*
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child *French carol*
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Johannes Brahms*
Born of Mary and Joseph *Thirteenth-century chant*
Of the Father's Love Begotten *Eleventh-century chant*
What Child Is This *English ballad*
Silent Night *Samuel Barber*
O Holy Night *Adolphe Adam*

Introit "To Us Is Born Emmanuel" *Michael Praetorius*

Call to Worship and Invocation

***Carol 49** "Once in Royal David's City" *Tune: IRBY*
(stanza 1 sung by soloist)

*Prayer for Christmas Eve

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on
earth. Alleluia!**

All: **Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us
your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling
clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy
night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices
with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on
high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may
find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the
Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 (page 638, O.T.)

Anthem "On Christmas Night" *Philip Ledger*

Lesson Psalm 98 (page 551, O.T.)

***Carol 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 (page 56, N.T.)

Anthem "Gabriel from the Heav'n Descending" *Seth Bingham*

*Stand as you are able.

Lesson	Luke 2:1-12	(page 58, N.T.)
*Carol 23	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>Tune: GLORIA</i>
Lesson	Luke 2:13-20	(page 58, N.T.)
Anthem	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	<i>John Rutter</i>
Sermon	by John M. Buchanan	
*Carol 44	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune: ST. LOUIS</i>
Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory Anthem	“God’s Love Made Visible”	<i>Dave Brubeck</i>
Lesson	John 1:1-5	(page 91, N.T.)
Spreading the Light	“Silent Night” <i>(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)</i>	<i>Tune: STILLE NACHT</i>
*Unison Prayer	Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ’s presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	
*Carol 31	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Tune: MENDELSSOHN</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	Now the Triumph Is Completed	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

White gifts of socks brought to the 5:30, 8:00, and 11:00 services are being collected in baskets in the Narthex. At the 4:00 pageant, they are presented as part of the service.

The Christmas Joy Offering helps those who are homeless and hungry and supports racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). To make a gift to this offering, use the envelopes available in the pew racks or write “Joy Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Day worship is at 11:00 a.m.

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 this Friday, December 27.

A New Year’s Eve service with Communion will be held Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday worship is held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. The evening service includes Communion.

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Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Raidant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*Gifts supporting Christmastime sanctuary adornments have been made
in memory and in honor of family, friends, and loved ones.*

In Memory of

Mary Shawn
Addington
Marion Daniel Bailey
Richard C. Baird
Richard Beilfuss
Rudolph Beranek
Earl and Eileen Boan
Robert and Blanche
Buchanan
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