

December 29, 2002

*First Sunday After Christmas*



O living love replacing fantasy,  
O joy of life revealed in love's creation,  
Our mood of longing turns to indication:  
Space is the Whom our loves are needed by,  
Time is our choice of how to love and why.

W. H. Auden

## 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 worshippers 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, January 24.

**Daily devotions**, written by the staff, are available in the literature racks, on the web site, and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**Today's sermon** will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) by this Friday.

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

**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](mailto: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) <b>Prelude</b>	Carol	<i>Gerald Finzi</i>
(9:30 and 11:00) <b>Prelude</b>	Noel La Nativité Carol Noel Nouvelet	<i>Louis Claude Daquin Jean Langlais Gerald Finzi French carol arr. Malcolm Archer</i>
<b>Introit</b>	“Christmas Hymn”	<i>arr. Hugo Jüngst</i>
<b>*Doxology and Invocation</b>		(The Hymnal, 592)
<b>*Hymn 49</b>	“Once in Royal David’s City”	<i>Tune: IRBY</i>
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	<i>(unison)</i> <b>Eternal God: you make all things new and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving and years without purpose, and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.</b>	
<b>Declaration of Pardon</b>	Leader: Friends, believe the good news. All: <b>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.</b>	
<b>Concerns of the Church</b>		
<b>Psalter</b>	Psalm 148 <i>(responsively)</i>	(page 582, O.T.)
<b>Anthem</b>	“A Child Is Born in Bethlehem”	<i>Samuel Scheidt</i>
<b>First Lesson</b>	Matthew 1:1-6	(page 1, N.T.)
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>*Gloria Patri</b>		(The Hymnal, 579)
<b>Second Lesson</b>	Ruth 1, selected verses	(page 241, O.T.)

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\*Stand as you are able.

**Sermon** by Joanna M. Adams

SETTING OUT

“So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way.” Ruth 1:7 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 210** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” *Tune: ST. ANNE*

**\*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.**

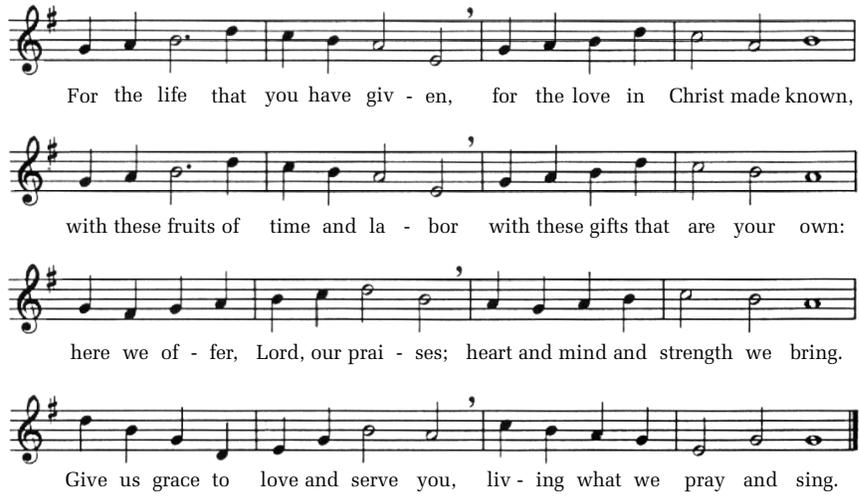
**Response** “Amen” *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

**Offering**

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** “Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Jerusalem”  
from *Messiah* *George Frideric Handel*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem** “In the Bleak Midwinter” *Harold Darke*

**\*Presentation of the Offering and 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: **God of our lives: you will be faithful in time to come, as in years gone by. We praise you for goodness undeserved and gifts received we cannot number. For life and health and loving friends; for work and leisure; for all grand things you give, we thank you, Lord and God. Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who lifts our hopes and leads us in your way. Praise and reverence, honor and glory, to you, great God; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 38** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *Tune: CAROL*

**Benediction and Response**

(8:00) **Postlude** Dialogue from the Magnificat in G Minor  
*Jean François Dandrieu*

(9:30 and 11:00) **Postlude** Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella *French carol*  
*arr. Keith Chapman*

## VESPERS SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

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

**Prelude** Noel *Louis-Claude Daquin*

### Call to Worship

Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.  
On this child, God's Spirit rests.

People: **The branch shall grow and bear good fruit. This season we can have hope and peace, for God is with us! Great are the works of our God!**

### Invocation

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, appointing a time for everything under heaven.

People: **Dear God, return us to the beginning, that you might teach us to know our times.**

Leader: A time was provided to pluck up the seeds of hatred;

People: **teach us, O Lord, to know our times.**

Leader: A time was provided to harvest the fruits of justice;

People: **teach us, O Lord, to know our times.**

Leader: A time was provided to break down old walls;

People: **teach us, O Lord, to know our times.**

Leader: A time was provided to lay new foundations;

People: **teach us, O Lord, to know our times.**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word is with God.

People: **And the Word is life, shining in the deepest night.**

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

### Prayer of Confession

*(unison)*

**Loving God, you know our sins before we confess them. You know how we withdraw from you and are less than honest in our dealings with others. You know the fears that hold us captive and the lack of faith that paralyzes us. We resent suffering but take good times for granted. We want the fruits of faithfulness without following in the paths where you would lead us. We ask that you would forgive us, open us to a fuller vision of life's possibilities, and lead us to a better way. Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

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

### Concerns of the Church

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 111 *(responsively)* (page 562, O.T.)

**Anthem** "Christmas Hymn" *arr. Hugo Jüngst*

**Scripture Lesson** Hebrews 4:14-16 (page 220, N.T.)

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

### Communion Meditation

by Keith C. Harris  
THE TABLE OF GRACE

**\*Hymn 40** "Joy to the World!" *Tune: ANTIOCH*

\*Stand as you are able.

**\*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.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Unison Prayer**

Lord Jesus, inspire Meredith Packham and be with her throughout her life upon this earth. May she sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name, and may we walk together with her as members of your church, as witnesses of your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

"A Child Is Born in Bethlehem"

*Samuel Scheidt*

**\*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 God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn 29**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Tune: GO TELL IT*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Victoria Decker Millar, Pastoral Resident  
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Minister for Special Projects  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor for Youth and  
Campus Ministry  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 6:30 p.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor for Youth and  
Campus Ministry

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Betsy Hoats, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock and  
Thomas Ballentine, soloists
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock and  
Thomas Ballentine, soloists
- 6:30 p.m. The Vespers Choir

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

### Worship Notes

The composer of the prelude “Noel Nouvelet,” Malcolm Archer, is one of the more prolific English composers for the church, with more than one hundred published works. Born in 1952, he has held appointments at three cathedrals in England—Norwich, Bristol, and Wells—and currently conducts the Wells Oratorio Society and the City of Bristol Choir.

### New Year's Eve Worship

As you prepare to observe the passing of the old year and celebrate the arrival of the new, take time to join members and friends of Fourth Church for New Year's Eve worship on December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will include Communion, and Calum MacLeod will preach.

## NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND RESOURCES

### ENRICHMENT AND ENLIGHTENMENT

**Two new Academy for Faith and Life 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 today or call Sheila Cotter at ext 202.

**Venture Fourth Spiritual Reflection** (30s and 40s) does not meet today. 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.

**Wednesday Noonday Bible Study**, a discussion of the upcoming Sunday’s Scripture texts led by the pastoral staff, resumes Wednesday, January 8 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Learn about the history and culture of Bronzeville**, Chicago’s African American South Side neighborhood settled in the 1940s. The neighborhood will be the topic of the Center for Older Adults Noon Program on Tuesday, January 14, beginning at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room (brown-bag lunch at 11:30 a.m.). All are invited; those who are not COA members are invited to pick up a guest pass at the COA reception desk.

**“Discovering God’s Great Mystery: In Christ We Are No Longer Strangers”** is the topic of a winter retreat for women, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, to be held Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1. Watch for more information in January or contact Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

**Centering Prayer Growth Group**, a ten-week workshop offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, begins Monday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. An interview is required prior to registration. To schedule the interview or for more information, call Laura Sherman at ext. 335.

**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.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES

**Sunday School** does not meet today or next Sunday, January 5 but resumes on Sunday, January 12.

### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Soprano Dara Hobbs** will perform the free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary on January 3.

### STEWARDSHIP

**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.

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Women@Fourth Connect invites you** to join the work of the Benevolent Guild, a group that creates toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters. The group meets every Wednesday morning (except the third Wednesday of the month) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. The first meeting of the new year will be January 8.

### **Current Volunteer and Donation Needs**

**Librarians (or assistants)** experienced with cataloguing books under the Library of Congress classification system to work in the church library.

### **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.

**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.

*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.*

**Save the date:** The 2003 Mission Benefit, Carnevale de Venezia, will be Friday, February 28 at the Drake. Watch for details in January.

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## FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**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. On Saturday, January 11, Venture Forks meets for dinner at Topo Gigio Restaurant (1516 N. Wells) at 7:00 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, January 8 to the Venture Fourth Infoline at ext. 259.

**The Center for Older Adults** programs and classes resume Thursday, January 2.

**Fourthlights** (40s and older) meets Sunday, January 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance of the church to travel to a restaurant for brunch.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, meets for brunch on Sunday, January 12 at Bistro Zinc (1131 State) after 11:00 worship. Those wishing to walk there together meet by the fireplace in Anderson Hall.

**Cornerstones** (couples 50 and up) meets for brunch and 2003 planning on Sunday, January 12 at Ditka's after 9:30 a.m. worship. Those wishing to walk there together meet in the Chestnut Street lobby.

### **"Finding Your Niche at Fourth Church:**

A Guide to Ongoing Groups for Adults at Fourth Presbyterian Church" is a new brochure about opportunities at the church. Watch for the first issue of the brochure in January.

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## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**"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.

# SEMINARS ON PERSONAL GROWTH AND FAITH

What do you say after you say hello?

Do you ever find yourself feeling shy or  
awkward at business and social functions?

In a transient urban culture like ours, it can be difficult to develop deep and abiding relationships, yet through self-acceptance and self-knowledge, we can learn the skills that enable us to foster healthy and rewarding relationships with one another.

Beginning on Saturday, January 25, the Congregational Care Committee will offer the four-part series “Fostering Healthy Relationships.” The seminars, led by Kathryn Keller, a life management counselor and educator, and Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, will provide a safe and secure environment in which participants can increase their ability to connect with self and others. The format will include a combination of lectures, handouts, discussion, and worship.

The series will continue on Saturdays March 29, July 26, and October 25, meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each time.

For more information or to register, contact Carol Allerton at ext. 265 ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)).

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 29

7:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams 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</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Dining Room
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>Keith Harris preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia

### Monday, December 30

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
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### Tuesday, December 31

	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	
7:30 p.m.	<b>New Year's Eve Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### Wednesday, January 1

**New Year's Day**  
*Office Closed*

### Thursday, December 2

9:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults, Thursday through Friday	Chestnut Street Lobby
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### Friday, January 3

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Soprano Dara Hobbs	Anderson Hall
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### Sunday, January 5

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>Calum I. 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 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.