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Now that the time has come wherein  
Our Savior Christ was born,  
The larder's full of beef and pork,  
The granary's full of corn,  
As God hath plenty to thee sent,  
Take comfort of thy labors,  
And let it never thee repent  
To feed thy needy neighbors.

Poor Robin's Almanack (1677)

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## 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, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions. Activity bags for children in worship are available outside the south transept doors.

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.

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.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and New Members, at 981.4025 ([cmacleod@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cmacleod@fourthchurch.org)).

### Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 640.5398 ([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 Jill Stephens in the Children and Family Ministry office at 640.2578 ([jstephens@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jstephens@fourthchurch.org)).

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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.*

PRELUDE  
(8:00)                      Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      *Keith Chapman*

PRELUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)                      What Child Is This                      *Searle Wright*  
   Of the Father's Love Begotten                      *David Lasky*  
   Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella                      *Christopher Uehlein*  
   Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      *Keith Chapman*  
   Good Christian Friends, Rejoice                      *Paul Manz*

INTROIT                      "Christmas Hymn"                      *Hugo Jüngst*  
While by my sheep I watch'd at night glad tidings brought an  
angel bright. How great my joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on  
high. There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child  
today. There shall he lie, in manger mean, who shall redeem the  
world from sin. Lord, evermore to me be nigh; then shall my  
heart be filled with joy!

✠DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION                      (The Hymnal, 592)

✠CAROL 22                      "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"    *Tune: REGENT SQUARE*

### PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS *(unison)*

God most high, your only Son embraced the weakness  
of flesh to give us power to become your children;  
your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us that we  
might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know how rich is the glory you have made our own,  
and how great the hope to which we are called  
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

UNISON PRAYER  
(11:00)                      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

READING                      Psalm 96 (*responsively*)                      (page 550, O.T.)

ANTHEM                      “To Us Is Born Emmanuel”                      *Michael Praetorius*  
To us is born Emmanuel, Christ the Lord as proclaimed by  
Gabriel; Christ the Lord, who is our blessed Savior. Here lieth  
in a manger small Christ the Lord, who was born to save us all.  
He, very Light of very Light, Christ the Lord was of Mary born  
that night.

READING

\*CAROL 28                      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”                      *Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO*

READING

\*CAROL 29                      “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”                      *Tune: GO TELL IT*

READING                      Luke 2:1–20                      (page 58, N.T.)

SERMON                      by John M. Buchanan  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*CAROL 36                      “In the Bleak Midwinter”                      *Tune: CRANHAM*

\*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

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

*Thomas Tallis*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO  
(8:00)

"The Little Road to Bethlehem"

*Michael Head*

As I walked down the road at set of sun, the lambs were coming  
homewards, one by one. I heard a sheep bell softly calling them  
along the little road to Bethlehem. Beside an open door, as I drew  
nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby. She sang about the lambs  
at close of day and rocked her tiny King among the hay. Across  
the air the silver sheep bell rang. "The lambs are coming home,"  
sweet Mary sang, "Your star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep  
my little King, go lullaby."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
(9:30 and 11:00)

"A Child Is Born in Bethlehem"

*Samuel Scheidt*

A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia, and joy is in Jerusalem.  
Rejoice, sing high, sing low. Benedicamus Domino. To thee,  
O Lord, be glory paid. Thou Son of Mary, mothermaid. To Holy  
Trinity give praise with Deo gracias always.

\*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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\*CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: A boy has been born for us.

All: A child has been given to us.

Leader: And his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.  
Once we were no people.

All: Now we are God's people.

Leader: Once we walked in darkness

All: Now we have seen a great light.

\*CAROL 40

"Joy to the World!"

*Tune:* ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE  
(8:00)

Dialogue from the Magnificat

*Jean François Dandrieu*

POSTLUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Joy to the World

*Wilber Held*

### The Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering, being received throughout December, supports various ministries, including Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center and other agencies that serve people who are homeless and hungry. The offering also supports racial ethnic education as well as retired pastors of the PCUSA. To make a gift to this offering, use an envelope from the pew rack or write "Joy Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.



The art installation of stars and doves is reflective of our Stewardship and Capital Campaign theme, “A Light in the City: Sharing God’s Grace.”

Created by California artist Nancy Chinn, the installation includes hundreds of stars of different sizes, shapes, and colors, reflecting the individuality and diversity in our faith community. Together with the doves, symbols of God's presence and grace, they mirror the light, reminding us of the abundance of God's grace to us and our gifts to others. The life of faithfulness surrounds us with reflections of God, reflections that are among the gifts received and that we are called to share.

## Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
and New Members  
Julie Kim, Pastoral Resident  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
and New Members  
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
Nancy Baird, Reader  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
and New Members  
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
Nancy Baird, Reader  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

## The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

## Worship Notes

The child being baptized at the 11:00 worship service is Robert Angus Walker, son of Robert and Lisa Walker.

## 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 Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, January 23.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks 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.

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

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).