

January 4, 2004

Second Sunday After Christmas

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey;
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter . . .
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again . . .
We returned to our places, these
Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here . . .

T. S. Eliot
Journey of the Magi

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful
souls, who brought the nations to your
light and kings to the brightness of your
rising, fill the world with your glory and
show yourself to all the nations; through
him who is the true light and the bright
morning star, Jesus Christ your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship
Prayer of the Day for Epiphany

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.
- 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, at 981.4025 (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).
- 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).

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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)

March of the Magi Kings

Theodore Dubois

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Dieterich Buxtehude*
March of the Magi Kings *Theodore Dubois*
Star of Hope *Richard Keys Biggs*

INTROIT

“Know Ye Not That Lowly Baby”

Howard Friedell

Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star? He
who came to light the Gentiles and the darken'd isles afar? And
we, too, may seek his cradle; there our hearts' best treasures bring,
love and faith and true devotion for our Savior, God, and King.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 292

“All Beautiful the March of Days”

Tune: FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light
of the world, to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness
of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries
for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy,
cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your
Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth
your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalms 147:1–11 (*responsively*)

(page 582, O.T.)

ANTHEM	<p>“Under the Stars” <i>George F. Reynolds</i></p> <p>Under the stars one holy night, a little babe was born. Over his head a star shone bright and glistened 'til the morn. And wise men came from far away, and shepherds wandered where he lay upon the lowly bed of hay, under the stars one night. Under the stars one blessed night, the Christ child came to earth. And through the darkness broke the light of morning at this birth. And sweet hosannas filled the air and guardian angels watched him where the virgin mother knelt in prayer, under the stars one night. Under the stars this happy night, we wait for him once more and seem to see the wondrous sight the shepherds saw of yore. O Baby born in Bethlehem, come to us as you came to them and crown us with love's diadem, under the stars one night.</p>
FIRST LESSON	<p>Isaiah 60:1–6 (page 690, O.T.)</p> <p>Minister: The Word of the Lord.</p> <p>People: Thanks be to God.</p>
*GLORIA PATRI	(The Hymnal, 579)
SECOND LESSON	<p>Matthew 2:1–12 (page 2, N.T.)</p>
SERMON	<p>by Joanna M. Adams and John M. Buchanan</p> <p>A CHANGE OF PLANS</p> <p>“They left for their own country by a different road.”</p> <p>Matthew 2:12 (NRSV)</p>
*HYMN 275	<p>“God of Our Life” <i>Tune: SANDON</i></p>
*APOSTLES' CREED	<p>(unison)</p> <p>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;</p>

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"

Florence Worthington

OFFERING

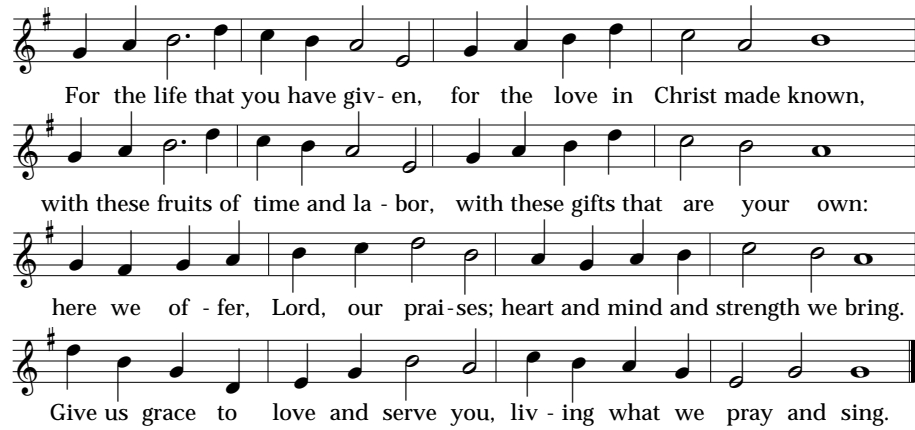
OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Gesù Bambino" *Pietro Yon*
When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
was born the child, the Christmas rose, the King of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,
and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come,
let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" *Geoffrey Shaw*
How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far? Shall we find the
stable room, lit by a star? Can we see the little child; is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in? May we stroke the
creatures there, ox, ass, and sheep? May we be like them, and see
Jesus asleep? If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake? Will he
know we'd come so far, just for his sake? Great kings leave
precious gifts and we have naught. Little smiles and little tears
are all we brought. For all weary children Mary must weep; here
on his bed of straw sleep, children, sleep. God in his mother's
arms, babes in the byre sleep as they sleep who find their heart's
desire.

*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

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.

All: God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world
in your hand. So we give you our great praise that in
Jesus Christ all people may see your glor y. We thank you
for revealing Jesus to be your Son and for claiming
our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples.

By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us that we may
follow him with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have
to be useful in your service, God of all nations, in the
gracious name of Jesus Christ your Son, by the power
of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 66

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Niels Gade



The art installation of stars and doves is reflective of our Stewardship and Capital Campaign theme, “A Light in the City: Sharing God” 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
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Calum I. Macleod, Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Joseph Cloonan, tenor soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707), composer of the prelude “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,” was organist of St. Mary’s Church in Lübeck, where he enjoyed a great reputation as organist and for his “Abendmusicken,” evening concerts held during the Advent season for all people to attend. To hear these concerts, J. S. Bach walked fifty miles and outstayed his vacation time by several weeks.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

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.

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

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

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