

November 28, 2004

First Sunday in Advent

O day of God, draw nigh
In beauty and in power,
Come with your timeless judgment now
To match our present hour.

O day of God, draw nigh
As at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and set
Your judgments in the earth.

Robert B. Y. Scott
The Presbyterian Hymnal, 452

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 the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

- For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, 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 Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@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)

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

J. S. Bach

PRELUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

J. S. Bach

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

Alan Ridout

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Robert C. Lau

INTROIT

“O Taste and See”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the one that trusteth in him.

*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 462

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Tune: RATISBON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer
as we confess our sin. With moments so critical,
we let time go by. With deliverance so near, we linger in
the darkness. With Christ as our defender, we still fear
the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still
hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth that
we might meet the moment you graciously give us.
Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear.
With the new light and new life of Christ, let us engage
this new day and new season, certain of your faithfulness.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalms 122 *(responsively)*

(page 571, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

(page 631, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

by John A. Cairns

SO BEGINS THE SEASON OF ASCENT

*HYMN 3

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Tune: PSALM 42

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
(8:00)

“Come, Thou Dear Redeemer”

César Franck

Come, thou dear Redeemer; come, Lord Jesus, to set us free,
from our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.
Hope of all the earth thou art, joy of every longing heart.
Come, thou dear Redeemer; born a child, yet thou art a King,
born to reign in us forever. Now thy gracious kingdom bring; rule
in all our hearts alone. Raise us to thy glorious throne. Amen.

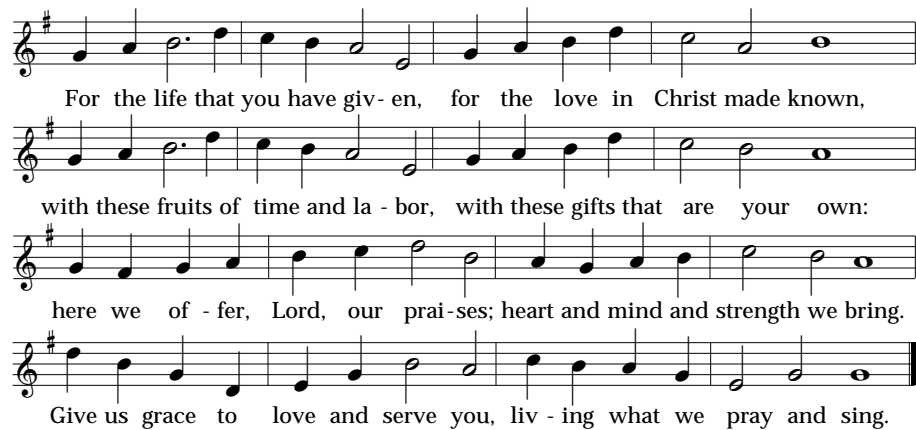
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Lo, In the Time Appointed”

Healey Willan

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come,
the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands;
for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom.
And on the throne of David shall he reign for ever. Alleluia.

*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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

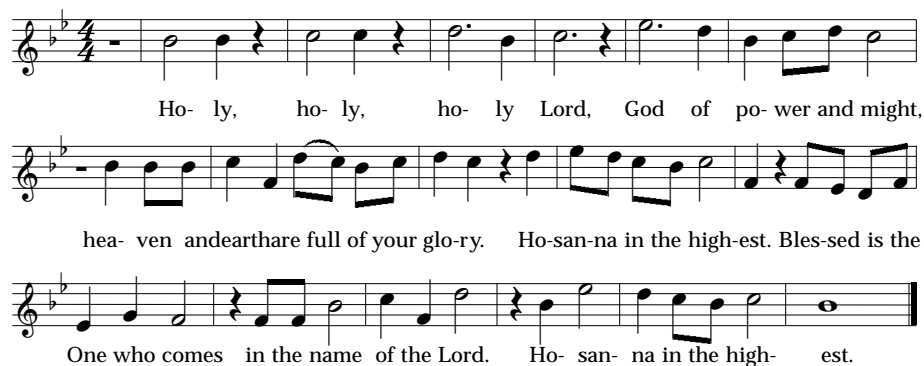
INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . .who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .
. . . dedicated to your service.
Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Who at My Door Is Standing?"
(8:00)

English folk song
arr. K. Lee Scott

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Vigilate"
(9:30 and 11:00)

William Byrd

PSALM 23

(recited in unison after all have received the cup)
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us at this table. Amen.

*HYMN 507

"I Come with Joy"

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

(8:00)

Savior of the Nations, Come

Dieterich Buxtehude

POSTLUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 14:19 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the

worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

At our morning communion services, the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers first take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at evening worship and at morning worship on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

*"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35 (NRSV)*

Portions of the text adapted from
The Book of Order

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
David Aja-Sigmon, Pastoral Resident
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

Lighting the Advent Wreath

- 9:30 a.m. Allison Pay; Richard and Elizabeth Crawford
11:00 a.m. George, Dinah, Florence, and Marilyn Adibu

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist

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

Worship Notes

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the season of the church year when we set aside time to prepare our hearts and live to receive the gift that comes to us in the manger, the gift of Emmanuel, God with us.

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 Linley of Berkeley, California.

The stained glass window shown on the bulletin cover depicts angels praising God with harp and strings, as Psalm 150 calls us to do. The window, located in the reception area west of Anderson Hall, was designed by Charles J. Connick.

The Thanksgiving Offering helps fund the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, the Center for Older Adults, and the Center for Whole Health. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Thanksgiving Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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.

Copies of the Vespers bulletin and daily devotions written by Fourth Church staff are available in the literature racks at the back of the sanctuary.

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

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel except this December, when the fourth Friday is Christmas Eve. The next service is Friday, January 28.

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.