
Christmas Eve 2004

Today, let candles shed their radiant greeting.
Lo, on our darkness are they not Thy light
Leading us, haply, to our longed-for meeting?
Thou canst illumine even our darkest night.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Letters and Papers from Prison

WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

4:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Noël *Claude Balbastre*

INTROIT "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" *Gustav Holst*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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*

FIRST LESSON Luke 1:26–33, 38 (page 56, N.T.)

ANTHEM "The Angel Gabriel" *John Howells*

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:1–7 (page 58, N.T.)

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

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8 (page 58, N.T.)

ANTHEM "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" *Handel*

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:9–14 (page 58, N.T.)

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

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:15–20 (page 58, N.T.)

ANTHEM "What Child Is This" *English ballad*

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1–2, 10–11 (page 2, N.T.)

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

PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS

(Congregation remains seated and sings "The First Nowell," Hymn 56)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

African American spiritual

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)*

(page 16, The Hymnal)

ACT OF DEDICATION

SPREADING THE LIGHT *(Christmas poem composed and read by George Rollings)*

SONGS OF PRAISE

(Congregation remains seated)

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."

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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

Noël

José Jesús Estrada

WORSHIP WITH CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

6:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE Noël *Claude Balbastre*
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *Johann Pachelbel*
Silent Night *Samuel Barber*

INTROIT “Under the Stars” *George Reynolds*

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 the 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 STORY OF JESUS’ BIRTH

Luke 2:1–14 (page 58, N.T.)

***CAROL 23** “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Tune: GLORIA*

MEDITATION GETTING TO BETHLEHEM by Dana Ferguson
A Reflection for Christmas

***CAROL 25** “Away in a Manger” *Tune: MUELLER*

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “In the Bleak Midwinter” *Harold Darke*
(*Anthem text from Carol 36*)

*Stand as you are able.

SPREADING THE LIGHT

“Silent Night”

Tune: STILLE NACHT

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)

UNISON PRAYER

This night, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth. This night, O God, the back street and the forgotten place have been lit up with significance. This night, O God, the households of earth welcome the King of Heaven. For you have crept in beside us, you have come among us, you are one of us. So may our songs rise to surround your throne as our knees bend to salute your cradle. Amen.

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José Jesús Estrada

Participating in the Services

4:00 Children’s Pageant

Chelsea Bumpus
Brooke Bonner
John Staublin
Lauren Delfs
Ian King
Richard Williams, Parish Associate
Keith Harris, Associate Pastor
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
The Cherub Choir; The Children’s Choir
Beverly Escuder, Children’s Choirmaster
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

**6:00 Worship with
Christmas Meditation**

Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
The Chancel Choir; Craig Palmer and Carly Hall, Soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

**8:30 Service of Lessons
and Carols**

Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
The Morning Choir and Tower Brass
Abigail Canfield, Soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

**11:00 Service of Lessons
and Carols**

Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
The Morning Choir and Tower Brass
Elizabeth Hedgcock, Soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

8:30 and 11:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE	Jesus, Be My Firm Foundation	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	From Heaven Above to Earth I Come	<i>Johann Pachelbel</i>
	I Stand Beside Thy Cradle Here	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
	Noël	<i>Claude Balbastre</i>
	Today Christ Is Born	<i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>
	Noël	<i>José Jesús Estradra</i>
	Of the Father's Love Begotten	<i>William Berry</i>
	Silent Night	<i>Samuel Barber</i>
	O Holy Night	<i>Adolph Adam</i>

INTROIT "Under the Stars" *George Reynolds*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

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

*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Minister: 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 "The Shepherd's Carol" *Bob Chilcott*

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 "A Maiden Most Gentle" *arr. Andrew Carter*

*Stand as you are able.

LESSON	Luke 2:1–12	(page 58, N.T.)
*CAROL 44	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune:</i> ST. LOUIS
LESSON	Luke 2:13–20	(page 58, N.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan	
*CAROL 23	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>Tune:</i> GLORIA
PRAYER		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”	<i>arr. David Blackwell</i>
LESSON	John 1:1–5	(page 91, N.T.)
SPREADING THE LIGHT	“Silent Night”	<i>Tune:</i> STILLE NACHT (<i>Words printed on the back of the bulletin</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 40	“Joy to the World!”	<i>Tune:</i> ANTIOCH
BENEDICTION		
RESPONSE	“The First Nowell”	<i>English Carol</i>
POSTLUDE	Go Tell It on the Mountain	<i>arr. Aaron David Miller</i>

The 8:30 service will be filmed by WBBM Channel 2 and broadcast locally at 10:35 p.m. this evening and 8:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

The gifts of socks known as “White Gifts” from the tradition of wrapping them in plain white paper, are being collected in baskets in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, at the 6:00, 8:00, and 11:00 services. At 4:00, they are presented as part of the service.

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. 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.

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

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