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Christmas Eve 2006

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O Lord, the gift of new life, new light, can be a gift truly only if we open ourselves to receive it. So this is our prayer, Lord: that thou wilt open our eyes to see thy glory in the coming again of light each day, open our ears to hear the angels' hymn in the stirring within us of joy at the coming of the child, open our hearts to the transforming power of thy love as it comes to us through the love of all those who hold us most dear and have sacrificed most for us. Be born among us that we may ourselves be born. Be born within us that by words and deeds of love we may bear the tidings of thy birth to a world that dies for lack of love. We ask it in the child's name. Amen.

Frederick Buechner  
"Come and See," *Secrets in the Dark*

## WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

4:00 p.m.

### PRELUDE

Noël

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

The Snow Lay on the Ground

*Leo Sowerby*

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Keith Chapman*

Puer Natus Est

*Everett Titcomb*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### INTROIT

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

*Gustav Holst*

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: This night is one of profound mystery,

People: **a night for unusual sounds and sights in the heavens.**

Leader: This night is one of wonderful clarity,

People: **a night for the blessed event of  
our Savior's birth into this world.**

Leader: This night is one of far-reaching complexity,

People: **a night for strangers crowding into a stable and  
for kings starting upon a journey.**

Leader: This night is one of touching simplicity,

People: **a night for receiving a gift and for cradling  
God's love in our hearts.**

All: **We gather to worship on this best of all nights!**

### \*CAROL 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

### FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26–33, 38

(page 53, N.T.)

### MARY SINGS

"Magnificat"

*Tune: MORNING SONG*

### ANTHEM

"Nova, Nova!"

*Michael Bedford*

### SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

(page 54, N.T.)

### CAROL 25

"Away in a Manger"

*Tune: MUELLER*

*(Congregation remains seated)*

### THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8

(page 54, N.T.)

### ANTHEM

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

### FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:9–14

(page 54, N.T.)

### ANTHEM

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*French carol*

### FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:15–20

(page 55, N.T.)

### ANTHEM

"What Child Is This?"

*English ballad*

### SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1–2, 10–11

(page 1, N.T.)

\*Stand as you are able.



## 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.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Noël	<i>Louis-Claude Daquin</i>
	The Snow Lay on the Ground	<i>Leo Sowerby</i>
	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	<i>Keith Chapman</i>
	Puer Natus Est	<i>Everett Titcomb</i>

<b>INTROIT</b>	“Christmas Hymn”	<i>Hugo Jüngst</i>
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### OPENING RESPONSES

Minister: Gracious God, as we seek shelter from the storms of life,  
People: **you provide all we need.**  
Minister: When we spend too much time worrying about the gifts  
we give and the gifts we receive,  
People: **you provide all we need.**  
Minister: For those with too little and those with too much,  
People: **you provide all we need.**  
Minister: From the humility of a manger to the pride of  
Michigan Avenue,  
People: **you provide all we need.**  
Minister: When we go to sleep and when we wake up,  
People: **you provide all we need.**  
Minister: On this sacred night and on the glorious morning  
that awaits us,  
People: **you provide all we need.**  
All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

<b>*CAROL 41</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	<i>Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS</i>
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### A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

<b>*CAROL 44</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune: ST. LOUIS</i>
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### THE STORY OF JESUS’ BIRTH

Luke 2:1–14	(page 54, N.T.)
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<b>*CAROL 23</b>	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>Tune: GLORIA</i>
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### MEDITATION

MY TWO FRONT TEETH AND A RED RYDER BB GUN  
A Reflection for Christmas by John W. Vest

<b>*CAROL 25</b>	“Away in a Manger”	<i>Tune: MUELLER</i>
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### PRAYER

### OFFERING

<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b>	“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High”	<i>Charles Wood</i>
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**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.**

**\*CAROL 40**    “Joy to the World!”    *Tune: ANTIOCH*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    Noël    *José Jesús Estrada*

*Participating in the Services*

**4:00 Children’s Pageant**    Will Adams; David, Kelly, and Kevin Dingen;  
 Gillian and Ian King; the Olson Family  
 Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families  
 Catherine Knott, Pastoral Resident  
 John W. Vest, Associate Pastor  
 The Cherub Choir; The Children’s Choir  
 Beverly Escuder, Director of Children’s and Youth Music  
 John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

**6:00 Worship with Christmas Meditation**    John W. Vest, Associate Pastor  
 Patrick Daymond, Pastoral Resident  
 Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor  
 The Chancel Choir  
 John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
 Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

**8:30 Service of Lessons and Carols**    John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
 Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
 Elizabeth B. Andrews, Parish Associate  
 Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor  
 Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor  
 Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor  
 Joyce Shin, Minister for Congregational Activities  
 Wydetta Carter, Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church  
 Chris Valentine, Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church  
 The Morning Choir and Tower Brass  
 Marie Pomeroy, 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**    John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
 Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
 John H. Boyle, Parish Associate  
 Patrick Daymond, Pastoral Resident  
 Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor  
 Catherine Knott, Pastoral Resident  
 Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor  
 Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate  
 John W. Vest, Associate Pastor  
 Juli Crabtree, Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church  
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## 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	O Magnum Mysterium	Morten Lauridsen
	Noël	Louis-Claude Daquin
	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Michael Praetorius
	Puer Natus Est	Everett Titcomb
	Hodie Christus Natus Est	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
	The Snow Lay on the Ground	Leo Sowerby
	What Child Is This?	John Stainer
	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	Keith Chapman
	O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam

INTROIT	"Saw You Never, in the Twilight"	Harold Friedell
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### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

*CAROL 49	"Once in Royal David's City" (stanza 1 sung by soloist)	Tune: IRBY
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### \*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 600, O.T.)
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ANTHEM	"Golden Mornings"	John Wood
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LESSON	Psalms 98	(page 521, O.T.)
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*CAROL 41	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Tune: ADESTE FIDELES
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LESSON	Luke 1:26–35, 38	(page 53, N.T.)
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ANTHEM	"There Is No Rose of Such Virtue"	John Joubert
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\*Stand as you are able.

LESSON	Luke 2:1–12	(page 54, N.T.)
<b>*CAROL 44</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune:</i> ST. LOUIS
LESSON	Luke 2:13–20	(page 55, N.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan	
<b>*CAROL 23</b>	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>Tune:</i> GLORIA
LESSON	1 John 4:7–9, 16b	(page 226, N.T.)
PRAYER		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“Ave Maria”	<i>Franz Biebl</i>
LESSON	John 1:1–5	(page 86, N.T.)
SPREADING THE LIGHT	“Silent Night”	<i>Tune:</i> STILLE NACHT (Words printed on the back of the bulletin)
<b>*UNISON PRAYER</b>	<p>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.</p>	
<b>*CAROL 40</b>	“Joy to the World!”	<i>Tune:</i> ANTIOCH
BENEDICTION		
CLOSING RESPONSE	“Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand”	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
POSTLUDE	Go Tell It on the Mountain	<i>Aaron David Miller</i>

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**The 2005 Christmas Eve service** will be rebroadcast on WBBM-TV at 10:35 p.m. this evening and 9:00 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, 8:30, and 11:00 services. At 4:00, they are presented as part of the service.

**The “Light Up a Life”** year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. Gifts can be made using the Christmas Offering envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Details about this campaign can be found in the literature racks.

**The Christmas angel banners in the Loggia** were created by women of St. Bartholomew’s Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

**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.**

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*Gifts supporting Christmastime sanctuary adornments have been made in memory  
and in honor of family, friends, and loved ones.*

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#### **In Memory of**

Herbert M. Allen  
Evelyn Artwick  
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Tommy Winton  
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Emil J. and Phyllis W.  
Palmero  
Margaret Pilgrim  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
Rinkoski  
Janice Rolls  
Richard and Barbara  
Edwards Sterkel  
Dan and Ann Stone  
Barbara D. Thomsen  
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