

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor.
The radiance of your incarnate Word
pierces the night that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of justice and peace.
May his brightness illumine our lives
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light,
God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day for Epiphany, *Book of Common Worship*

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. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. 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.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

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.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

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 the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@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) Prelude on an Introit for Epiphany *Maurice Duruflé*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Dieterich Buxtehude*
March of the Magi Kings *Theodore Dubois*
Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany *Maurice Duruflé*
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Jan Koetsier*

INTROIT "Through Love to Light!" *Jean Sibelius*
Through love to light! O wonderful the way that leads from
darkness to the perfect day, from darkness and from sorrow
of the night to morning that comes singing over the sea.
Through love to light! Through light to God, to thee,
who art the love of love, the eternal light of light!

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 38** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *Tune: CAROL*

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Minister: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

People: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!**

Minister: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God,
who became one of us, saying:

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

Minister: O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place
where the Word of life is not yet received.
Draw the whole creation to yourself that
your salvation may be known through all the earth.

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

Minister: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church
to every place. Make it a place of welcome for
people of every race and tongue.

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

Minister: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and
thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may
seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

(litany continues on next page)

Minister: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak, and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

People: **The grace of God be with us all. Amen.**

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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 72:1–7 *(responsively)*

(page 504, O.T.)

ANTHEM

(8:00)

“Star in the East”

Text: Hymn 67

*American folk hymn
arr. David Ashley White*

ANTHEM

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Omnes de Saba venient”

Jacob Handl

All they from Sheba shall come, laden with gold and incense, heralds of the Lord’s praise. Alleluia.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1–6

(page 649, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12

(page 1, N.T.)

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

STAR FOLLOWERS

“Arise, shine; for your light has come.”

Isaiah 60:1 (NRSV)

***HYMN 66**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*** 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

Camille Saint-Saëns

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

(8:00)

“The Prophecy”

Alec Rowley

Then Mary took her young son and set him on her knee.
“I pray thee now, dear child, tell how the world shall be.”
“Oh, I shall be as dead, mother, as the stones in the wall;
oh, the stones in the street, mother, shall mourn for me, all.
Upon Easter day, mother, my uprising shall be; oh, the sun
and the moon, mother, shall both rise with me.”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

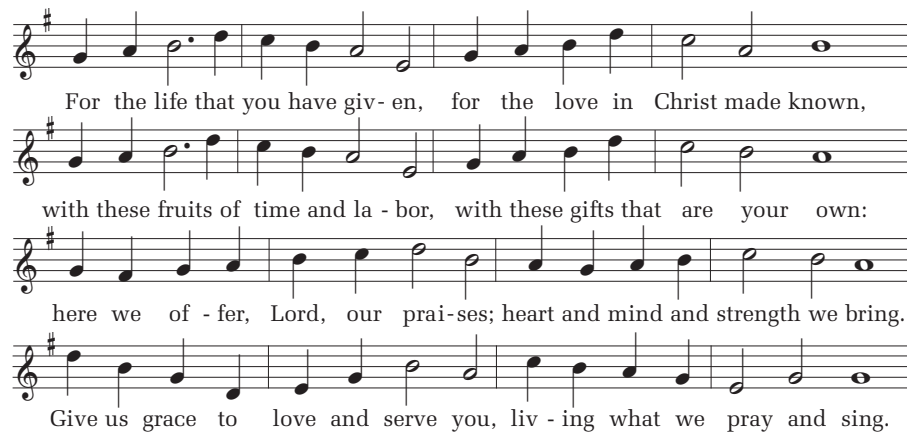
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Videntes Stellam”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

When they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly with
great joy, and going into the manger, they found there
the boy with Mary, his mother, and prostrating themselves,
they worshiped him. And opening their treasures, they
offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

***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. We thank you for Jesus Christ, your son,
our Lord. We thank you that in him light shines
in the darkness. We thank you for your love
given to all the nations, in him. By your Spirit,
may his 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 the nations,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever.
Amen.**

***HYMN 292**

“All Beautiful the March of Days”

Tune: FOREST GREEN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

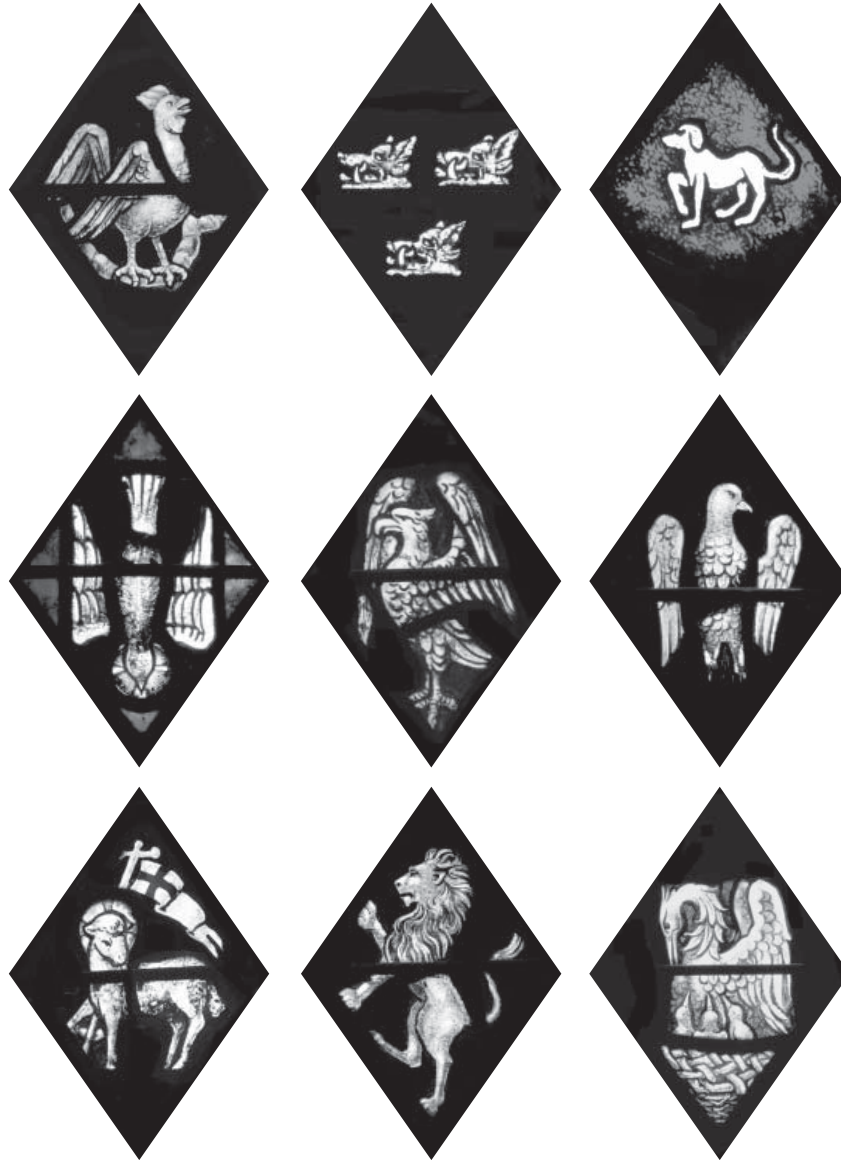
POSTLUDE

Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

South African freedom song

arr. John A. Behnke

IN THE DETAILS



All Creatures Great and Small

In between every pair of ovals in the *grisaille* stained glass windows (on the north and south walls of the sanctuary) there are small diamonds with various Christian symbols; pictured here are those featuring animals. (The boars' heads and dogs in the upper right two diamonds above were family crests of the church's architects; both diamonds are above the "Ministers' Plaque" in the north aisle.)

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Donna Gray, Hardy Kim, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Donna Gray, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soprano soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Jelena Dirks, oboe soloist
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Jelena Dirks, oboe soloist

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

Worship Notes

Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. *Epiphany* is a Greek word meaning “appearance,” “manifestation,” or “coming to light.” On this day we remember the magi following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all people.

The Minute for Mission is being presented on behalf of the 2008 Mission Benefit Committee.

The hymn “We Three Kings of Orient Are” tells of three kings, even though the Bible does not number the Magi who bowed down before the child Jesus. “Wise men from the East” is how they are described in the Gospel of Matthew. But tradition has assigned them the number three, one king for each of the three gifts brought to the child: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In depictions throughout history, artists have used the three Magi to represent the great diversity of people for whom the Messiah came. Some portrayals show the diversity of age—a young king, a middle-aged king, and an older king—others the diversity of race and continent. On Epiphany, the church celebrates Christ’s coming for this diversity, as we remember the Magi from afar following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all.

Today, the day when we remember the magi bringing gifts to the Christ child, is the last day to give gifts to the “Light Up a Life” campaign. “Light Up a Life” supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. Gifts to this campaign can be made using the 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.

The stained glass depiction of the birth of Christ, shown on the bulletin cover, can be seen in Blair Chapel. It is part of the memorial “children’s windows” that were donated in the 1930s, when the former Blair Chapel space was used, as the current chapel is during Sunday School, for weekly Sunday worship services.

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