
November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

God, our hope and desire,
we wait for your coming
as a woman longs for the birth,
the exile for her home,
the lover for the touch of his beloved,
and the humble poor for justice.

Janet Morley

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.

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 \$7.00 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Monday, January 5, 2009, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns and anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; 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

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

PRELUDE Savior of the Nations, Come *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Savior of the Nations, Come *Dieterich Buxtehude*
Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “Drop Dew, Ye Heavens” *Christopher Tye*
Drop dew, ye heavens from above, and let the clouds break forth in showers upon the righteous ones, in rain upon the just, and let the earth be opened and blossom forth a Savior.

*DOXOLOGY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: In a quiet time of hope, the prophet Isaiah called out to the Lord, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil.”

People: **We light candles on the Advent wreath to remind us of a time of waiting and watching, a time of hope, a time to bring the light of Christ into the world.**

Leader: The light is for us all—to heal and to challenge, to break down injustice and to build up love.

People: **In the face of the uncertainties of our world, God is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

People: **Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

***HYMN 5** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *Tune: PICARDY*

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Leader: In hope, the universe waits:

All: **God’s purpose shall be revealed.**

Leader: Limited by mortality, yet destined for liberation, in hope the universe waits:

All: **God’s purpose shall be revealed.**

Leader: Groaning as if in childbirth, sampling the fruits of God's harvest, in hope the universe waits:

All: **God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Leader: Trusting in what is unseen, believing the best is to come, in hope the universe waits:

All: **God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Leader: In the hiddenness of a byre, where the maker of all will be born, in hope the universe waits:

All: **God's purpose shall be revealed. Amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 80:1–7 (*responsively*) (page 511, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:24–37 (page 47, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by Calum I. MacLeod

ADVENT DISCIPLINE

“Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33 (NRSV)

***HYMN 3** “Comfort, Comfort You My People” *Tune: PSALM 42*

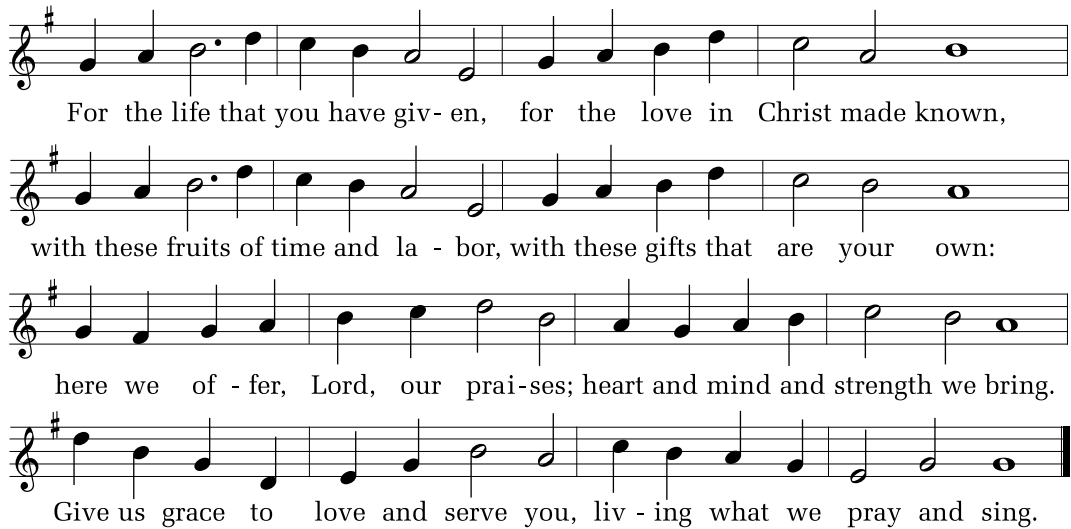
***APOSTLES' CREED** (*traditional*) (*The Hymnal, page 14*)

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 ANTHEM “I Look from Afar” *Anthony Piccolo*

***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: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .
. . . 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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THE LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)*

(The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

“Nobis Datus”

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious body sing and
the blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a virgin's womb once dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.
Given for us and condescending to be born for us below, he,
with men in converse blending, dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Edward C. Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and
Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation and
to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs
of angels, with every principality and power, the cherubim with
many eyes and winged seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout
exultingly the hymn, alleluia.

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) **We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from
heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your
service that our daily living may show our thanks; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Tune: TRURO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (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.

This morning 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 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 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, John W. Vest, Calum I. MacLeod

11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek, Calum I. MacLeod

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. Edward Choi, Mira Lee, and family

11:00 a.m. Martha and Ellen Whitwer

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found 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 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.

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