
Christmas Eve 2008

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

Phillips Brooks
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

4:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Noël *Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*

INTROIT “That Boy-Child of Mary” *Tom Colvin*

PROCESSIONAL “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” *Gustav Holst*

CALL 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 31** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Tune: MENDELSSOHN*

FIRST LESSON Luke 1:26–33, 38 (page 53, N.T.)

MARY SINGS “Magnificat” *Tune: MORNING SONG*

ANTHEM “The Angel Gabriel” *Basque carol*

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*

***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 your throne as our knees bend at your cradle. Amen.

***CAROL 40**

“Joy to the World!”

Tune: ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noël

Malcolm Archer

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES

4:00 Children’s Pageant

Donna Gray
Minister for Children and Families
Joann H. Lee *Pastoral Resident*
Abigail Canfield
Jacqueline Walker
Bert Rogers
Carl Roy Ohlhaber
Caroline Staublin
John E. Buchanan
The Cherub Choir and the Children’s Choir
Beverly Escuder
Children and Youth Music Director
John W. W. Sherer
Organist and Director of Music

6:00 Family Service

Adam Fronczek *Associate Pastor*
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader *Pastoral Resident*
Sarah A. Johnson *Pastoral Resident*
The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer
Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens *Associate Organist*

8:30 Service of Lessons and Carols

John W. Vest *Associate Pastor*
Beverly Washington
Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church
Sarah A. Johnson *Pastoral Resident*
Joyce Shin *Associate Pastor*
John H. Boyle *Parish Associate*
Martin Sherrod
Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church
Victoria G. Curtiss *Associate Pastor*
John M. Buchanan *Pastor*
Adam Fronczek *Associate Pastor*
Alice M. Trowbridge *Associate Pastor*
Calum I. MacLeod
Acting Executive Associate Pastor
The Morning Choir and Tower Brass
Marnie Pomeroy *Soprano Soloist*
John W. W. Sherer
Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens *Associate Organist*
Matthew Comerford
Artistic Director of Tower Brass

11:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

John W. Vest *Associate Pastor*
Melanie Oh
Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church
Thomas C. Rook *Parish Associate*
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader *Pastoral Resident*
Victoria G. Curtiss *Associate Pastor*
Henry Feldman
Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church
Joann H. Lee *Pastoral Resident*
John M. Buchanan *Pastor*
Adam Fronczek *Associate Pastor*
Alice M. Trowbridge *Associate Pastor*
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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 Wondrous Mystery	<i>Giovanni Gabrieli</i>
	Noël	<i>Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier</i>
	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	<i>Michael Praetorius</i>
	He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child	<i>Douglas Wagner</i>
	Christ Is Born Today	<i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>
	La Nativité	<i>Jean Langlais</i>
	What Child Is This?	<i>John Stainer</i>
	Carol	<i>Gerald Finzi</i>
	O Holy Night	<i>Adolphe Adam</i>

INTROIT	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	<i>Polish carol arr. David Willcocks</i>
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CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

*CAROL 49	“Once in Royal David’s City” <i>(stanza 1 sung by soloist)</i>	<i>Tune: IRBY</i>
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*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Leader: 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	“How Far Is it to Bethlehem?”	<i>Geoffrey Shaw</i>
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LESSON	Psalms 98	(page 521, O.T.)
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*CAROL 41	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	<i>Tune: ADESTE FIDELES</i>
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LESSON	Luke 1:26–35, 38	(page 53, N.T.)
ANTHEM	“There Is No Rose of Such Virtue”	<i>Stephen Caracciolo</i>
LESSON	Luke 2:1–12	(page 54, N.T.)
*CAROL 44	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune: ST. LOUIS</i>
LESSON	Luke 2:13–20	(page 55, N.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan	
*CAROL 23	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>Tune: GLORIA</i>
LESSON	1 John 4:7–9, 16b	(page 226, N.T.)
PRAYER		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	<i>John Rutter</i>
LESSON	John 1:1–5	(page 86, N.T.)
SPREADING THE LIGHT	“Silent Night” <i>(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)</i>	<i>Tune: STILLE NACHT</i>
*UNISON PRAYER	<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>	
*CAROL 31	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Tune: MENDELSSOHN</i>
BENEDICTION		
CLOSING RESPONSE	“Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand”	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
POSTLUDE	Go Tell It on the Mountain	<i>African American spiritual arr. Aaron David Miller</i>

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 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.

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.*

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