

These sudden ends of time must give us pause.  
We fray into the future, rarely wrought  
Save in the tapestries of afterthought.  
More time, more time. Barrages of applause  
Come muffled from a buried radio.  
The New-year bells are wrangling with the snow.

Richard Wilbur  
"Year's End"

## 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 worshippers 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, January 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 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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**The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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## MORNING WORSHIP

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Noël	<i>Aaron David Miller</i>
	Suite No. 2	<i>Calvin Hampton</i>
	Lullaby	
	He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child	<i>French carol arr. Morgan Simmons</i>
	What Child Is This	<i>English ballad arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>

<b>INTROIT</b>	“To Bethlehem”	<i>David McK. Williams</i>
	O, I would go to Bethlehem where Mary and her darling are; I'd travel quickly to them, led by the light of one great star, the lovely shining Christmas star. And I would see the holy babe with mother Mary keeping her watch o'er Jesus sleeping.	

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* <b>HYMN 25</b>	“Away in a Manger”	<i>Tune: MUELLER</i>
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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of the Christ child, for the miracle of new life and for the promise of new creation for all. We confess that even in the wake of the birth of the Christ child, we are overwhelmed by exhaustion, fear, and doubt. We fear for our own security, and we still have not learned to put aside our anxiety and place our trust in you. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us a sense of your peace. Renew a right spirit within us. Make us trust in the little child who shall lead us. Help us to live into the promise of the newness of Christmas. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem to bring your light into the world. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

<b>PSALTER</b>	Psalm 148 ( <i>sung</i> )	(The Hymnal, 256)
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*\*Stand as you are able.*

**ANTHEM**                                    “A Child Is Born in Bethlehem”                                    *Samuel Scheidt*  
A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia, and joy is in Jerusalem, alleluia. Rejoice, sing high, sing low, alleluia *benedicamus Domino*, alleluia. To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, alleluia, thou son of Mary, mother maid, alleluia. To Holy Trinity give praise, alleluia, with *Deo gracias* always, alleluia.

**FIRST LESSON**                                    Isaiah 61:10—62:3                                    (page 650, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON**                                    Luke 2:22–40                                    (page 55, N.T.)

**SERMON**                                    by Adam Fronczek

**HARD TIMES**

“When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.” Luke 2:39 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 53**                                    “What Child Is This”                                    *Tune: GREENSLEEVES*

**\*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 "Alleluia, Amen"

*Parke S. Barnard*

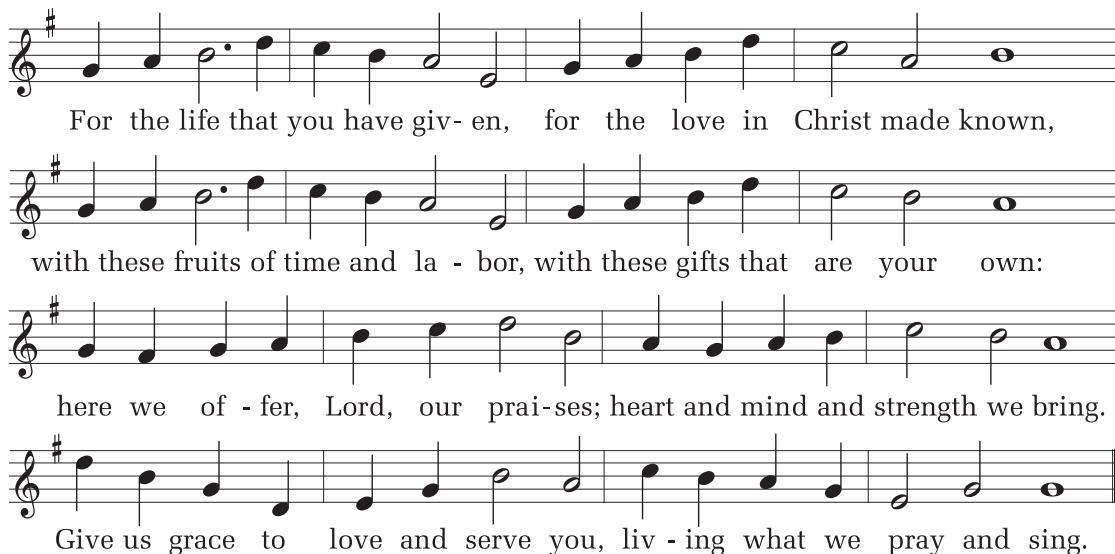
### OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

*French carol  
arr. Charles Wood*

Ding dong! Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells  
are ringing. Ding dong! Verily the sky is riven with angel singing,  
"Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!" E'en so, here below let steeple bells  
be swungen, and i-o, i-o, i-o by priest and people sungen.  
Pray you beautifully rime your eventime song, ye singers.

### \*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: **Holy God, we give you thanks that you inspired people in ages past to praise your promise and presence in the infant Jesus. In our own time, you inspire us to recognize your presence in our lives and to nourish the gifts you have given us and share those gifts with others. Accept these offerings and bless them for your service in the world. In the new year to come, help us to dedicate ourselves to you generously and without fear. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 41**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

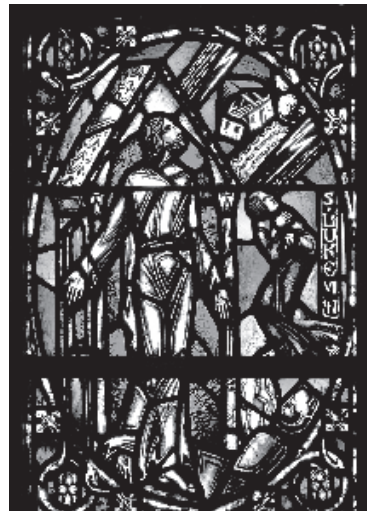
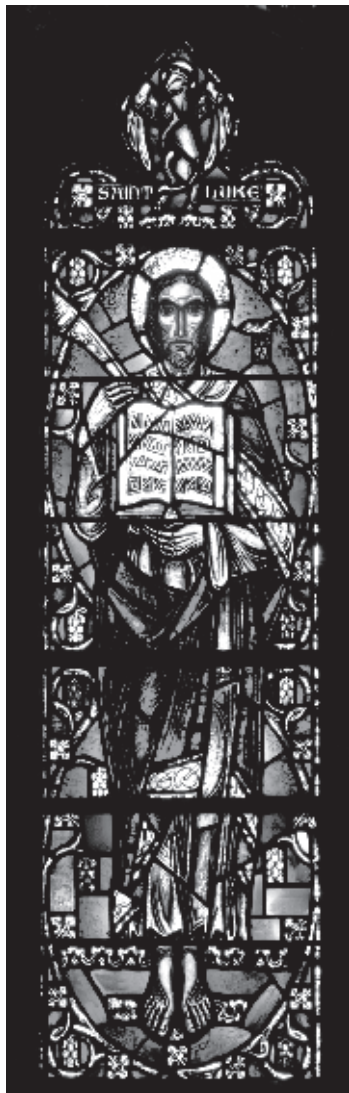
## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE**

Go Tell It On the Mountain

*African American spiritual  
arr. Eugene Hancock*

## IN THE DETAILS



The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed by Charles J. Connick and installed in 1930. In 1937, Fourth Church gave the east window that had been installed at the time the sanctuary was built (1914) to the Roseland Presbyterian Church at 11200 S. State Street. That original window, done in the style of the grisaille windows along the aisles of the sanctuary, can still be seen at the church, which is today known as Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

Shown on this page is the fourth window panel from the left, in which Saint Luke is depicted at the top of the panel, with an ox (the symbol for Luke and his portrayal of the sacrificial character of Christ) and the identification "Saint Luke" above his head. The central scene (*upper right*) is a representation of the New Testament parable of the house built on a rock (Luke 6:47–49). Below that sits the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, shown as a prototype of Luke.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, Adam Fronczek

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Natalie Mann, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday morning services. A Sunday evening Vespers service is held at 6:30 p.m. Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to pray for members of the congregation and remember those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be Friday, January 23.

**The “Light Up a Life” offering** is being received through the Christmas season.

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.

**Fourth Church will host an Ecumenical New Year’s Eve Service** on Wednesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. Holy Name Cathedral will again be sharing in the worship leadership, as they do each New Year’s Eve.

**The stained glass depiction of the birth of Christ**, shown on the bulletin cover, can be seen in Blair Chapel, where children’s services are held weekly. It is part of the memorial “children’s windows” that were donated in the 1930s for the children’s worship space.

## PASTORAL STAFF

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