

January 4, 2009

Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

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, 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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MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	<i>Johann Pachelbel</i>
	We Praise Thy Holy Beam	<i>Sigfrid Karg-Elert</i>
	See the Eastern Star	<i>Puerto Rican carol arr. Michael Burkhardt</i>
	We Three Kings	<i>Johannes Matthias Michel</i>
	Star of Hope	<i>Richard Keys Biggs</i>

INTROIT	“Saw You Never in the Twilight”	<i>Harold Friedell</i>
	Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heaven the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men, watching, saw a little stranger star, and they knew the King was given, and they followed it from afar.	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 63	“As with Gladness Men of Old”	<i>Tune: DIX</i>
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LITANY FOR EPIPHANY *(responsively)*

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:
“The grace of God be with us all.”

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 the nations

that they may seek justice
and further peace and freedom for all.

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

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.**

Minister: O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God,
gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory;
call us by our name on the great Day of your coming;
and give us grace to offer,
with all the hosts of heaven,
unending praises to God
in whom all things find their ending,
now and ever.

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.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 72:1–7 (*responsively*)

(page 504, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Salva Nos, Stella Maris” *Cristobal de Morales*
Save us, star of the sea, you who hold in your embrace the King
to whom kings come offering gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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 Alice M. Trowbridge
STAR OF GLORY
“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary
his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.”
Matthew 2:11 (NRSV)

***HYMN 68** “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***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"

Richard Warner

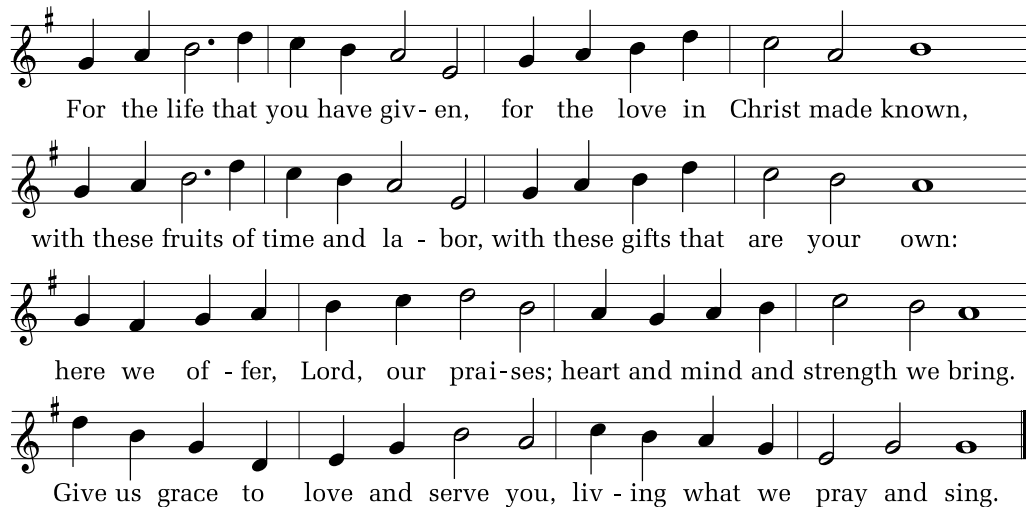
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth"

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a scepter from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly beams the morning star, with sudden radiance from afar, with light and comfort glowing! Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love overflowing!

***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.
So we give you our great praise
that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory.
We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son
and for claiming our lives in baptism
to be his glad disciples.
By your Spirit,
may 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 all nations,
in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 66**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Joy

J. M. Michel

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, Alice M. Trowbridge

11:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, Alice M. Trowbridge

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

WORSHIP NOTES

This Sunday we observe Epiphany, which is the twelfth day of Christmas and falls on January 6. It is a time when we remember the Magi from afar following the light of the star to worship Jesus, a time when we celebrate Jesus as king of all people.

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 offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An evening Vespers service is held at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. On weekdays, 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). On the fourth Friday of each month a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, January 23.

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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