



## Lighting the Advent Candle

One: ... And even when there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

**\*Song** "Candle of Hope"

**All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, so that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**\*Hymn 11** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" *Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

**First Lesson** Isaiah 40:1–11 (page 627, O.T.)

**\*Hymn 3** "Comfort, Comfort You My People" *Tune: PSALM 42*

**Second Lesson** Jeremiah 31:31–34 (page 691, O.T.)

**Anthem** "Pengyou, Ting" *Chinese melody  
arr. Carolyn Jennings*

Listen, friend! Good news! Jesus came to earth for you; came from heaven where he was Lord; came to earth to save us all. Jesus Christ came to earth for me, for you.

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 35:1–10 (page 623, O.T.)

**\*Hymn 18** "The Desert Shall Rejoice" *Tune: STERLING*

**Fourth Lesson** Micah 5:2–4 (page 815, O.T.)

**Anthem** "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" *English carol  
arr. Hal H. Hopson*

Tomorrow shall be dancing day; I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance. Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance, thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance. Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love. In a manger laid so cold and crude, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a donkey so rude, to call my true love to my dance. Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love. Tomorrow shall be my dancing day.

<b>Fifth Lesson</b>	Isaiah 11:1–9	(page 602, O.T.)
<b>*Carol 48</b>	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	<i>Tune: Es IST EIN’ Ros’</i>
<b>Sixth Lesson</b>	Zephaniah 3:14–18	(page 826, O.T.)
<b>Anthem</b>	“There Is No Rose”	<i>Pat Messick</i>
	There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia. For in that rose contained was heaven and earth in little space. <i>Pares forma</i> . Alleluia. The angels sungen the shepherds too, now go find the babe who is born for you. Gloria! Alleluia. Now leave we all this wordly mirth and follow we this joyful birth. <i>Transeamus</i> . Alleluia.	
<b>Seventh Lesson</b>	Luke 1:26–38	(page 53, N.T.)
<b>*Carol 16</b>	“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”	<i>Tune: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE</i>
<b>Eighth Lesson</b>	Luke 1:39–56	(page 53, N.T.)
<b>Anthem</b>	“Angelus ad Virginem”	<i>Irish melody arr. David Blackwell</i>
	Gabriel to Mary came and entered at her dwelling, with his salutation glad her maiden fears dispelling. “All hail, thou queen of virgins bright! God, Lord of earth and heaven’s height, thy very Son, shall soon be born in pureness, the Savior of mankind. Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinner’s healer kind.” “How could I a mother be that am to man a stranger? How should I my strong resolve, my solemn vows, endanger?” “Power from the Holy Ghost on high shall bring to pass this mystery. Then have no fear, be of good cheer, believing that still thy chastity in God’s almighty keeping shall all unsullied be.” Then to him the maid replied with noble mien supernal, “Lo, the humble handmaid I of God the Lord eternal! With thee bright messenger of heaven, by whom this wondrous news is given, I well agree and long to see fulfilled thy gracious prophecy. As God my Lord doth will it, so be it to me.” Hail mother of the Lord, who bringest of gifts the rarest, peace to angels and to all, when Christ the Lord thou barest. Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son for us our longed redemption himself to win and from our sin release us, his succor for to give, that, when we hence are taken, we too in heaven may live.	
<b>Ninth Lesson</b>	John 1:1–18	(page 86, N.T.)
<b>*Carol 31</b>	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Tune: MENDELSSOHN</i>

**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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** "People, Look East"

*French carol  
arr. Robert Evans*

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen he for fledgling time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the east. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**\*Carol 23** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Tune: GLORIA*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Noël

*French carol  
arr. Kevin McChesney*

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**Following the service,** all are invited to Anderson Hall for the annual cookies-and-cocoa reception hosted by Women@Fourth Connect.

## **Worship Leaders**

<b>Jocelyn C. Cadwallader</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Adam Fronczek</b>	Liturgist
<b>Geoff Anderson</b>	Reader
<b>S.L. van der Zanden</b>	Reader
<b>Nancy Baird</b>	Reader
<b>Hope Daniels</b>	Reader
<b>Emily Childers</b>	Reader
<b>Stanley Smith</b>	Reader
<b>Irene Bumpus</b>	Reader
<b>Jean Marie Koon</b>	Reader
<b>John M. Buchanan</b>	Pastor
<b>The Children's Choir</b>	
<b>The Junior High Choir</b>	
<b>The Senior High Choir</b>	
<b>The Chancel Choir</b>	
<b>The Morning Choir</b>	
<b>The Chamber Choir</b>	
<b>The Hand Bell Choir</b>	
<b>Thomas E. Gouwens</b>	Associate Organist
<b>Beverly Escuder</b>	Children and Youth Music Director
<b>John W. W. Sherer</b>	Organist and Director of Music

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# News and Opportunities

## Advent and Christmas

**“Light Up a Life”** this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life.

**“Operation Christmas Gift Bag,”** which provides filled gift bags for the Sunday Night Supper guests, is in need of more gift bag donations. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk. Bags will be collected through Wednesday, December 16.

**Chicago Lights Holiday Cards,** designed by Tutoring students, are available online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org), during morning Coffee Hour, and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

**Christmas Day dinner tickets** are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

**A midweek Advent service** is held at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each Wednesday of Advent.

**The annual Christmas Cantata** will be sung by the Morning Choir on Sunday, December 20 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship, featuring *Freide auf Erden* by Arnold Schönberg.

**There will be four candlelight services on Christmas Eve**—4:00 (Children’s Pageant), 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00 p.m.—and an 11:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day.

**Daily Advent devotions,** written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in printed booklets that can be found in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## Worship

**A New Year’s Eve service** in the style of Taizé will be held on Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Weekly Sunday worship services** are held at 8:00 (Communion), 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Communion).

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which this week takes place in Blair Chapel.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday school classes** for children meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Fourth Church youth** meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.: Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest.

**Choir practice for children and youth** is held Sunday mornings in the Dining Room; for details, contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

**The annual La Posada Family Night** will be held Friday, December 18 at the church. Families with younger children are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m.; families with older children may arrive at 6:15 p.m. For more details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 ([mscanlan@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mscanlan@fourthchurch.org)).

## During Today's Worship

**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.

**Large-print Bibles 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.

**Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.**

**If your infant or small child needs care** during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. 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.

## 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 the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).

## News and Resources

**Thank you to those who have already fulfilled their 2009 pledge.** There is still \$824,000 in outstanding pledges from 820 households that is needed before year-end, so the Resource Development Committee asks those who have not fulfilled their 2009 pledge to please do so in the next three weeks.

**The Project Second Century Steering Committee** recently reported to the Session and Trustees that basic concepts have been outlined for a new four-story building and that proposals from architects are currently being reviewed, with the intent of bringing final designs and plans to the congregation in June 2010. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html) or contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 ([rholben@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rholben@fourthchurch.org)).

**Mission trip applications for the March 12–20 trip to Cuba** are due this Tuesday, December 15. Those

interested in the trip to Tanzania and Kenya are encouraged to turn in applications well before the February 1 deadline. Details about these trips as well as the application form are available in the literature racks.

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Candle sleeves** on December 22 or 23 to prepare for Christmas Eve services

**Servers** for Christmas Day congregational dinner

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Filled Christmas gift bags** for Sunday Night Supper guests; instructions and a bag to fill are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk

**For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.**