WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Prelude Noël Claude Balbastre

4:00 p.m.

Introit "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Polish carol

PROCESSIONAL "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Gustav Holst

CALL TO WORSHIP

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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 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Tune: Adeste Fideles

First Lesson Luke 1:26–33, 38 (page 53, N.T.)

MARY SINGS "Magnificat" Tune: MORNING SONG

ANTHEM "Nova, Nova!" Michael Bedford

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

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1–2, 10–11 (page 1, N.T.)

ANTHEM "We Three Kings" John H. Hopkins Jr.

(Congregation remains seated and sings stanza 5, Hymn 66)

PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS

(Congregation remains seated and sings "The First Nowell,"

Hymn 56)

Offertory Anthem Gaudete from Pie Cantiones Anonymous

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional) (page 16, The Hymnal)

ACT OF DEDICATION

SPREADING THE LIGHT (Congregation remains seated)

Songs of Praise (Congregation remains seated)

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine.

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens

there shone a holy light.

"Silent Night" – Stanzas 1 and 3 (see back cover)

SILENCE (Please extinguish your candle prior to the carol.)

*Carol 40 "Joy to the World!" Tune: Antioch

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella Keith Chapman

FAMILY WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

Iohann Pachelbel

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

Prelude Noël Claude Balbastre

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

What Child Is This? Searle Wright
Silent Night Samuel Barber

Introit "While by My Sheep" Hugo Jüngst

OPENING RESPONSES

Minister: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Minister: Born in humility, Christ came to rule over all.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Minister: Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of God's love.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Minister: Poor in the things of the world, he brought the wealth

of God's grace.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Minister: The Light of the world has come: Mighty God, Everlasting

Lord, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

*CAROL 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Tune: Adeste Fideles

A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

"Jesus' Christmas Party" by Nicholas Allan

*Carol 25 "Away in a Manger" Tune: Mueller

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH

Luke 2:1–14 (page 54, N.T.)

*Carol 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Tune: Gloria

MEDITATION SLEEP IN PEACE by Linda C. Loving

*Carol 56 "The First Nowell" (Stanzas 1–4) Tune: Gloria

PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "Ding-Dong! Merrily on High" French carol

arr. Charles Wood

Spreading the Light "Silent Night" (Words printed on the back of the bulletin)

Unison Prayer Most Holy God, with the astonished shepherds we praise

you and thank you for all that we have seen and heard and known concerning the birth of Jesus. He is God-with-us, the abiding mystery of the divine Spirit who brings healing and hope. Fill us with this deep and timeless truth as we go out into the darkness to be your light, until the day comes when all people everywhere may sleep in peace. Amen.

*Carol 40 "Joy to the World!" Tune: Antioch

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella Keith Chapman

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES

4:00 Children's Pageant

Donna Gray

Minister for Children and Families

John W. Vest Associate Pastor

Maggie Olson

Duncan McGaan

Trey Bess

Ana Pranger

Tai Shonkwiler

John Staublin

The Cherub Choir and the Children's Choir

Jeanne Bishop Soprano Soloist

Beverly Escuder

Children and Youth Music Director

John W. W. Sherer

Organist and Director of Music

6:00 Family Service

Linda C. Loving Minister for Evangelism

Calum I. MacLeod

Executive Associate Pastor

Joann H. Lee Pastoral Resident

The Chancel Choir

John W. W. Sherer

Organist and Director of Music

8:30 Service of Lessons and Carols

John M. Buchanan Pastor

Calum I. MacLeod

Executive Associate Pastor

Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor

Joyce Shin *Associate Pastor*

Alice M. Trowbridge Associate Pastor

John W. Vest Associate Pastor

John H. Boyle Parish Associate

Sarah A. Johnson Pastoral Resident

Abigail Canfield

Elaine Filus

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 M. Buchanan Pastor

Calum I. MacLeod

Executive Associate Pastor

Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor

Linda C. Loving Minister for Evangelism

John W. Vest Associate Pastor

Thomas C. Rook Parish Associate

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader Pastoral Resident

Joann H. Lee Pastoral Resident

Emma Link

Pat Tam

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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 Jesus, Be My Firm Foundation Johann Sebastian Bach

Noël Claude Balbastre

Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand

J. S. Bach
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
My Spirit Be Joyful

J. S. Bach

J. S. Bach

J. S. Bach

What Child Is This?

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Silent Night

Searle Wright

William Berry

Samuel Barber

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Introit "Saw You Never, in the Twilight" Harold Freidell

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

*Carol 49 "Once in Royal David's City" Tune: Irby

(Stanza 1 sung by soloist)

*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.)

ANTHEM "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" John Rutter

Lesson Psalm 98 (page 521, O.T.)

*CAROL 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Tune: Adeste Fideles

Lesson Luke 1:26–35, 38 (page 53, N.T.)

*Stand as you are able.

ANTHEM "There Is No Rose of Such Virtue" John Joubert

Lesson Luke 2:1–12 (page 54, N.T.)

*CAROL 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Tune: St. Louis

Lesson Luke 2:13–20 (page 55, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

*Carol 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Tune: Gloria

Lesson 1 John 4:7–9, 16b (page 226, N.T.)

PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "Ave Maria" Franz Biebl

Lesson John 1:1–5 (page 86, N.T.)

SPREADING THE LIGHT "Silent Night" Tune: STILLE NACHT

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)

*Unison Prayer 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.

*Carol 40 "Joy to the World!" Tune: Antioch

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Now the Triumph Is Completed J. S. Bach

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 you 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.

Harry and Gladys Hutchison

Gifts supporting Christmastime sanctuary adornments have been made in memory and in honor of family, friends, and loved ones.

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