

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.

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.

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 information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Noël
Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Claude Louis d'Aquin
Wilbur Held*

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minister: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

People: **let us go to find the Savior!**

Minister: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: **let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Minister: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: **let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Minister: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the
nations. Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

People: **Christ the Lord!**

*CAROL 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS *(unison)*

**You surprised a world, O God,
by coming not in clashing thunder
or flashing lights but in the quiet and simple splendor
of a child's radiant face.**

**Help us to understand this mystery of love beyond all loves,
that we may be led to a new kind of love:**

**a love that loves not by what we can get
but in what we can give,**

**a love that counts not who is worthy to receive,
but, beyond our human calculations,
is showered freely on all.**

**Show us the way of Bethlehem's child,
that in seeing, we may believe,
and in believing, we may learn again how to love.**

Amen.

WELCOME

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER	Psalm 98 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 521, O.T.)
SOLO	“A Child My Choice”	<i>Richard Dirksen</i>
FIRST LESSON	Zechariah 2:10–13	(page 829, O.T.)
	Minister: The Word of the Lord.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SECOND LESSON	John 1:1–14	(page 86, N.T.)
SERMON	by Adam Fronczek LIFTING OUR EYES TO THE LIGHT	
*CAROL 25	“Away in a Manger”	<i>Tune: MUELLER</i>

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) from *Philippians 2:6–11*

**We believe in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

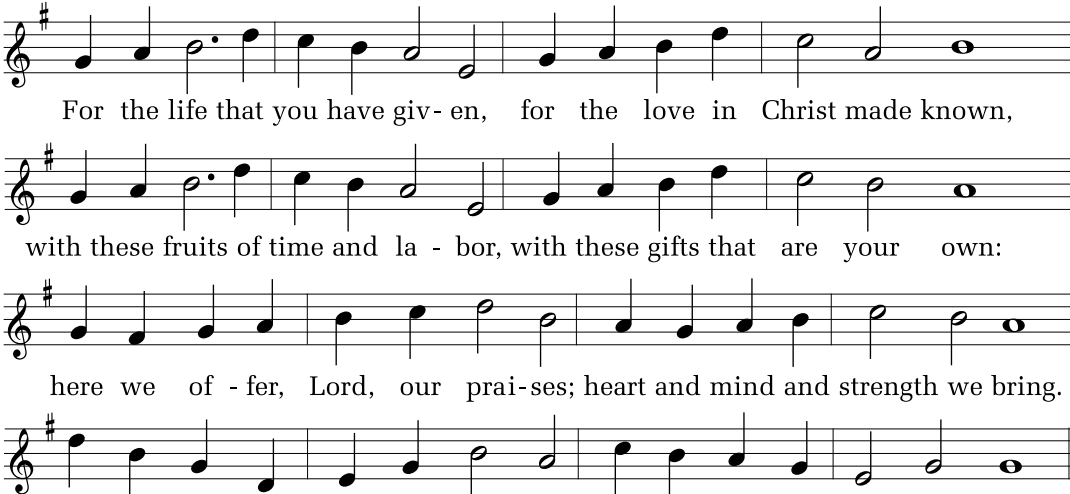
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Gesù Bambino (The Infant Jesus)"

Pietro A. Yon

*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: **O God, in the sending of your Son, Jesus,
to be born of Mary,
your Word became flesh,
and we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.
His name is above every name,
the Prince of Peace and Savior of all.
In him we have been brought out of darkness
into your marvelous light.
In response to your amazing love
we offer you these our gifts and
pray that you would bless them to your service
in the world you have redeemed
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.**

***CAROL 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Tune: MENDELSSOHN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation: “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

Tune: PERSONENT HODIE

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

In Memory of

Mary Shawn Addington	Eileen and Walter Herget	Herman and Celia Retzler
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In Honor of

The Benevolent Guild	Lena Morton	Rosaria and Thomas Rinkoski
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Eva Jane Milligan		

WORSHIP LEADERS Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam Fronczek

THE MUSIC TODAY Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Carol Carpenter, Alto Soloist

WORSHIP NOTES

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout December. 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.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday services, which are held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and 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, although this month, the Taizé service will be held on Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

PASTORAL STAFF

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