

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 72:1–7 (*responsively*) (page 504, O.T.)

ANTHEM “How Far Is It to Bethlehem?” *Geoffrey Shaw*
How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable room, lit by a star? Can we see the little child, is he within? If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in? May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass, and sheep? May we be like them and see Jesus asleep? If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake? Will he know we’d come so far, just for his sake? Great kings leave precious gifts, and we have nought. Little smiles and little tears are all we brought. For all weary children Mary must weep; here, on his bed of straw, sleep, children, sleep. God in his mother’s arms, babes in the byre, sleep as they sleep who find their heart’s desire.

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 Changing Course: Going by Another Road JUDITH L. WATT

***HYMN 66** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” *Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT*

***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"

John W. W. Sherer

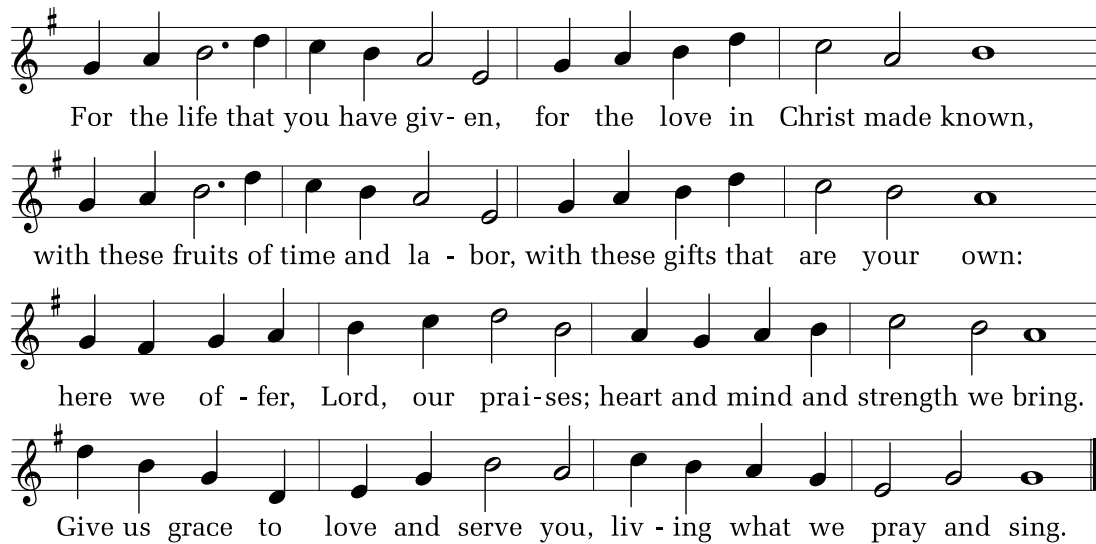
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Golden Mornings"

*English carol
arr. John R. Wood*

They saw the light shine out afar on Christmas in the morning,
and straight they knew it was the star that came to give them
warning. Then did they fall on bended knee, the light their heads
adorning, and praised the Lord, who let them see his glory in the
morning. For three short years he went abroad and set our hearts
a-burning; that mission turned the world to God and brought the
night to morning. He bore for us repulse and pain, ingratitude and
scorning; he suffered, died, he rose again at Easter in the morning.
O every thought be of his grace, on each day in the morning; and for
his kingdom's loveliness our souls be ever yearning. So may we live,
to heaven our hearts in hope forever turning. Then may we die, as
each departs, in joy at our new morning. Lift up your heads, rejoice
and dance. Forget the days of mourning! The waves of light advance;
the fire of love is burning. Farewell to hate and stupid fears, to
ignorance and sorrow! He who was with us through the years shall
bring us to the morrow!

***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 68**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Joy

Johannes Matthias Michel

Guest Preachers in January

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that Tony Campolo and J. Herbert Nelson II will be sharing the Word with us this January.



Tony Campolo

JANUARY 13 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Tony Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, having worked to create and support programs for “at-risk” children in cities across North America.

The author of more than thirty-five books, Dr. Campolo blogs regularly at his website, redletterchristians.org, and is a media commentator on religious, social, and political matters. Dr. Campolo, who has served American Baptist churches, speaks approximately 350 times a year around the world for churches, colleges, youth groups, and the business community.



J. Herbert Nelson II

JANUARY 20 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

J. Herbert Nelson II serves as Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC, a prophetic office of the denomination that implements the social justice agenda of the PCUSA General Assembly through advocacy with the executive and legislative branches of the federal government.

A third-generation Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Nelson served as Founder/Pastor of Liberation Community Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, the first African American church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in forty-six years. He also served as Associate Director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Judith L. Watt

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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

Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “appearance,” “manifestation,” or “coming to light.” On this day we remember the magi following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all people.

Today’s Minute for Discipleship is presented by Ed Miller on behalf of the Gratz Center Planning Committee.

Today we recall the gifts brought by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. “Light Up a Life” gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. Gifts can be made by using the 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.

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