

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Kenneth Leighton*
Savior of the Nations, Come *Paul Manz*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Robert Lau*

INTROIT “We Wait and Hope for the Lord” *Dale Wood*
(9:30) We wait and hope for the Lord, for he is our help and shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your
unfailing love be upon us, O Lord, as we put our hope in you.

INTROIT “Spirit of the Living God” *Daniel Iverson*
(11:00) Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

“My God Is So Great” *Anonymous*
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God
cannot do. The mountains are his, the rivers are his,
the stars are his handiwork, too. My God is so great, so strong
and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do for you.

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: In expectation of her child, Mary sang out for joy:
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor upon
the lowliness of his servant.”

People: **“Surely, from now on all generations
will call us blessed; for the Mighty One
has done great things for us, and holy is God’s name.”**

Leader: The third candle on the Advent wreath stands
for joy. It reminds us to be thankful that God’s
presence is becoming brighter in our world.

People: **The light reminds us that God’s child
is coming to bring joy to the world.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

People: **Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 146:5–10 *(responsively)* (page 549, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Rorate coeli” *Christopher Tye*
 Drop dew, ye heavens, from above and let the clouds break forth in showers upon the righteous, in rain upon the just; and let the earth be opened and blossom forth a Savior.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:1–10 (page 623, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 11:2–11 (page 10, N.T.)

SERMON Dual Citizenship *CALUM I. MACLEOD*
“Go and tell John what you hear and see.”
 Matthew 11:4 (NRSV)

***HYMN 6** “Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending” *Tune: HELMSLEY*

***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

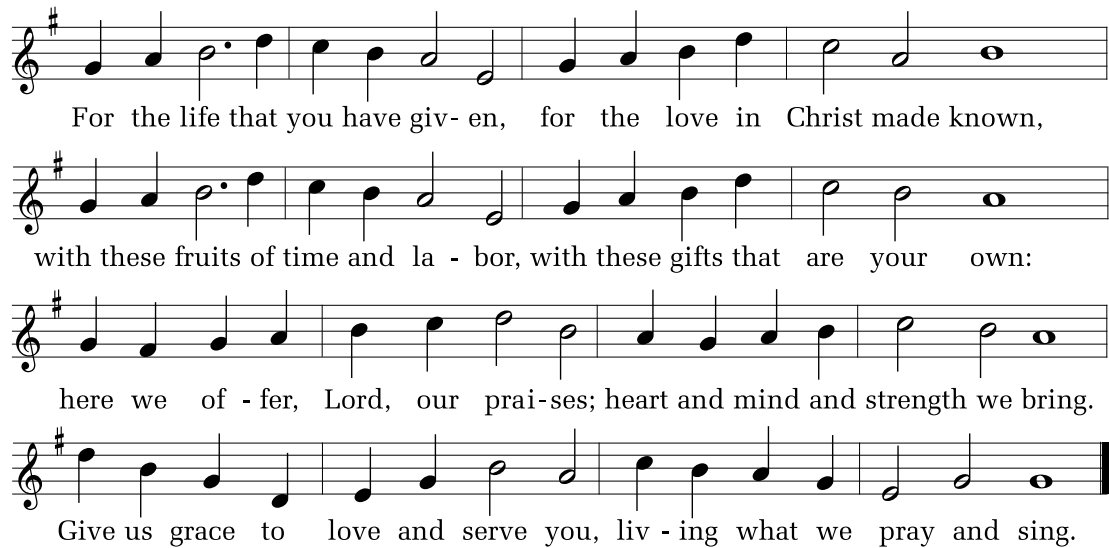
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Hugo Distler

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came a
flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was
the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show
God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was
the night. This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness
fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness
everywhere. True man, yet very God! From sin and death he
saves us and lightens every load.

*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: **Generous God, you have given us life,
a place to live in,
and people to live with.
Open our eyes to each other
and to all our brothers and sisters,
especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated.
Make us humble enough to help and comfort them,
so that your love and justice and peace may come to them.
We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts
to you and to the service of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Tune: TRURO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

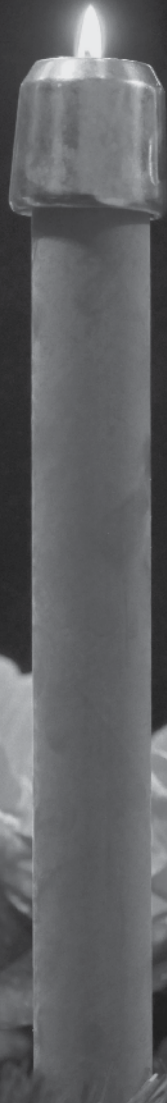
POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Adolphus Hailstork

Christmas Worship

AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22

During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

Vivaldi's *Gloria*

Four Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

6:00 p.m. Family Service

Adam H. Fronczek preaching

8:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Calum I. MacLeod preaching

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Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Hardy H. Kim preaching

New Year's Eve Taizé Service

Tuesday, December 31

7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. John W. Vest, Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod

11:00 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. Brian and Melinda Lukens Family

11:00 a.m. Jeff Doane and Gretchen VanNatta

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Cherub Choir; The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of Light Up a Life, the holiday gift program at Fourth Church. Light Up a Life supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights.

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.

The Advent banners, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley.

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