

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	<i>Leo Sowerby</i>
	Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending	<i>Alan Ridout</i>
	Gabriel's Oboe	<i>Ennio Morricone</i>
	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	<i>George Schafer</i>

<b>INTROIT</b>	“Our King and Savior Now Draws Near”	<i>Iain Quinn</i>
	Our King and Savior now draws near; come let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.	

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

### **\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: In the coming of Christ, we hear God's message to us:

“I have exalted one chosen from the people.  
I have found my servant David;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him;  
my hand shall always remain with him.”

People: **We shall cry out to Christ, “You are my God,  
the Rock of my salvation!”**

Leader: The fourth candle on the Advent wreath  
reminds us that our Savior has almost come.  
He will bring light to the darkness and hope to the world.

People: **We are called into God's house to bear witness to the light.  
We are sent from God's house to take light into 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.**

**\*HYMN 41** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

People: **O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.**

Minister: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us.**

Minister: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

People: **We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.**

Minister: And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: **Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.  
Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.  
It's time that we prepare for your coming.  
Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.  
Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love.  
Let Christ come into the fullness of our time.  
Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10–16

(page 598, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 1:18–25

(page 1, N.T.)

**SERMON**

“The Gift”

CALUM I. MACLEOD

“*You are to name him Jesus.*” Matthew 1:21 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 23**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Tune:* GLORIA

**\*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.**

**OFFERING**

OFFERTORY CANTATA "Gloria"

Antonio Vivaldi

- I. Gloria in excelsis  
*Glory be to God on high.*
- II. Et in terra pax  
*And on earth peace to all of good will.*
- III. Laudamus te  
*We praise thee. We bless thee. We adore thee. We glorify thee.*
- IV. Gratias agimus tibi  
*We give thanks to thee.*
- V. Propter magnum gloriam  
*All for thy great glory.*
- VI. Domine Deus  
*O Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, the Father.*
- VII. Domine fili unigenite  
*O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.*
- VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei  
*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*
- IX. Qui tollis  
*Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*
- X. Qui sedes ad dexteram  
*Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*
- XI. Quoniam tu solus sanctus  
*For thou art holy. Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou alone art most high, Jesus Christ.*
- XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu  
*With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**\*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 mystery and might,  
we praise you and worship you,  
for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,  
to enter our world as a child of humble birth.  
We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,  
born of your servant Mary.  
In his face we behold your glory,  
for in his life as in his death is your gift of salvation.  
By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,  
that we may give as we have received.  
Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,  
God of love and peace,  
in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Tune: MENDELSSOHN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Judith L. Watt, Calum I. MacLeod

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. Russell A. Vilt

11:00 a.m. Brian and Jennifer McCrea Family

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Morning Choir; Members of the Chicago Chamber Orchestra;  
Gillian Hollis, Carla Janzen, Kimberly Gunderson, Carol Carpenter,  
Beena David, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's Christmas Cantata**, Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*, was composed in 1713 for the orchestra and chorus Vivaldi taught at a Venetian orphanage. This thirty-minute work is divided into twelve contrasting movements.

**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.

**The "Light Up a Life" offering** provides important year-end support to community outreach through Chicago Lights as well as to congregational programs and mission at Fourth Church. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made by 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.

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