



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Gathering

**Gathering Music** “Coventry Carol”  
“Away in a Manger”

*Traditional English melody*  
*Attr: James R. Murray*

*We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.*

### Welcome

*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.*

**Call to Worship** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Leader 1: God does not come from nowhere, but through a people named Israel, a prophet named Nathan, a king named David, and a descendant of David named Jesus.

Leader 2: God’s arrival in Jesus is announced by the preaching of John the Baptist, through a dream to Joseph, and in a visit by an angel to Mary.

Leader 1: God is not afraid to be involved in the world. In the arrival of Jesus, Joseph makes a hard decision, Mary takes a leap of faith, and the world discovers that the Messiah is a child in a manger.

Leader 2: God speaks in many ways: through dreams, visions, new ideas, and the kicking of a child not yet born. We light our fourth candle, asking that we may hear God’s call in our body, mind, and spirit.

People: **Living Christ, give us faith to trust you, hope to follow you, love to live for you, and wisdom to know you. Amen.**

**\*Opening Song** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**\*Opening Song** “What Child Is This”

**Prayer for the Coming of Christmas** (*unison*)

**We gather in preparation for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

**We gather in expectation for joy is about to explode in our midst.**

**We gather in celebration for we are those people who have said  
yes to the manger,**

**yes to love enfleshed,**

**yes to the one incarnate for others,**

**yes to the wholeness of God.**

**With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate! Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers in Christ. Please stand and greet one another with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**\*Song** "Soon and Very Soon"

## **Hearing and Proclaiming the Word**

**Scripture** Matthew 1:18–25

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**Sermon** "Beyond Genealogy"

Adam H. Fronczek

**\*Song** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*

## Offertory Music "In the Bleak Midwinter"

*Gustav Holst/Christina Rossetti*

## \*Doxology

*Lucy Smith*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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!**

## Sanctus

*Lucy Smith*

## 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.

### The Communion

Communion Music "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*Richard S. Willis  
and Edmund H. Sears*

### Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

God, as we await the coming of the Christ child,  
we thank you for these your gifts of bread and wine, gifts of life,  
gifts of celebration that have kept us strong for the journey of our past  
and will keep us strong for the future.  
By your peace and your assurance,  
send us out into the world to share the story we have heard:  
that the Lord is come and joy is in the world. Amen.

## Sending

\*Closing Song "Joy to the World!"

\*Benediction

Sending Music

### **A note on inclusive language**

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

### **Worship Leaders**

**Adam H. Fronczek** Associate Pastor

**Edwin Estevez** Pastoral Resident

**Cary Donham** Lay Liturgist

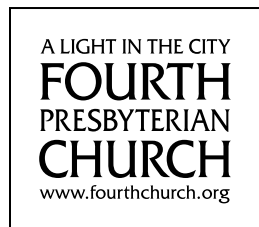
**Lucy Smith Quintet** Lucy Smith, vocals  
Neal Alger, guitar  
Bryan Doherty, bass  
Marcus Evans, drums  
Marcin Fahmy, piano

### **Acknowledgments**

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# News and Opportunities

## Advent and Christmas

**Online viewing of the Christmas Eve** 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. services will be available live on the evening of December 24 as well as afterwards. To watch, go to [www.bit.ly/FPCXmasEve2013](http://www.bit.ly/FPCXmasEve2013)

**Parking on Christmas Eve** for those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24 will cost \$16 this year due to a change in management at the garage. The \$16 orange parking voucher will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve and will be available before and after the Children's Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with a green voucher available at the church. Parking on Christmas Day in the 900 garage will also cost \$16. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Nursery care on Christmas Eve** will be available from 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. It will not be available during the last two services.

**Sunday School** will not be in session on Sundays, December 29 and January 5. Children are invited to worship with their parents on those Sundays; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

## News and Resources

**Be sure to "like" Fourth Church** on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:** (@FourthChicago).

**The Pastor Nominating Committee** continues to be in conversation with candidates. The role of "call" as part of the search process is the topic of a recent PNC reflection, and you can read that online at [www.fourthchurchorg/pnc](http://www.fourthchurchorg/pnc).

## Enrichment

**"Endings and Beginnings,"** a spiritual retreat led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held Saturday, January 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To RSVP, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)) by Sunday, December 29.

## Mission and Outreach

**Applications for the mission trip** to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html).

### Online gifts to Light Up a Life and pledge fulfillment

can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) (also accessible by scanning the QR code at right with any smartphone). These year-end gifts provide vital support to the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, funding outreach to those in need, sustaining choirs, supporting educational opportunities, and making possible our ministry together!



# Christmas Worship

at Fourth Presbyterian Church



## 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.**

Hardy H. Kim preaching

A traditional Christmas dinner in

Anderson Hall will be served at 12:15 p.m.

Dinner tickets (seating is limited)

are available at the reception

desk during the week.

## New Year's Eve Taizé Service

**Tuesday, December 31**

**7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel**



## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to use the prayer card**, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

**All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table** to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

**The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary** were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

**Please** turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

**Large-print Bibles 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. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

**Worship folders**, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

**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/sermons/index.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html).

**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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 ([jwatt@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

## If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, January 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, February 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).

**Information about opportunities and resources** available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Presbyterian Church, please see Adam Fronczek or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, and May 25.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.