

WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

4:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Noël *Claude Balbastre*

INTROIT “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *A. E. Rusbridge*

PROCESSIONAL “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” *Gustav Holst*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom God favors. There's a song in the air. Will you sing it?

People: **Let us sing to the Lord a new song.**

Leader: There's a star in the sky. Will you follow it?

People: **Let us abandon our darkness and embrace the light.**

Leader: There's a mother's deep prayer. Will you breathe it?

People: **Let us repent our shallowness and ponder his coming.**

Leader: And a baby's low cry. Will you adore him?

People: **Let us worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

FIRST LESSON Luke 1:26–33, 38 (page 53, N.T.)

MARY'S SONG “Magnificat” *C. Winfred Douglas*

ANTHEM “Nova, Nova” *Michael Bedford*

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:1–7 (page 54, N.T.)

CAROL 25 “Away in a Manger” *Tune: MUELLER*
(Congregation remains seated)

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8 (page 54, N.T.)

CAROL 29 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Tune: GO TELL IT*
(Congregation remains seated)

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:9–14 (page 54, N.T.)

ANTHEM “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Edward S. Barnes*

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:15–20 (page 55, N.T.)

ANTHEM “What Child Is This?” *English ballad*

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1–2, 10–11 (page 1, N.T.)

ANTHEM “We Three Kings” *John H. Hopkins Jr.*

PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS

*(Congregation remains seated and sings the first four verses of
“The First Nowell,” Hymn 56)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS “People, Look East” *Martin Shaw*

“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High” *Ruth Artman*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(traditional)* (page 16, The Hymnal)

HOMILY

SPREADING THE LIGHT *(Congregation remains seated)*

SONGS OF PRAISE *(Congregation remains seated)*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon
virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories
stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

SILENCE

***CAROL 40** “Joy to the World!” *Tune: ANTIOCH*
(Please extinguish your candle prior to singing the carol.)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella *Keith Chapman*

FAMILY WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE Noël *Claude Balbastre*
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *Johann Pachelbel*
What Child Is This? *Searle Wright*
Silent Night *Samuel Barber*

INTROIT “Away in a Manger” *David Willcocks*

OPENING RESPONSES AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minister: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Minister: Born in humility, Christ came to rule over all.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Minister: Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of God's love.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Minister: Poor in the things of the world, he brought the wealth
of God's grace.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Minister: The Light of the world has come: Mighty God, Everlasting
Lord, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

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

CHRISTMAS SKIT “After the Angels”

ANTHEM “On Christmas Night” *Phillip Ledger*

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH
Luke 2:1–20 (page 54, N.T.)

***CAROL 31** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Tune: MENDELSSOHN*

MEDITATION by Adam H. Fronczek

***CAROL 25** “Away in a Manger” *Tune: MUELLER*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Holly and the Ivy” *John Rutter*

SPREADING THE LIGHT “Silent Night” *(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)*

UNISON PRAYER

This night, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth. This night, O God, the back street and the forgotten place have been lit up with significance. This night, O God, the households of earth welcome the King of Heaven. For you have crept in beside us; you have come among us; you are one of us. So may our songs rise to your throne as our knees bend at your cradle. Amen.

***CAROL 40**

“Joy to the World!”

Tune: ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, O Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman

4:00 Children’s Pageant

Matt Helms <i>Minister for Children and Families</i>	The Cherub and the Children’s Choirs Liam Garner <i>soloist</i>
Kathryn McCrea	Katy Sinclair <i>Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth</i>
Jack Ericson	Hsing-Huei Huang <i>Pianist</i>
Jacob Cunningham	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Maggie Zeiger	
Henry Deverman	
Maddie Pieper	

6:00 Family Service

Judith L. Watt <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Rob Koon
Adam H. Fronczek <i>Associate Pastor</i>	The Chancel Choir
Edwin Estevez <i>Pastoral Resident</i>	Laura Perkett <i>Soloist</i>
Matt Helms <i>Minister for Children and Families</i>	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i> Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i>

8:30 Service of Lessons and Carols

Adam H. Fronczek <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Matt Helms <i>Minister for Children and Families</i>
Johanna Mintz <i>Member</i>	Judith L. Watt <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Joyce Shin <i>Associate Pastor</i>	John W. Vest <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Johnny Buchanan <i>Member</i>	Tower Brass and The Morning Choir
Victoria G. Curtiss <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Anneliese Garner, Laura Perkett, and Callie Thompson <i>Soloists</i>
Hardy H. Kim <i>Associate Pastor</i>	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Calum I. MacLeod <i>Executive Associate Pastor</i>	Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i> Matthew Comerford <i>Artistic Director of Tower Brass</i>

11:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

Adam H. Fronczek <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Victoria G. Curtiss <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Lola Coke <i>Member</i>	John W. Vest <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Joyce Shin <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Tower Brass and The Morning Choir
Edward Coke <i>Member</i>	Anneliese Garner, Laura Perkett, and Callie Thompson <i>Soloists</i>
Judith L. Watt <i>Associate Pastor</i>	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Hardy H. Kim <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i>
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Edwin Estevez <i>Pastoral Resident</i>	

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

8:30 and 11:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE	Jesus, Be My Firm Foundation	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	Noël	<i>Claude Balbastre</i>
	Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
	From Heaven Above to Earth I Come	<i>Johann Pachelbel</i>
	Of the Father's Love Begotten	<i>William Berry</i>
	What Child Is This?	<i>Searle Wright</i>
	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	<i>Michael Praetorius</i>
	Silent Night	<i>Samuel Barber</i>
	O Holy Night	<i>Adolphe Adam</i>

INTROIT "Away in a Manger" *David Willcocks*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

***CAROL 49** "Once in Royal David's City" *Tune: IRBY*
(Stanza 1 sung by soloist)

*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth. Alleluia!**

All: **Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

LESSON Isaiah 9:2–7 (page 600, O.T.)

ANTHEM "The Holly and the Ivy" *John Rutter*

LESSON Psalm 98 (page 521, O.T.)

***CAROL 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

LESSON Luke 1:26–35, 38 (page 53, N.T.)

ANTHEM "Joys Seven" *Steven Cleobury*

LESSON Luke 2:1–12 (page 54, N.T.)

*CAROL 44	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune:</i> ST. LOUIS
LESSON	Luke 2:13–20	(page 55, N.T.)
SERMON	by Calum I. MacLeod	
*CAROL 23	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>Tune:</i> GLORIA
LESSON	1 John 4:7–9, 16b	(page 226, N.T.)
PRAYER		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“What Sweeter Music”	<i>J. Rutter</i>
LESSON	John 1:1–5	(page 86, N.T.)
SPREADING THE LIGHT	“Silent Night” <i>(Words printed on the back of the bulletin)</i>	<i>Tune:</i> STILLE NACHT
*UNISON PRAYER	<p>Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ’s presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	
*CAROL 31	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Tune:</i> MENDELSSOHN
BENEDICTION		
CLOSING RESPONSE		
POSTLUDE	Now the Triumph Is Completed	<i>J.S. Bach</i>

Gifts of socks, known as “White Gifts” from the tradition of wrapping them in plain white paper, are being collected in baskets in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, at the 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00 services. At 4:00, they are presented as part of the service.

The “Light Up a Life” offering supports mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; congregational programs; and denominational programs. Gifts can be made using the offering envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
 Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
 Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

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

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