

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

### PRELUDE

Morning Star, How Fair and Bright  
March of the Magi Kings  
Prelude on an Introit for Epiphany

*Dieterich Buxtehude*  
*Theodore Dubois*  
*Maurice Duruflé*

### INTROIT

“Saw You Never, in the Twilight”

*Harold Friedell*

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heaven the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men, watching, saw a little stranger star, and they knew the King was given, and they followed from far. Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star? He who came to light the Gentiles and the darkened isles afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle; there our hearts best treasures bring; love and faith and true devotion for our Savior, God, and King.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

### \*HYMN 464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God of light, we confess that we shy away  
from your brightness.  
We are more comfortable in the shadows,  
where we can keep from view the things  
for which we are sorry,  
the things that we regret and would rather keep hidden.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Help us to trust that your light leads to forgiveness  
and not to shame  
so that in all things we bare ourselves to you. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*\*Stand as you are able.*

**PSALTER**

Psalm 138 (*responsively*)

(page 545, O.T.)

**ANTHEM**

“From the Rising of the Sun”

*F. A. Gore Ouseley*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

**FIRST LESSON**

Mark 8:27–29a

(page 41, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

John 1:1–18

(page 86, N.T.)

**SERMON**

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

JOYCE SHIN

*“The true light, which enlightens all things, was coming into the world.”*

John 1:9 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 474**

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**\*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

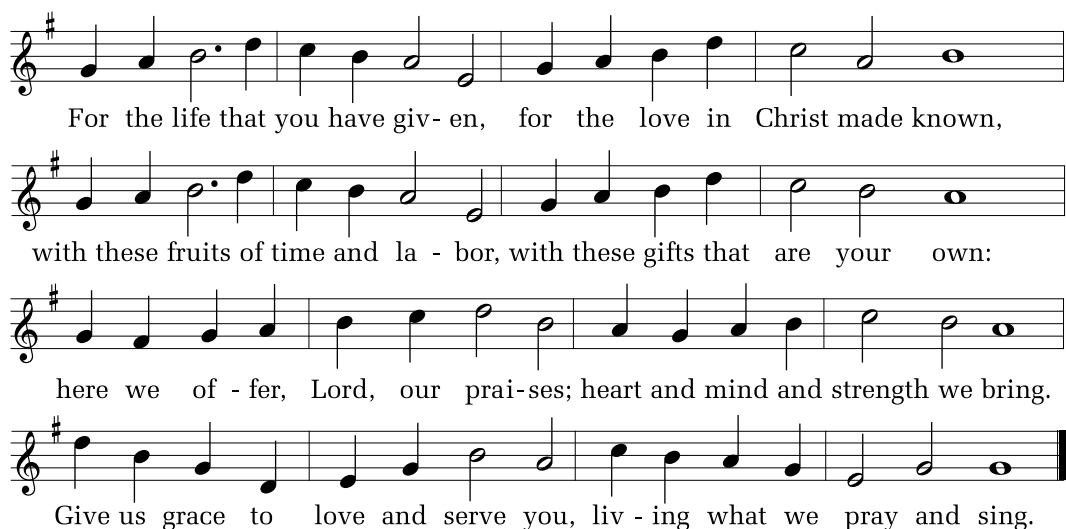
## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth”

*Felix Mendelssohn*

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a scepter from Israel rise up  
and dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly beams the morning star!  
With sudden radiance from afar, with light and comfort glowing! Thy word,  
Jesus, only feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such  
love overflowing!

## \*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: **We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that, in loving us, you never give up on us.  
Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies  
for the ministry of your church.  
Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom,  
and grant us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided.  
For the sake of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Tune: HYFRYDOL*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*Niels Gade*



### **The Christmas Window by Charles J. Connick**

This stained-glass window, with text from Luke 2:16, was installed in the 1930s in what was Fourth Church's original "Children's Chapel" and is now Anderson Hall. Fittingly, the window remains close to Children's Chapel (which is now held in Buchanan Chapel): it has been remounted on the second floor of the Gratz Center as part of the Jeanne and Tom Olofson Collection of Sacred Art, which can be seen in the elevator lobbies and in the upper west wall of Anderson Hall.

The creator of the window, renowned stained-glass master Charles J. Connick, was also responsible for all of the colored glass in the Sanctuary.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Edwin Estevez, Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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. “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.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held most months at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday; the next Taize service will be on January 24.

**The bulletin cover** photo depicts the effects of the light streaming into Anderson Hall through the courtyard (east) windows on the morning of the spring equinox.

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