



## Second Sunday of Advent



<b>Gathering Music</b>	"Peace Song" . . . . .	Joe Utterback
	"Give Me Jesus" . . . . .	African American spiritual arr. J. Utterback
	"Peace Piece" . . . . .	Bill Evans

*During Advent we ready our hearts to encounter the coming light of Christ. This active anticipation of the Christ child takes many forms. We invite you to participate with us in preparing the way for Jesus to enter our lives again through our prayers this season. Instead of using our usual prayer cards, we will be offering our Advent prayers of expectation in a new way—please use a strip of cloth (distributed in the aisles) and a marker to write one word or phrase to express something for which you are waiting expectantly. Each week, we will focus our prayers and waiting on the particular theme for that Sunday in Advent.*

*This Sunday in Advent, we are thinking about peace. Please write on your strip of cloth the word or phrase that represents the peace for which you wait, and then place it in the wooden manger as you come forward to receive communion.*

**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.*

## Opening Responses

Leader: God of time and God of eternity,

People: **for you we wait.**

Leader: God of the vast universe and God closer than we can imagine,

People: **for you we wait.**

Leader: God of the roaring noise of the world and God of silence,

People: **for you we wait.**

Leader: In our homes, classrooms, factories, offices, and fields,

People: **for you we wait.**

Leader: In mourning over the evening news, voices raised in protests for justice,

People: **for you we wait.**

Leader: In this place and in this time,

People: **for you we wait.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader 1: The candles we light this evening  
are a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

In lighting these candles,  
we acknowledge that we hear the voice  
crying out in the wilderness.

Leader 2: The one that calls us  
to prepare the way for our Lord,  
to make straight, in our desolate land,  
a highway for our God.

Leader 1: By this light we wait for the day  
when the glory of the Lord will be revealed—

Leader 2: the day when steadfast love  
and faithfulness will meet,  
and righteousness and peace  
will kiss each other.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*Opening Song . . . . . “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”**

**Litany of Confession**

Leader: Emmanuel, through your incarnation you have shown us  
what it is to live imaginatively, love expansively, and act creatively.  
We confess that sometimes we have waited without thought  
and so have stifled fruitful possibility.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We confess that sometimes we have waited without generosity  
and so have constricted fruitful connection.  
We confess that sometimes we have waited without hope  
and so have limited fruitful action.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We confess that sometimes we have simply been  
too busy or too distracted to wait  
and so have missed your moment.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: And so as we look once more for you,  
forgive the poverty of our waiting,  
touch our dreaming, stretch our living, and energize our acting;  
that we may be ready for your coming.

All: **Lord Jesus, come and wait with us;  
help us overcome everything  
that stands between us and faithful waiting,  
and grant us your peace. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

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 brothers and sisters 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**

**Psalter** Psalm 85 (*the congregation sings the refrain*)

**REFRAIN** (*unison*)

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Leader: You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

**REFRAIN** (*unison*)

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Leader: In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love.

**REFRAIN** (*unison*)

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Leader: Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother.  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

**REFRAIN** (*unison*)

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Leader: You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of dealing.  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

**REFRAIN** (*unison*)

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 40:1–11 . . . . . (*Old Testament, page 627*)

**Second Reading**

Mark 1:1–8. . . . . (*New Testament, page 32*)

**Sermon** No Justice, No Peace. . . . . Hardy H. Kim

**Musical Reflection**



**Sealing the Word**

**Offertory Music** “Border Song”. . . . . *Elton John and Bernie Taupin*

**Sharing of Gifts** (*Please place gifts in the plate as it is passed.*)

**\*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*

### **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 and Prayers of the People**

**Communion Music** "Of the Spirit, Born of Spirit" . . . . . *J. B. O. Clemm*

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

Loving God,  
you sent your prophet John  
to prepare your way among us,  
to call us to repent,  
and to make our pathways straight.  
By the gift of that good news,  
and through this meal we have shared,  
strengthen us to live lives  
of steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Give us patience to await the Messiah's return.  
Grant us courage, that our waiting might not be idle,  
but instead alive to your vision of justice.  
So may we see your peace made real  
in a world prepared for your coming again.  
Amen.



## Sending

**\*Closing Song** ..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Elizabeth Nickerson</b>	Worship Leader
<b>Quantisha Mason</b>	Lay Liturgist and Advent Candle Leader
<b>Christopher Williams</b>	Lay Liturgist and Advent Candle Leader
<b>John W. W. Sherer</b>	Organist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

### A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is 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.

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## News and Opportunities

More information about news and upcoming events at Fourth Church is available in the *News and Opportunities* publication in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/news](http://www.fourthchurch.org/news)

### Advent

**Today is the last day to donate items** for Christmas gift bags, which will be distributed to guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Items are being collected at the reception desk.

**“Holidays a cappella”** will be held this Friday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org)

**Today is the last day to register** for the Advent Contemplative Retreat, held this Saturday–Sunday, December 13–14 in La Grange Park. Registration forms are available in the literature racks and online.

**The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will take place next Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

**A CLL Holiday Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register online at [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) by this Tuesday, December 11.

**A “Longest Night” service** for those for whom Christmas is made difficult by loss and sadness will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

**“Christmas Wishes” volunteers** are needed to help with weekday gift inventory and at the gift-wrapping party next Sunday, December 14 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. To help, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**A Lakeside Singers holiday concert** will be held on Friday, December 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.lakesidesingers.com](http://www.lakesidesingers.com)

**A “Christmas with Tower Brass”** concert will be held on Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A \$20 suggested donation will be received at the door.

**A Christmas Cantata**, featuring Britten’s *A Ceremony of Carols*, will be sung by the Morning Choir on Sunday, December 21 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

**Four candlelight services** will be held on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children’s Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

**The annual Christmas Dinner** will take place on Thursday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register, with cash or check, at the reception desk.

### Online gifts for Christmas Flowers and Light Up a Life

can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) (also accessible by scanning the QR code at right with any smartphone). There you can also find a complete schedule of this year’s Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship opportunities, upcoming Christmas concerts, and various ways to join this community in our Advent journey to the manger.



## During Today's Worship

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**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.

**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 left-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 Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, January 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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://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 Church, please contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; [lnickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnickerson@fourthchurch.org)) 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 December 28 and January 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.

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