

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

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## Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

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### Prelude

Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People . . . . . Henry Woodward  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence. . . . . French melody; arr. Michael Mazzatenta

### Introit

“Matin Responsory” . . . . . Robert W. Lehman  
I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming,  
and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say,  
“Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?”  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say,  
“Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
tell us, art thou he that should come?”  
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

### Call to Worship

\*Hymn 83 . . . . . “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

First Lesson :: ISAIAH 40:1–11 . . . . . Old Testament, page 627

### Anthem

“Come, Come, Emmanuel” . . . . . Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo  
Come, come, Messiah, come, Emmanuel, come, promised one.  
Prophets of old have told of your coming; long have we waited; long have we prayed.  
Kingdoms and kings will bow down before you.  
Come, Emmanuel, today. We are your children; you are our Savior.  
Lovingly guide us, we pray. Help us to follow; help us to listen.

Second Lesson :: “AMAZING PEACE: A CHRISTMAS POEM” .....	Maya Angelou
*Hymn 378 .....	“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”
Third Lesson :: ISAIAH 11:1–9 .....	Old Testament, page 602

## Anthem

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” .....

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.  
Isaiah ’twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.  
This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

Fourth Lesson :: “ADVENT CALENDAR” .....	Rowan Williams
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## Anthem

“Christ the Apple Tree” .....

Stanford Scriven

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;  
the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.  
This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne’er can tell  
the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all, but now I see ’tis found in Christ the apple tree.  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
I’m wearied with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;  
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Fifth Lesson :: MICAH 5:2–4 .....	Old Testament, page 815
*Carol 121 .....	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Sixth Lesson :: “MAKING THE HOUSE READY FOR THE LORD” .....	Mary Oliver

Anthem

“People, Look East” . . . . . Besançon carol  
People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today, love the guest is on the way.  
Stars keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim.  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today, love the star is on the way.  
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today, love the Lord is on the way.

Seventh Lesson :: LUKE 1:26–38 . . . . . New Testament, page 53

Anthem

“Nova, Nova” . . . . . Michael Bedford  
The angel Gabriel by name unto the virgin Mary came with joyful news unto the same.  
Nova, nova, tidings of salvation.  
Then said the angel, “Do not fear, I bring glad news for you to hear;  
you will bring forth God’s Son so dear.”  
Then Mary looked unto the sky, “Be as it pleases God on high,  
whose name my soul shall magnify.”  
By her the Christ child comes to earth, in Bethlehem to have his birth.  
Let all the world be filled with mirth.

Eighth Lesson :: “THE RISK OF BIRTH” . . . . . Madeleine L’Engle

Anthem

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” . . . . . Paul O. Manz  
Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
Sing holy, holy, holy Lord, the Lord almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth,  
ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon.  
E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

\*Carol 108 ..... “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

## 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.

## Offering

### Offertory Anthem

“Lux Aurumque” ..... Eric Whitacre  
Light, warm, and heavy as pure gold, and the angels sing softly to the newborn baby.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Holy One, you have done and are doing great things for us.  
Holy is your name.  
Bless all we offer—our lives, our time, our possessions—  
that through us your grace and favor may be known to all the world.  
This and so much more we offer for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

\*Carol 123 ..... “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

\*Benediction and Response

## Postlude

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry ..... Aaron David Miller



# Advent Worship

In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship opportunities, we hope you will join us for our special services during this season of anticipation!

## **Advent Jazz Worship**

Sundays, December 15 and 22

4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel

## **“Longest Night” Service**

Tuesday, December 17

6:30–7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel

*For those experiencing pain, loss,  
grief, or loneliness this season*

## **Christmas Cantata**

Sunday, December 22

*A Winter’s Night* by Cecilia McDowall

During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

Learn more about Fourth Church

Advent opportunities at

[www.fourthchurch.org/advent-christmas](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advent-christmas)

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## Worship Leaders

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## Worship Notes

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