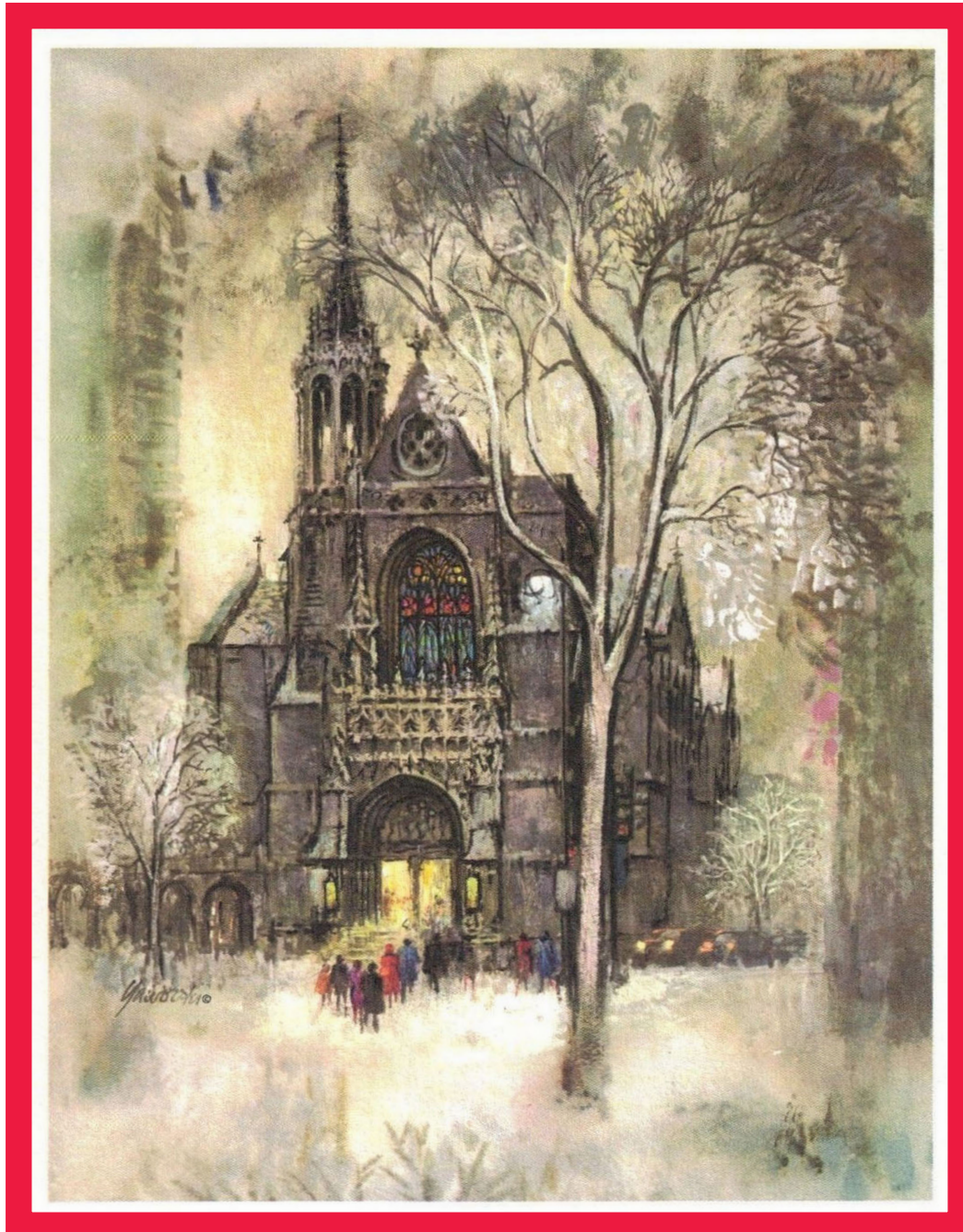


2020 Christmas Eve Service



THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

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Service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Noël	José Jesús Estrada
“A Child Is Born”	Thad Jones
Jesus, Be Our Beginning	Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. John Mindeman
“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”	Caribbean melody; arr. David Blackwell
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	Polish carol; arr. Keith Chapman
“The First Nowell”	English carol
Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand	Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. John Mindeman
“Ave Maria”	Franz Biebl
Carol of the Bells	Mykola Leontovych

Lesson Isaiah 9:2–7

Welcome

Carol “Once in Royal David’s City” (*stanza 1 sung by soloist*)

*Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.*

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood’s pattern, day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.



Call to Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anthem :: “I Wonder as I Wander” Appalachian carol; arr. John Jacob Niles

Prayer for Christmas Eve

Carol “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ, the Lord!

Lesson Isaiah 11:1–4, 6–9

Voluntary :: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Michael Praetorius; Johannes Brahms



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Lesson	Luke 1:26–35, 38
Solo :: “In the Bleak Midwinter”	Eric H. Thiman
Lesson	Luke 2:1–7
Solo :: “Away in a Manger”	James R. Murray
Lesson	Luke 2:8–20
Homily	
Solo :: “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”	Robert MacGimsey
Lesson	Matthew 2:1–12



Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: O Holy Night Adolphe Adam; arr. Aaron David Miller

Lesson

John 1:1–5



Spreading the Light “Silent Night”

We invite you to light a candle in your home if you wish as you join us in singing.

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.

Benediction

Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain African American spiritual; arr. Aaron David Miller
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Felix Mendelssohn; David Willcocks



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News and Resources



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Devotions for the Christmas season written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a resource for personal meditation and prayer. You can receive them in your inbox daily (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them **online** (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or **Twitter** (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

If you missed our online **Christmas with Tower Brass concert** or **John Sherer’s organ concert of Christmas favorites** , you can still enjoy them online at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms

Our online **New Year’s Eve Taizé service** will be available at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 31 on our website, www.fourthchurch.org, at www.bit.ly/FPCworship as well as via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome! We would like to get to know you and invite you to be in touch with Joe Morrow, Minister for Evangelism (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

We invite you to join us online for worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (where the service is available throughout the week). The 11:00 Sunday services are also available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (toll-free) at the time of the service. During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer** via Zoom. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details. * **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **To explore options for teletherapy with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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