



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2021 • 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Prelude

- Noel Claude Balbastre
- Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Samuel Scheidt; arr. Gary Olson
- From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Johann Pachelbel
- Of the Father's Love Begotten Plainsong; arr. William Berry and Greg Flint
- What Child Is This English ballad; arr. Searle Wright
- In the Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst; arr. Charles Schuchat
- Silent Night Franz Gruber; arr. Samuel Barber
- O Holy Night Adolphe Adam; arr. Aaron David Miller

***Introit** :: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” Hugo Distler

***Opening Sentences** Shannon J. Kershner

***Carol 140** “Once in Royal David's City”
(stanza one sung by soloist; congregation sings remaining stanzas while masked)

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.



Prayer for Christmas Eve *Rhonda Faulkner (8:00)*
Francia Harrington (10:00)

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: Give us, O God, such love and wonder that with shepherds and magi,
and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy child, your
Love-Made-Flesh, and with our gifts worship him. May the good news of
this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior,
the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

First Lesson :: Isaiah 9:2-7 *Jeffrey Doane*

Anthem :: “The Heavens’ Flock” Eriks Esenvalds

Second Lesson :: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 *Kashane Taylor (8:00); David Handley (10:00)*

***Carol 113** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings
be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Third Lesson :: Luke 1:26-35, 38 *Nanette Sawyer*

Anthem :: “Cradle Hymn” Kim André Arnesen

Fourth Lesson :: Luke 2:1-7 *Rocky Supinger*

***Carol 133** (*congregation sings while masked*) “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!

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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!

Fifth Lesson :: Luke 2:8–20 *Shannon J. Kershner*

Homily *Shannon J. Kershner*

***Carol 121** (*congregation sings while masked*) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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 on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Sixth Lesson :: Matthew 2:1–12 *Lucy Forster-Smith*

Prayer *Lucy Forster-Smith*

Offering *Rocky Supinger*

Offertory Anthem :: “Gloria in Excelsis” from *Lux*. Dan Forrest

Seventh Lesson :: John 1:1–5 *Matt Helms*

Spreading the Light “Silent Night”

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.

Sentences of Light *Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger*

***Carol 119** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

***Benediction** *Shannon J. Kershner*

Choral Response :: “Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand” Johann Sebastian Bach

Postlude :: Go, Tell It on the Mountain African American spiritual; arr. A. D. Miller

We invite you to enjoy the postlude. If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude, please do so quietly through the Loggia, through which you entered, out of respect for those who choose to stay.

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

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We are glad to be worshipping with you on this Christmas Eve and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✨ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth**, including while singing. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary. ✨ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✨ Discounted **Christmas Eve parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for those who entered the garage after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher.



We will be gathering again this evening for **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols** at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. There will not be socially distanced seating at either of these services, but the **8:00 service will be livestreamed** at www.fourthchurch.org ✨ If you would like to watch our **online Christmas Eve Children's Pageant** from earlier today, you will find that on our website. ✨ Tomorrow we will also have an in-person **Christmas Day service** at 10:00 a.m. This service will be in-person only, with a socially distanced section at the front of the Sanctuary. Discounted **parking on Christmas Day** will be available at 900 N. Michigan with a validation ticket purchased at the church that morning for \$20 (*cash or check only*). For those who prefer an **online Christmas Day option**, we invite you to watch the online Christmas Day service from last year or the Christmas Eve service, both of which are available at www.fourthchurch.org



As a **resource for meditation and prayer**, Fourth Church members and staff have written **Christmas devotions**, which you can **receive daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read online (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*). ✨ Our **Advent and Christmas “Rhythm and Word” video series** offers brief worship experiences that are released on **YouTube** (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*). To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail ✨ The **podcast “Bible Top Ten”** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger includes among its episodes “Top Ten Advent Hymns and the Bible Verses Behind Them.” You can find it at www.fourthchurch.org/podcast

For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (fourthchurch.org), Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar ✨ Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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. ✨ To explore options for teletherapy, please call our **Repleg Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✨ If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church at 312.787.4570. ✨ **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 join us for **in-person worship** on Sundays, we gather for a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays in the Sanctuary, the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice **social distancing**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ✨ **For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). The service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✨ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. ✨ During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).



Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read **historical accounts** and to **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically!

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Matt Helms, Children and Family Ministry
Nanette Sawyer, Discipleship and Small Group Ministry
Rocky Supinger, Youth Ministry

David Handley, Interim Minister for Caring Ministries
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults

Liturgists

Rhonda Faulkner
Francia Harrington
Kashane Taylor

The Music Today

Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; Kimberly Gunderson, soloist
Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director of Tower Brass
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

OUR ANNUAL “LIGHT UP A LIFE” OFFERING is being received throughout the Christmas season. Gifts to “Light Up a Life” support the mission and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights as they extend mercy, kindness, and love to those who are most vulnerable. You can make a gift to this offering by noting “Light Up a Life” in the comments section (when giving online via Venmo or the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) or on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Those worshipping in person can also use the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks.

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