



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Away in a Manger. Keith Chapman

Variations on “O Come, All Ye Faithful”. Marcel Dupré

***Doxology** (*congregation sings while masked*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

All: And hope to every beating heart.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

All: And peace to every conflicted soul.

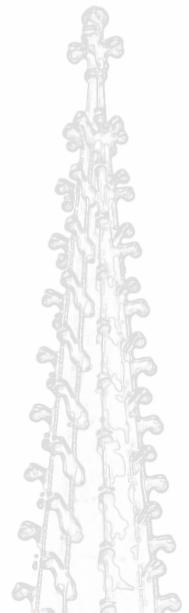
Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

All: And joy to every downcast spirit.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

All: And love to everyone.

Leader: *Let us sing praises to our God.*



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***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!

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!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God who has searched and known us, on this Christmas Day
we acknowledge that while you have kept company with us
throughout the Advent journey, we have not always welcomed you.
We have ignored the plight of the downtrodden.
Too often, we have focused only on our own well-being at the expense of others.
We too have been captured by cynicism at the state of the world.
But you forgive and do not forsake us on the path to righteousness and peace.
So kindle in us a newfound resolve
to let the flame of your love burn brightly in the world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Solo :: “To Bethlehem” David McKie Williams

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 52:7–10

***Gloria Patri** (*congregation sings while masked*)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

Second Lesson John 1:6–14

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***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!

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Ecumenical Affirmation (UMC)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Leader: . . . *Jesus, Savior,*

All: hear our prayer.

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Solo :: "A Child My Choice" Richard Dirksen

***Offertory Response** (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 144 (*verse 4*)

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for all your many blessings
and for your magnificent gift of the Christ child.
May this offering carry the good news of great joy
to all those with whom it is shared,
and may our lives be gifts of praise to you always. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***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!”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” Garth Edmundson

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

We are glad to be worshipping with you this Christmas morning 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. ✨ We are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19. ✨ The front section of the Sanctuary is for those required to or choosing to practice **social distancing**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. ✨ **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 **parking on Christmas Day** is available at 900 N. Michigan with a validation ticket purchased at the church (in the Narthex entry to the Sanctuary) for \$20 (*cash or check only*).



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 ✨ 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 ✨ Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



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. ✨ **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). ✨ **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.

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The Music Today

Carol Carpenter, Soloist

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Worship Notes

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