



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright. Dieterich Buxtehude

March of the Three Magi. Theodore Dubois

Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany Maurice Duruflé

Introit :: “The Lord Has Shown Forth His Glory” Iain Quinn

The Lord has shown forth his glory; come, let us adore him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

***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: *We come to this place—*

All: *each of us on our own path.*

Leader: *The path is winding,*

All: *and the path is not always clear,*

Leader: *and the path changes,*

All: *but we are here.*

Leader: *God is walking us home.*

All: *What a gift it is to not walk alone.*

Leader: *Let us worship Holy God.*



^{*}Please rise in body or spirit. [†]Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

***Hymn 151** (*congregation sings while masked*) “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (*Refrain*)

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. (*Refrain*)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Refrain*)

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of changed plans,
the magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—
a different path, an untraveled road.
And to our amazement, they did just that.
The magi packed their bags and went home by another way.
We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not,
when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.
Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.
Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.
Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.
Guide our steps to unfamiliar places; gratefully we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” Kenneth Lowenberg

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?

’Tis sent to announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

’Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star proceed”;

and lo, the Eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord’s command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face,

let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one,

may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

***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.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1–12

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 145** (*congregation sings while masked*) “What Child Is This”

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

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to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Epiphany Alleluias" John Weaver

*Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him.
Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen up on thee. Alleluia!*

*Offertory Response (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 712 (*verse 3*)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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

God of new beginnings,
we offer these gifts to you today because we love you.
The world will tell us to keep our money to ourselves,
to hold it tight, to tuck it away,
but just as the magi made a different choice,
we make a different choice.
Instead, we give what we have,
trusting that when we live like we belong to one another
we will see a better world.
So take these gifts and use them for your good.
With hope we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 147** (*congregation sings while masked*) “The First Nowell”

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. (*Refrain*)

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)*

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *(Refrain)*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. *(Refrain)*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Neils W. Gade

*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 today 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.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. ✳ For those worshipping with us in person, 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.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel. ✳ 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. ✳ The **congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✳ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✳ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ✳ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. ✳ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors. ✳ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.

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Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern.** ✱ On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** In January we are also holding **in-person Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*masks required*). Also during January, Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✱ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



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 prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) 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).



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 **Replogle 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.



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 ✱ You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities at www.fourthchurch.org/reopening ✱ Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✱ **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***On the Spectrum: Autism, Faith, and the Gifts of Neurodiversity*** by Daniel Bowman Jr. **this Tuesday, January 4** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday122 ✱ **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***Nine Tailors*** by Dorothy Sayers. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



A four-session class on **“The 1619 Project,”** discussing slavery’s continuing legacy of injustice and inequality, begins **next Sunday morning, January 9**. Guest speakers will lead conversation about the history of slavery; cultural and religious practices brought to America from Africa; the history of the Great Migration in Chicago; the 1919 race riot and its origins; and present-day socioeconomic struggles in America’s and Chicago’s Black community. The speakers will be Joseph L. Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement; Natalie Moore, WBEZ journalist and author of *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation*; David Daniels III, Professor of Church History, McCormick Theological Seminary; and Bradford Hunt, History Department Chair, Loyola University. For details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class



Volunteers are needed to help with the Meals Ministry Bag Lunch program, which has moved back indoors after twenty months of serving to-go meals outdoors. Bag lunches and hot drinks are served in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with limited seating to allow for social distancing. You can sign up to help with Bag Lunch or with Sunday Night Supper by using VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry platform. *All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org* ✱ The Social Service Center (SSC) needs **volunteers to help with sorting, sizing, and organizing donated clothes** for distribution to participants. If you are interested in volunteering in the new year on Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. please contact Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org; 312.981.3591). ✱ The **Benevolent Guild** meets this Wednesday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Chicago Lights**, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, is in need of donors of unique items and services for the **silent auction of the Gala of Hope 2022**, which will be held on Friday, March 4. If you have something you would like to offer, please email Laura Woods (lwoods@chicagolights.org).

At the beginning of a new year **our online New Year's Eve Taizé service** from 2020 offers an opportunity to **reflect on the year past and the year ahead**. You can find the video on our YouTube channel at www.bit.ly/newyearstaize2020 ✱ If you missed our online **Children's Pageant** or **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols** service—or would like to enjoy them again or share them with others—you can view them at www.bit.ly/FPCworship or YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✱ Similarly, if you missed our **Christmas with Tower Brass** concert or **John Sherer's organ concert of Christmas favorites**, you can enjoy them online at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms or YouTube.



Our **Interim Minister for Caring Ministries, Dave Handley**, will be ending his term as Interim Minister next Sunday, January 9. We are deeply grateful for Dave and all that he has brought to Fourth Church caring ministries and spiritual formation—and for his time with us as Associate Pastor from 1973 to 1981! There will be **opportunity to express gratitude to Dave during fellowship time following worship on January 9**; for those who will not be with us in person, we invite you to email your well wishes to Dave (dhandley@fourthchurch.org). As the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues its search for an Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, **Jeff Doane**, our Parish Associate for Older Adults, will be taking on the role of Parish Associate for Caring Ministries.



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** hosts two online sessions on Wednesday, January 12, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for these studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff as a **resource for meditation and prayer** are available **daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) and online (fourthchurch.org/devotions).



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 **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! ✱ **On Sunday, February 13, 2022**, we will conclude our sesquicentennial year with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach** that morning, and we hope that current and former members and staff will come together in worship that today—whether online or in person—as we celebrate this congregation's legacy and look toward our future.

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Jean Joslyn, David Handley, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

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 the Sanctuary can also use the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks.

THE COMPOSER OF TODAY’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, John Weaver (1937–2021), served as Organist and Director of Music at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church from 1970 to 2005. He also headed the organ department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia (1972–2003) and the Juilliard School (1987–2004). John Weaver was an influential teacher, performer, and composer throughout his distinguished career. This morning’s offertory anthem was composed in 1968.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

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Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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