



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

I. Grave

II. Adagio

III. Allegro Maestoso

IV. Fugue

Introit

Prepare the Way of the Lord Richard Proulx

Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths. Rejoice, the Lord is at hand! Prepare.

*Doxology

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.

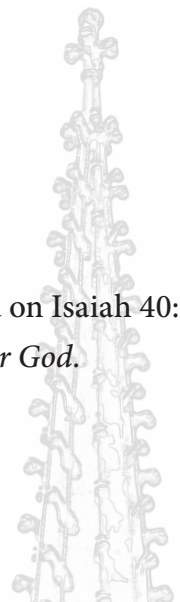
***Call to Worship** based on Isaiah 40:3–5

One: *A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make a path for our God.*

All: Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain shall be made low.

One: *Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed;*

All: we shall see it together, for our God has spoken.



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

***Hymn 347** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God who calms the storm,
we call upon you to sooth our restless hearts when peace slips from our grasp.
We lament that too often the pursuit of success or simply survival robs us of serenity.
We grieve that violence and exploitation withhold peace from our neighborhoods
and prevent its flourishing among peoples and nations.
We shed tears when peace is detached from justice and healing.
In your mercy, breathe upon us your word of peace once more.
Now in silence, we share all that keeps us from you
and open ourselves to the gift of your consolation . . .

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn 88 (*verse 7*) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Declaration of Pardon

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

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.

(9:30) Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children (9:30)

(9:30) Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Welcome and Announcements

Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1–10

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

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 Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1–12

Sermon. Camille Cook Howe

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 96** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.
Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Christ Is Nigh Old Scottish Tune/arr. Mark Schweizer
Hark a thrilling voice is sounding; Christ is nigh it seems to say; cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day. Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, our Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. He comes down like fragrant showers, raining on the fruitful earth; love and joy and hope, like flowers, springing on his path to birth. See before him on the mountains peace, the valiant herald, go; righteousness, in flowering fountains, from the hills to valleys flow. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon from heav’n. Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven. Honor, glory, might, and blessing be to God: the Father, Son, and the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

***Offertory Response** Hymn 144, v. 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.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We will lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Leader: . . . *forever singing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). The Hymnal, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (*repeat*)

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God ” William McKie
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end: thy right hand is full of
righteousness. Alleluia. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

***Prayer after Communion** *(unison)*

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 106** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

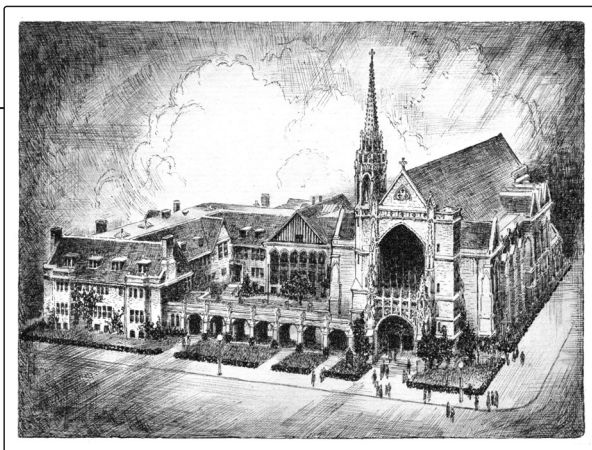
***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Rejoice, Rejoice! Veni Emmanuel

Postlude

Fanfare C. S. Lang



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy**, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that enable us to experience Beloved Community, where **differences are seen as assets that are celebrated and experienced as strengths.**

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews.

If you like to worship with us in person, we gather weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship. On Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors there is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary.

There are also two fully accessible entrances via the Gratz Center: at 126 E. Chestnut and 115 E. Delaware.

Parking

Information on discounted parking is on the back cover. If you have not set up an online payment account for discounted parking at the 900 garage, ushers have information cards to help. Volunteers at the Coffee Hour Connection Corner are available to assist as well.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Worshiping Online

Livestream

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service on our YouTube channel at bit.ly/fpcvideos, which is also accessible from the home page of our website: fourthchurch.org

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service has begun. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer

Personal Prayer with a Deacon following Worship

If you would like to meet with a Deacon to pray, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Praying Each Week for Our Members

Fourth Church maintains a practice of praying for each member's household throughout the year.

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Requests for Prayer

If you would like to submit a prayer request for our prayer ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

News, Updates, and Snapshots

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter:

Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

For a calendar of Fourth Church events, see pages 13–15; scroll to the bottom of fourthchurch.org; or tap on the website menu option for calendar: fourthchurch.org/calendar

Let Us Know You're Here!

We are grateful to be worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshiping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

Online

Those worshiping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Caring for One Another

Pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. For information, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Podcasts from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include

- the Sunday worship service
- the Sunday sermon
- weekly “Rhythm and Word” reflections
- “Bible Top Ten,” a lively, informative, and often lighthearted exploration of the Bible through a series of top ten lists—including recent episodes on “Prophets,” “Sibling Rivalries in the Bible,” and “Passages on Heaven and Hell”—which is hosted by Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger.



Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

In-Person Coffee Hour

All who are worshipping with us in person are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church!

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom immediately following the livestream of worship for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

Help Welcome Christmas Eve Worshipers

We are in need of additional ushers to greet and welcome worshipers to one or more of our four Christmas Eve worship services.

Whether you have never ushered with us before or you have done so often, we would appreciate your help in making Christmas Eve special for those worshipping with us.

To sign up, see bit.ly/usher122425

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers012026).

For more information about membership at Fourth Church, see fourthchurch.org/joining or contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), who would welcome hearing from you!

Center for Life and Learning

To explore the fitness classes as well as lectures and arts courses offered by the Center for Life and Learning for adults sixty and over—with both in-person and online opportunities — see fourthchurch.org/cll.

Christmas Flowers Deadline Today

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward this year's Christmas flowers that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those individuals who are being remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by the end of today, Sunday, December 7, for names to appear in the bulletin.

Tutoring Students' Christmas Wishes

This season you can share Christmas joy through our annual Christmas Wishes project, organized by Women at Fourth, which provides gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring.

We are collecting gift cards (up to \$25) to Target, Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, and McDonald's. They can be dropped off at the church (attention: Nanette Sawyer), with the amount designated on the card(s).

We are also in need of monetary contributions for the purchase of books for the youth. Please note "Christmas Wishes" in the designation of an online gift at fourthchurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Light Up a Life

Our annual "Light Up a Life" offering is being received throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Gifts designated to this offering provide funds for Fourth Church programs that support our neighbors and congregation and for Chicago Lights, as it extends kindness and love to those who are most vulnerable.

You can make a gift to "Light Up a Life" by selecting that designation from the drop-down menu when giving via fourthchurch.org/give (also accessible by using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin).

If giving by check, please make the check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and write "Light Up a Life" on the memo line. Those worshipping in the Sanctuary can also use the offering envelopes from the pew racks.

Opportunities to Connect

Books by Women

Books by Women, which invites readers into a monthly conversation about a selected work, will this week discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Women at Fourth Holiday Party

The “Holly Jolly Ladies Night” annual holiday gathering for Women at Fourth takes place this Thursday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Register at bit.ly/waf1225

Deep Listening Dinner: Holiday Traditions

Our next Deep Listening Dinner—an opportunity to get to know one another over a shared meal and conversation—will take place this Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Our December conversation will center around sharing holiday traditions that we remember or are meaningful to us.

Register at bit.ly/dldinner1225

Artist Talk

Artist Nora Moore Lloyd, whose exhibition “Native Legacies: Past Present Future” is currently on display in our Loggia Gallery, will be with us following 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, December 14 to talk about her art.

TwentiesThirties Holiday Party

Young adults are invited to a TwentiesThirties Holiday Party—complete with a gingerbread house decorating contest—on Tuesday, December 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Register at bit.ly/2030christmas25

Organist and Director of Music Search

Fourth Church is blessed to have Doug Cleveland serving as our talented Interim Organist and Director of Music through at least May 2026. As planned when Doug joined us, a search for a permanent Organist and Director of Music will be conducted, and Doug will be invited to be among the applicants.

We are looking for individuals to be part of the search committee for this position and would welcome your nominations of a fellow member—or yourself—to serve. Nominations are due by this Friday, December 12 and can be made using the form bit.ly/organistsearch

Christmas with Tower Brass

Join us Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. for the music of the season when our brass ensemble presents their festive “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Christmas Cantata: Bach’s Magnificat

On Sunday morning, December 21 the magnificent strains of Bach’s *Magnificat*—a musical setting of Mary’s song, as recorded in Luke 1:46–55—will be presented by the Morning Choir and members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. The 9:30 cantata will also be livestreamed.

Free Friday Concerts

The December 12 free Friday Noonday Concert features Lux Cantorum Choir at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream: fourthchurch.org/concerts

Connecting Online

Whether you live out of state, are traveling, are unable to be with us in person, or find online opportunities to be a meaningful complement to your in-person experiences, we invite you to explore our online opportunities for deepening your connections with your faith and with others: fourthchurch.org/online/connection



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

Children, Youth, and Family

Children in worship

Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday School

Children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship before departing for their classrooms on the fourth floor.

Youth

On Sundays the Junior High Youth group (grades 6–8) meets in the Bumpus Room at 9:20 a.m. to go into worship together before returning to the Bumpus Room following the Passing of the Peace.

This week Senior High Youth (grades 9–12) does not meet; the youth are encouraged to worship with their families.

Confirmation

The Confirmation cohort of eighth graders meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. The Confirmation parent group meets at 11:00 p.m. in Room 5D.

TwentiesThirties Bible Study

Young adults are invited to a TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study that takes place weekly at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5B through December 21.

Together we will continue to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us in our world as we dig into Tracy Daub's *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark*.

Reading Sermons

To read the text of the previous Sunday sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

What Is a Presbytery?

The class "What Is a Presbytery and Why Should We Care?" concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline

The Reverend Ken Hockenberry, Stated Clerk and Business Manager of the Chicago Presbytery, will talk about the role of a presbytery, the polity and governance system of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and connections between congregation members and the PC(USA).

You can watch the first session at bit.ly/adultedvideos

Christmas Carol History and Sing-Along

Next Sunday, December 14 join Kat Evans at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online as she discusses the historical background of four Christmas carols and then lead us in a sing-along. Register at bit.ly/carolsing25

Bible in 100 Passages

Monthly Bible studies

Our final Zoom Bible study focusing on the themes of our "Bible in 100 Passages" series meets this Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. For details and the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/decible100zoom

Daily readings

Our "Bible in 100 Passages" series invites you to join our congregational reading of the Old Testament, as we cover all of its thirty-nine books through 100 key texts. Each day we share the daily readings, in addition to reflections on them, as part of our Daily Devotions.

To receive them, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also read them online at fourthchurch.org/bible100, where you can find an overview for each week, as well.

Weekly video and podcast reflections

Each week Pastor Matt Helms offers a brief "Rhythm and Word" video and podcast reflection on the passages.

To receive these reflections in your inbox on Wednesday evenings, sign up at bit.ly/fpcrandw; you can also view them on our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos) and listen to them via multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

Zoom Bible Studies

For details about the following Zoom Bible studies, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday—gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

Horizons Women's Bible Studies—"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"—will meet this Wednesday, December 10, via Zoom, with both a midday and evening study at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Bible in 100 Passages Study

The "Bible in 100 Passages" Zoom Bible study concludes this Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. (*See details on page 11.*)

Christmas Worship

"Longest Night" Service

The "Longest Night" Service, for those for whom Christmas celebrations are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness, will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*in person only*).

Christmas Eve

On Wednesday, December 24, we will gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services:

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant (*in person only*)

6:00 p.m. Family Service (*in person only*)

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols (*also livestreamed*)

10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols (*in person only*)

Christmas Day

On Thursday, December 25, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. for Christmas worship (*in person only*).

First Sunday after Christmas

On Sunday, December 28, we will gather for one service only, at 10:00 a.m. (*also livestreamed*).



Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

Help Feed Hungry Neighbors

You can help Fourth Church Meals Ministry provide nutritious meals and welcoming hospitality for neighbors who are hungry by volunteering with Sunday Night Supper, Bag Lunch, or meal preparation or by shopping from our online lists. For details, shopping links, and volunteer sign-ups, see fourthchurch.org/meals

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

More tutors are needed to pair with the youth who would like to participate in our Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which meets virtually on Mondays and in person at Fourth Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. To learn more or volunteer to be a tutor, see chicagolights.org/volunteer/tutoring.

Calendar for December 7–14, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent December 7	9:30 a.m.	Worship • Camille Cook Howe preaching.	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School.	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer.	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour.	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Family Donut Sunday.	Room 4C
	11:00 a.m.	Worship • Camille Cook Howe preaching.	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation.	Bumpus Room
	11:00 p.m.	Confirmation Parent Gathering.	Room 5D
	11:00 a.m.	What Is a Presbytery?.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer.	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Caregiver Circle: Dementia Horizons.	Room 5G
	12:15 p.m.	Cornerstone Steering Team.	Room 4K
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force.	Room 4E
	12:15 p.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee.	Room 4F
	12:30 p.m.	Racial Equity Committee.	Room 5A
	12:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study.	Room 5B
	4:00 p.m.	Lux Cantorum Holiday Concert.	Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall

Monday December 8	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos.	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French.	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors.	Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French.	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap.	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French.	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge.	Room 5B
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History.	Room 4K / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga.	Room 5G / Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	LGBTQIA+ Widen our Welcome.	Offsite

Tuesday December 9	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study.	Zoom
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic.	Manse
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors.	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services.	Anderson Hall

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)
 SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center (chicagolights.org)

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10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G / Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Offsite
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Good Memories Concert.	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Mahjong	Room 5C / 5A
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	Zoom
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
6:30 p.m.	“Bible in 100 Passages” Bible Study.	Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Faith Study	Offsite
December 10	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing.	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	Women’s <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series.	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:30 p.m.	CLL: Purposeful Retirement Workshop	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Women’s <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
December 11	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom

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1:30 p.m.	CLL: Canasta	Room 5B
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees and Session.	Borwell Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Holly Jolly Ladies Night	Manse
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Room 4G
6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
December 12	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Anderson Hall
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Mahjong Fridays	Room 4D
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Holiday Extravaganza	Borwell Dining Room
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Fiber Friends	Room 4C
	3:30 p.m.	CLL: Get Together and Go Out!.	Fourth-Floor Lounge
	6:00 p.m.	Deep Listening Dinner.	Anderson Hall

Saturday, December 13 • No public events are scheduled

Third Sunday of Advent	9:30 a.m.	Worship • Camille Cook Howe preaching.	Sanctuary / Online
December 14	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	10:15 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish House Kitchen
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship • Camille Cook Howe preaching.	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering.	Fifth-Floor Lounge
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Carol History and Sing-Along	Borwell / Online
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Caregiver Circle: Dementia Horizons	Room 5G
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force	Room 4E
	12:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 4F
	12:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study.	Room 5B
	12:30 p.m.	Meet the Artist	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service.	Borwell Dining Room

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Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Amy Pagliarella, Nanette Sawyer, Joseph L. Morrow, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Camille Cook Howe,
Amy Pagliarella, Rocky Supinger

9:30 Advent Liturgists: Abe and Sunitha Thomas

11:00 Advent Liturgist: Vicki White

The Music Today

The Morning and Chancel Choirs; Heather Boehm, Violinist

Pax Carlile, Organ Student

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Pax Carlile for playing the prelude and postlude this morning. A high-school junior from Peoria, Illinois, Pax is studying organ with Doug Cleveland.

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