

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 8, 2013
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Let us enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of meditation in preparation for worship.

Welcome – Greeting of the People – Announcements

Prelude

“I Wonder As I Wander”
Phil Sargeant, oboe; Angelina Savoia, harp

Appalachian Carol
arr. Jack Shrader

*Congregational Introit

“Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads on High”

St. George’s, Edinburgh

Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye
doors that last for ay— be lift-ed up, that— so the King of—
glo - ry en - ter may! But who of glo - ry is the
King? The might-y Lord is this, Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in — might— and strong in bat-tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in — might— and strong— in — bat - tle— is.
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

***Prayer of Invocation and Adoration**

***Hymn of Adoration No. 131**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

***Confession of Faith—The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn No. 623—Gloria Patri**

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

8:00 Rev. Blair Smith

9:30 Rev. Corey Gray

11:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

Anthem

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

*Sanctuary Choir; Cynthia Keith, flute; Phil Sargeant, oboe;
James Steele, saxophone; Angelina Savoia, harp*

Gustav Holst
arr. Mack Wilberg

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

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.

~Christina Rossetti

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:1-17

pages 571-72, pew Bible

***Hymn No. 128**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Passing of Friendship Register

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon

*Valerie Kraft, soprano; Phil Sargeant, oboe;
Angelina Savoia, harp; Fred Markey, organ*

When blossoms flowered ‘mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light.
The angels sang; the shepherds sang; the grateful earth rejoiced.
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light.
Let ev’ry voice acclaim His name; the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:26-38

pages 855-56, pew Bible

Sermon

“The Virgin”

Dr. Robert M. Norris

2nd in the series, “The Longed For Savior”

Passing of the Peace

***Hymn No. 136**

“The First Noel”
(stanzas 1,2,3, and 6)

The First Noel

Benediction

Postlude

“Toccata on ‘God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen’”

Mark A. Miller

**Congregation standing.*

Participating Officers:

8:00 Bob Langston

9:30 Sid Menkis

11:00 Bob Langston

Elders are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Women of Fourth Flower Committee.

**The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00am locally on WAVA 105.1 FM
and worldwide by Internet streaming audio at www.wava.com.**

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center
or ask an usher for assistance.

Tonight's Evening Service, 6pm

Children's Christmas Celebration

6pm in the Upper Room

8th Annual production of the historic

~The York Nativity Play~

*performed by the children of Fourth, with music
by Ring Forth! and Celebration Choir.*

Stewardship & Finance

GENERAL GIVING

Annual Budget	\$ 4,638,691
Year to Date Budget	\$ 3,635,027
Year to Date Received	\$ 3,291,084

Advent
2013

Third Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday, December 15

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

"The Shepherd" | *Ezekiel 34:1-31*

Evening Service

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 13, 8pm

Sunday, December 15, 6pm in the Sanctuary

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