

Kari Novilla, Principal Harpist of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, is our guest musician today. Kari is an internationally recognized multi-genre artist, striving to promote inclusivity and diversity throughout all facets of her musical career. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Harp Performance from Indiana University (2021), graduating with the highest academic honors as a Barbara and David Jacobs Scholar. Kari completed her Masters of Music in Harp Performance with Distinction and LRAM at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. As a dual major in both classical and jazz, she is a busy performer in both genres in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Eric Lapin is playing clarinet today.

Will Livingston is the soloist.

The additional ensemble this evening is Vocare, our youth choir.



This Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-coil and switch to it, you will hear audio directly from our sound system.

Music selections today include: "O Holy Night" arranged by Susann McDonald and Linda Wood; Noël Grand Jeu et Duo by Louis-Claude d'Aquin; "The Dream Isaiah Saw" by Glenn L. Rudolph, ©2004, 2010 Oxford University Press; "Comfort Ye" and "Ev'ry Valley" from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel; "I Wonder as I Wander" by John Jacob Niles, arranged by Kyle Pederson, ©2025 G. Schirmer, Inc. (ASCAP); "Angels' Carol" by John Rutter, ©1988 Oxford University Press; "Candlelight Carol" by John Rutter, ©1985 Oxford University Press; and Toccata on the French Carol "Il est né, le Divin Enfant" by Denis Bédard. (CCLI 1466252, OneLicense.net A-717474)

Epiphany Breakfast
 January 4, 2026
 9:15am
 (Fellowship Hall)
 Make reservations on Realm by December 31.

Mary Carol Anderson Youth and College	Jenna Manning Church Operations	Laura Ritter Music
Julie Fayssoux First Baptist Day School	Kyle Matthews Pastoral Care	Matt Rollins Community Engagement
Bridget Kokolis Children	Carol McEntyre Senior Minister	Charles Tompkins Organist
Camille Loomis Rehnborg Spiritual Formation and Outreach	Michael McEntyre Engaged Aging	Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 21

8:00pm College Drop In at Home of Caroline and Wells Shelley

Wednesday, December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service of Communion (Sanctuary) with Proclaimers Carol McEntyre & Bridget Kokolis – All Worship Together – No Childcare

This family-friendly service includes scripture, music, children's reflection and service of communion. A special offering for Local Relief will be collected.

Sunday, December 28

10:30am First Sunday of Christmas Family Worship (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Matt Rollins – All Worship Together – No Sunday School or Childcare

Thursday, December 25-Monday, December 29

FBG Closed in Celebration of Christmas

Wednesday, December 31

Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities

Sunday, January 4

9:15am Churchwide Epiphany Sunday Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 Make reservations for the breakfast (\$10/adult, \$5/child) on Realm by December 31.

10:30am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre – No Sunday School

Monday, January 5

Noon-2:00pm College Pasta Luncheon (AYMC Terrace Level)

Wednesday, January 7

Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 11

10:30am Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Deacon Ordination and Installation

5:00-7:00 Parent Dinner Party (Fellowship Hall)

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering \$61,417		Revenue Report 12/16/2025 YTD: \$2,750,472 12/31/2024 Actual: \$2,964,671 12/31/2025 Budget: \$2,982,000
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Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Six Thirty in the Evening



Prelude *arr. Susann McDonald and Linda Wood*

“O Holy Night”

Processional

Hymn 84 “Once in Royal David’s City” IRBY

Stanza 1: Vocare

*Stanzas 2-5: Congregation

Welcome to Worshipers Carol McEntyre

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering *Louis-Claude d’Aquin*

Noël Grand Jeu et Duo

based on the French Carol “Quand Jésus naquit à Noël”

(“When Jesus Was Born at Christmas”)

Christmas Offering for Lula Whilden World Missions

Bidding Prayer Matt Rollins

Beloved in Christ, as we gather to celebrate with joyous anticipation the coming of the redeemer of the world, let us prepare ourselves to hear in lessons from the Holy Scripture how the prophets of Israel foretold his coming. Let us rejoice in our carols that God’s promise is even now being fulfilled. And let us offer our prayers and praise to Almighty God through the words which Christ himself taught us:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Ellen Wilson

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Carol

*Hymn 82 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELIS

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-2, 4a, 6-9

Neil Cochran

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Carol

“The Dream Isaiah Saw”

Glenn L. Rudolph

Third Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-6

Melissa Janse

The prophet foretells the coming of the desire of all nations.

Carol

*Hymn 75 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8

Jeff Linville

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Carol

“Comfort Ye” and “Ev’ry Valley” (Messiah) G.F. Handel

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Theresa Marchi

The angel Gabriel visits Mary.

Carol

“I Wonder as I Wander”

arr. Kyle Pederson

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Youth Reader

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol

*Hymn 86 “The First Nowell” THE FIRST NOWELL

Stanzas 1, 2 & 4 only

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Bo Campbell

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol

“Angels’ Carol”

John Rutter

Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-5

Child Reader

This is the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol

“Candlelight Carol”

John Rutter

Ninth Lesson

John 1:6-14

Carol McEntyre

Christ is the Light of the World.

Passing of the Light

Carol

(remain seated)

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

Introduction: Vocare

*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, Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing, “Alleluia! Hail the King!
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.”*

Benediction

Carol McEntyre

Carol of Response

*(Hymn 80, stanza 1)

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King:
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.*

Postlude

Denis Bédard

Toccata on the French Carol “Il est né, le Divin Enfant”
(“He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child”)

Our Service of Worship has ended.
Our Worship through Service begins.

Place candles in a receptacle in the Narthex as you leave.