

Special Music & Anthem Texts

*Love Came Down at Christmas – arr. Leo Sowerby
Christina Rossetti, 1830 - 1894*

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely,
Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas, Star and Angels
gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Worship we our Jesus, But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

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*Good King Wenceslas – arr. Leo Sowerby  
John M. Neale (1818-1866)*

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

“Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?”  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes’ fountain.”

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine,  
bring me pine logs hither,  
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.”  
Page and monarch, forth they went,  
forth they went together,  
Through the cold wind’s wild lament and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.”  
“Mark my footsteps, my good page,  
tread now in them boldly,  
You shall find the winter’s rage freeze your blood less coldly.”

In his master’s steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
wealth or rank possessing,  
You who now will bless the poor  
shall yourselves find blessing.

Christmas Concert, today-December 18 at 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services -

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 PM (Family Service)

Saturday, December 24 at 10:00 PM (Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service)

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 AM in the Nave

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The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/COO – Charles Nelson, R.N., M.S. Chaplain – Rev. Joseph Phillips, Board Chair – John Dragisic



Gathered in 1842

**First Congregational Church**  
OF WAUWATOSA

### Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God, to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith, to reach out with compassion to those in need, to treat each other with love and understanding, and to return to God a portion of God’s gifts.

Sunday, December 18, 2016 - 10:00 AM Worship in the Nave  
4th Sunday of Advent

*If you are a guest this Sunday, we would love to greet you following the service.  
Coffee Fellowship following the service in the Friendship Lounge, all are welcome!  
Please silence your cell phones.*

TOWER BELLS

THE PRELUDE

Noel\*

Louis-Claude Daquin

WELCOME AND THE GREETING OF PEACE

Rev. Bill Trump

CHIMES

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

**People: And His name shall be called, “Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!”**

\*HYMN 108

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

**\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)**

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father, we come to You rejoicing in the gift of Your Son. We thank You for the Christmas season and for all of the joy it brings to us. Help us to turn our thoughts toward Bethlehem and the story of this wonderful birth. Bless us Lord, as we travel again to the manger so that Your Spirit may be born anew in us this Christmas. Hear as we pray together...**

**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 GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 558)**

**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.**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Rhonda & Paul Kwiecien

*Children ages 3 – 5th grade are invited to Sunday School.*

*Youth in grades 6th through 12th are invited to Pilgrim Fellowship in Youth Room 302.*

**THE LESSON**

Luke 2:1-20

Bible, pg. 933

**ANTHEM**

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

arr. Leo Sowerby

**THE MESSAGE**

“All I Want for Christmas”

Rev. Trump

**\*HYMN 138**

*What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

GREENSLEEVES

**THE CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Good King Wenceslas*

arr. Leo Sowerby

**\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 563)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN 121**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

**\*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*Noel Suisse\**

Louis-Claude Daquin

\*Today’s organ prelude and postlude, as well as the anthem and offertory were all performed on this date 50 years ago (December 18, 1966) for the dedication of the newly installed Reuter organ. M.P. Möller Company installed the organ and expanded it to a total of 2300 pipes in 41 ranks, and updated the console in 2007. This impressive instrument’s main console and pipes are hidden from view, situated behind faux wall panels with the console set below the floor in the choir loft. A small antiphonal grouping of pipes can be seen by those in the balcony. The organ continues to be played at weddings, funerals, concerts and weekly for Sunday services.

**CARE FOR CHILDREN**

A supervised nursery is available for infants and toddlers during the 10:00 AM service.

**Caring Corner**

***IN THE HOSPITAL***

***John Sgarlata*** - recovering from surgery

***IN OUR PRAYERS***

***Chris & Lucy Hantzsch*** as they mourn the passing of Chris’ mother, Anita Hantzsch.

***Pete & Patty Reddy*** as they mourn the passing of Pete’s mother, Grace Reddy.

***Cathy & Gary Kezbekus*** as they mourn the passing of Cathy’s mother, Ruth Leef.

***Ruth Ehlert*** – continues to improve since surgery.

***CONGRATULATIONS***

To ***Melissa Greipp and Jonathan Koenig*** for their marriage here at First Church on Saturday, December 10th.

**Preview for Christmas Sunday, December 25, 2016**

*(8:00 AM worshippers please join us at the 10 AM service as there will be no Chapel Worship services on either Christmas Day or New Year’s Day)*

**10:00 AM - Worship in Nave** - Children remain in church with their families - there will be no nursery or Sunday School activities. Rev. Bill Trump presents the message.

Dr. Patrick Dill ~ soloist and Rhonda Kwiecien ~ organist