



# Hope for the Generations

HANGING OF THE GREENS  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FARGO, ND

*The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.*

*Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after worship.*

*We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## We Gather in Christ

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

### PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Held/Behnke

### WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### OPENING WORDS

*Instructions for a Hard Choice*  
Prayer by Rev. Sarah Speed,  
A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The time has come to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us confess our sins.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. Forgive us for over-indulging while others go hungry. Forgive us for lining our pockets while others struggle to make ends meet. Forgive us for coveting our neighbor when you give us more than enough. Forgive us for choosing to fight rather than listen to understand. O God, renew in us a sense of justice and peace. Teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that God's mercy is yours and live so that others might come to know that too.

## **\*RESPONSE 88**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 6)*

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **ANTHEM**

*Prepare the Way*

Croushorn

Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director

Jeff Olson, soloist; Kevin Thomas & Benji Trumbo, percussionists

## **The Hanging of the Greens**

### **BANNER & PARAMENTS**

Sue Van Osdel, reader

Banner & Parament Bearers: Curt and Kelly Brickman, Dorothy McClure, and Jean Pladson

### **\*CAROL 82**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

### **ADVENT WREATH**

Troy, Rachel, Hazel, Ryan, and Margaret Schmidt,  
and Shirley Brause (Rachel's mother)

### **\*CAROL 100**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

Sally Harmon, piano; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Penny Andrist, guitar

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sign on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

## LIGHTS

Brian McClure

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” -*John 1:14*

## \*HYMN 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

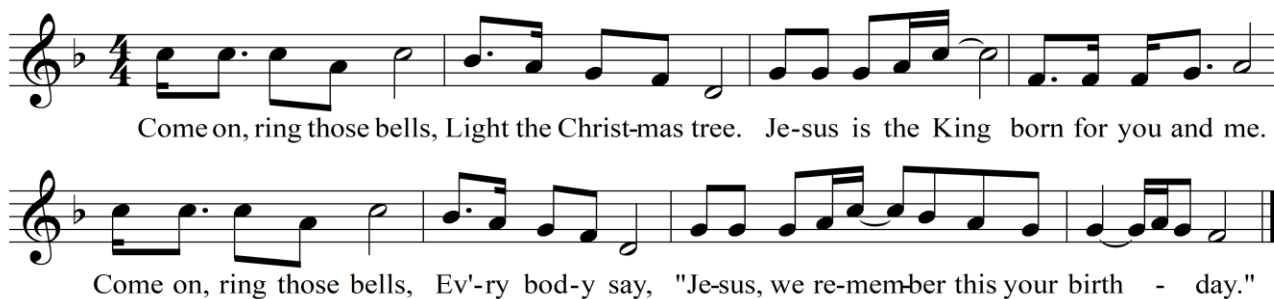
Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

## BELLS - CHILDREN'S SERMON

Penny Andrist



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come on, ring those bells, Light the Christ-mas tree. Je-sus is the King born for you and me." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Come on, ring those bells, Ev'-ry bod-y say, 'Je-sus, we re-mem-ber this your birth - day.'" The lyrics are written below the notes.

## POINSETTIA

Poinsettia processional: FPC Youth  
Live painting: Marcy Dronen  
(marcydronenstudio.com)

## \*CAROL 105

*People, Look East (verses 1 & 5)*

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest is on the way.  
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Angel-Filled Advent*by Ann Weems*

Wouldn't it be wonderful  
 if Advent came filled with angels and alleluias?  
 Wouldn't it be perfect  
 if we were greeted on these December mornings  
 with a hovering of heavenly hosts  
 tuning their harps and brushing up on their fa-la-las?  
 Wouldn't it be incredible  
 if their music filled our waking hours  
 with the promise of peace on earth  
 and if each Advent night we dreamed of  
 nothing but goodwill?  
 Wouldn't we be ecstatic  
 if we could take those angels shopping  
 or trim the tree or have them hold our hands  
 and dance through our houses decorating?  
 And, oh, how glorious it would be  
 to sit in church next to an angel  
 and sing our hark-the-heralds!  
 What an Advent that would be!  
 What Christmas spirit we could have!  
 An angel-filled Advent has so many possibilities!  
 But in lieu of that  
 perhaps we can give thanks  
 for the good earthly joys we have been given  
 and for the earthly "angels" that we know  
 who do such a good job of filling  
 our Advent with alleluias!

**\*RESPONSE 113***Angels We Have Heard on High (verse 1)*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Responding to the Word****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



**OFFERING** Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 72 or over you generally must withdraw an amount from your retirement accounts every year (the required minimum distribution). This amount can be paid directly to a charity (like the church). Amounts distributed this way count towards the minimum distribution and are excluded from your taxable income. Contact the church for more details.

**OFFERTORY**                      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come "a la Mozart"*                      arr. Sorenson  
Nancy Norris & Virginia Stern, piano duo

**\*RESPONSE 95**                      *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord, and  
all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **Bearing the Word into the World**

**\*CAROL 134**                      *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

*(Children are encouraged to ring their bells during the final verse.)*

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

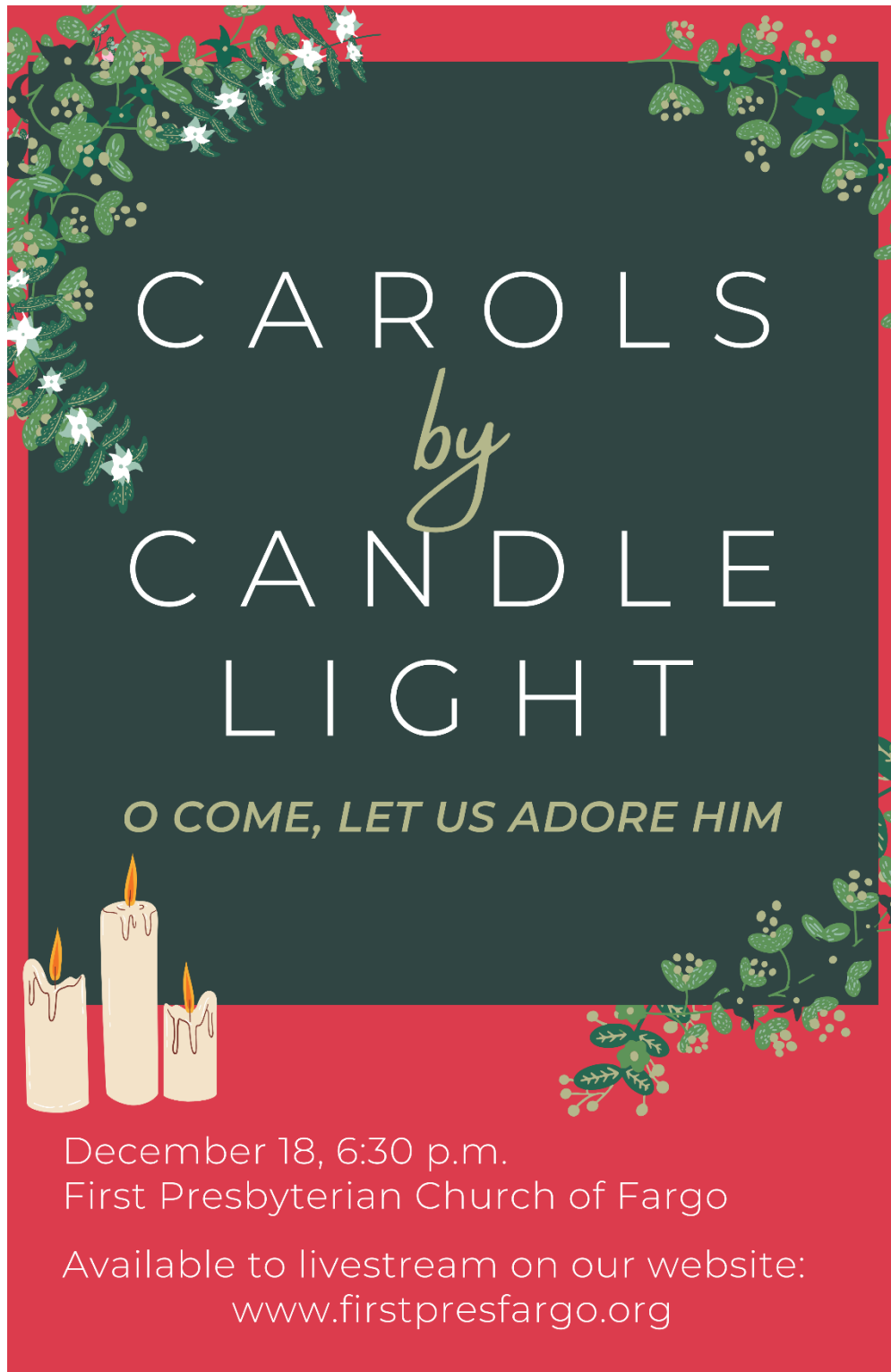
**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      arr. Westenkuehler

*Today we retire our former Advent wreath with great gratitude to the Esther Cook family for their generous gift in loving memory of Esther's husband, James; we dedicate this new wreath with deep appreciation for gifts from the congregation, including one from the Richardson family, in*

*loving memory of their brother, Lamont, former custodian of our church who died in 2017. Blessed be their memory.*

*Thank you to Cynthia and David Baumgardner for donating our new Sanctuary Christmas tree.*



CAROLS  
*by*  
CANDLE  
LIGHT

*O COME, LET US ADORE HIM*

December 18, 6:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church of Fargo

Available to livestream on our website:  
[www.firstpresfargo.org](http://www.firstpresfargo.org)



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Together in Joy

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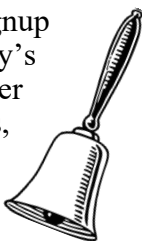
**Lefse Lessons:** Do you love eating lefse at the holidays? Have you always wanted to learn how to make it? Here is your chance! Come to this two day event to learn the art of Lefse! Day one will be spent preparing the potatoes and dough while trying two different methods, plus we'll share the secret to success! Day two will give an opportunity to roll, bake and taste. No experience necessary, all skill levels welcome. Sign up on the opportunities board or online. Childcare available on Sunday. Saturday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 meet in the Social Hall. Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> meet downstairs in the kitchen following worship.

Saturday, December 10- make the dough  
 Sunday, December 11- bake and taste



**Make Stewardship Easy!** You can set up the amount you've pledged as a recurring gift to the church. It couldn't be any easier! We offer both an ACH withdrawal from your bank account (no fees!) or Online Giving through our website. Recurring gifts are like the Crock Pot of church giving - "fix it and forget it". Easy for you and it helps the church to see a steady stream of income through the year. Give it a try! There's an ACH Authorization form on our website under "Forms". Questions? Please contact Jan Lundgren, [jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org).

**Red Kettle Campaign – Bell Ringing:** Signup sheets to ring the bell for the Salvation Army's feeding programs will be in the foyer after worship today. All locations are indoors, starting the week of Thanksgiving and through the holiday season. Contact Ginger Deitz with questions, [deitzv@gmail.com](mailto:deitzv@gmail.com).



**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; David; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

**Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer:** Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg will return from Iraq in December. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

**Banner for Advent:** The figure of the shepherd carries mixed symbolism for the community of faith. On the one hand, the shepherd personifies those whose lives are lived on the fringes of human community. Shepherds were not in the mainstream of society. They lived isolated lives, keeping company only with sheep and other shepherds. God chose to interrupt lives like theirs with the bright light of the Christmas star. God chose to bless people like them with the light of the world. The color of the banner is blue, expressive of hope. Advent's hope comes not only in remembering how God became man in Jesus Christ, the hope is also in the figure of the Good Shepherd, who promised to come again to judge with love. Past, present and future come together in the blue hues of Advent and in God's startling light seen in the star and in the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Orders and payment should be delivered to the office **no later than noon tomorrow, November 28th**. Please write a separate check for your poinsettia; do not include in your offering. Thank you!

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session of First Presbyterian Fargo has called a Congregational meeting for Dec. 11 following worship for the purpose of electing officers and approving the Terms of Call for our pastors.

**PW Christmas Tea:** PW is hosting a Christmas Tea on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 1 pm. We will be featuring the North High Jazz Carolers directed by Eric Saari. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary and everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite friends and neighbors. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Jennie Roberts room following the concert. Don't miss this amazing opportunity as a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season.

**Men's Bible Study:** The ManUp Bible study for men continues on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 6:45 -7:45 a.m., in the Jennie Roberts Room. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this month takes up the 3rd lesson in the study guide to the Book of Job. A copy of the study guide can be obtained from Bruce Maylath at [ring4linguist@yahoo.com](mailto:ring4linguist@yahoo.com). No advance preparation is required for each month's study. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. New participants may join at any time.

**Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns** are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery:** Staff will be present **beginning at 8:45** for infants-3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.

**Activity Bags for Children:** Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

**Prayer Request Cards:** Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.

**Peace Candles:** The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.

**Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

### FPC Officers

**Session:** Abi Carlson, Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

**Church Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

### Church Staff

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*  
Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*  
Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*  
Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*  
Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*  
Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*  
Casey LeMier- *Communications & Admin Assistant*  
Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*  
Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

**Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person)  
@firstpresfargo.org**



**COOKIE WALK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**9:15 AM**

**COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED!**  
Please bring donations packaged in clear baggies to the Jennie Roberts Room by December 17 at noon.

**L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom**  
**Times shown in italics indicate am.**

**Sunday, November 27**

*11:30 Fellowship*

**Monday, November 28**

*5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting*

**Tuesday, November 29**

*9:30 Town Hall Board Meeting*

*10:30 Staff Meeting*

**Wednesday, November 30**

*5:30 Genesis Ringers*

*5:30 St. Andrews Brass*

*6:15 Children / Youth Choirs*

*6:30 Westminster Ringers*

*7:00 Youth Group*

*7:30 Sanctuary Choir*

**Thursday, December 1**

No Church Events

**Friday, December 2**

No Church Events

**Saturday, December 3**

No Church Events

**Sunday, December 4**

*9:15 Sunday School*

*10:30 Worship & Communion (L)*

*11:30 Fellowship*

*5:30 Confirmation*

*7:00 FMAYS Concert*

**Reminder:** Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website! Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!

### For Your Information

November 20 Attendance: 212  
183 in person;  
29 households livestreamed  
Contributions received: \$24,572.00



### Church Information

Office Hours:  
M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Phone: 701-293-6311  
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