**Morning Worship**

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

**Prelude**  
Star of Hope  
Richard Keys Biggs

**Introit**  
“Through Love to Light!”  
Jean Sibelius

Through love to light! O wonderful the way that leads from darkness to the perfect day; from darkness and from sorrow of the night to morning that comes singing o’er the sea! Through love to light! Through light, O God, to thee, who art the love of love, the eternal light of light!

*Doxology and Invocation*  
(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 467*  
“How Great Thou Art”  
*Tune: O Store Gud*

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Holy God, as we begin this new year, we cannot help but remember the year past. We humbly acknowledge that we fell short—short of the expectations we had for ourselves and short of the expectations you had for us. But despite our shortcomings, we know through the gift of Christ that we continue to be called by you to dream; to expect more from ourselves and those around us. Empower us, Lord, that we might live as a people inspired by your great call. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Concerns of the Church**

**Psalter**  
Psalm 147:12–20 *(responsively)*  
(page 550, O.T.)

*Stand as you are able*
**ANTHEM**
“Epiphany Alleluias”  
*John Weaver*
Alleluia. We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. Alleluia. Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

**FIRST LESSON**  
Jeremiah 31:7–14  *(page 690, O.T.)*
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GLORIA PATRI**  *(The Hymnal, 579)*

**SECOND LESSON**  
Ephesians 1:3–14  *(page 180, N.T.)*

**SERMON**
Redeeming by Redreaming  *Matthew J. Helms*

**HYMN 275**
“God of Our Life”  *Tune: SANDON*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**  *(unison)*
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 Ghost,
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 on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING**
**Offertory Solo** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
*Johannes Brahms*

*Offertory Response*

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.

Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.


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**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Prayer**

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the

One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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  “The Morning Star”  American folk hymn
arr. Virgil Thomson

How splendid shines the morning star, God's gracious
light from darkness far, the root of Jesse's blessed.
Thou, David's son of Jacob's stem, my bridegroom,
knight, and wondrous lamb, thou hast my heart possessed.
Sweetly, friendly, O thou handsome precious ransom,
full of graces, set and kept in heavenly places.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O Lord, may the bread we have eaten
and the cup we have partaken from
be a reminder of your vision for us,
for our church, and for our world.
In this season of newness, give us boldness:
boldness to hope, inspire, and be inspired
by your unfailing love for us. Amen.

*HYMN 339  “Be Thou My Vision”  Tune: Slane

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE  In Thee Is Joy  J. M. Michel
The Lord’s Supper at
Fourth Presbyterian Church

“Do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in
communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we
remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with
his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the
sinner and the outcast. In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s
Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to
the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the
church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or
“members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior
and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Access to the
Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given
to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even
one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread
and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s
love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation
will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which
they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread
is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers
will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord’s
Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all
morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

“I am the bread of life.”
John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order
Worship Leaders
Thomas C. Rook, Kerri N. Allen, Matthew J. Helms

The Music Today
The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes
The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout the Christmas season. This annual giving campaign supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Church.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

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