Morning Worship

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

Prelude

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Johann Sebastian Bach

Savior of the Nations, Come

J. S. Bach

Benedictus

Max Reger

Introit

“Our King and Savior Draws Near”

Iain Quinn

*Doxology

(The Hymnal, 592)

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: In a quiet time of hope, the prophet Isaiah called out to the Lord, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil.”

People: We light candles on the Advent wreath to remind us of a time of waiting and watching, a time of hope, a time to bring the light of Christ into the world.

Leader: The light is for us all—to heal and to challenge, to break down injustice and to build up love.

People: In the face of the uncertainties of our world, God is coming to make all things new.

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

People: Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

*Hymn 5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Tune: Picardy

*Stand as you are able.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of love,
all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness.
All season long we covet great material gifts,
when you alone offer what is lasting.
Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth,
forgive us,
heal us,
correct us.
Then open our lips,
that we may sing your praise with the angels,
and remake our lives,
that we may witness to your transforming love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 80:1–7 *(responsively)* (page 511, O.T.)

ANTHEM “The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow” *Christopher Tye*

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1–9 (page 652, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI* (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Mark 13:32–37 (page 48, N.T.)

SERMON The Yearning
*John Buchanan*
“Stir up your might, and come to save us!” Psalm 80:2 (NRSV)

*HYMN 1* “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Tune: Stuttgart*
**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.

**Prayers of the People**  
*9:30*

**The Lord’s Prayer** *(unison)*  
*9:30*

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.

**Prayer Response**  
*9:30*  
“Amen”  
*William Munday*

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**  
“I Look from Afar”  
*Anthony Piccolo*
**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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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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**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

(11:00)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

(9:30) 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.

All: Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future.

We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming again, that his rule may be complete and your righteousness reign over all the world.

Open our eyes to the generosity of your hand and to the miracles of love all around us.

Fill us with gratitude and expectancy and hope, in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

**HYMN 559**

(9:30)

“We Gather Together”

Tune: KREMSE

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

(9:30)

**POSTLUDE**

(9:30)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Fourth Church welcomes to 11:00 worship the members of the Installation Commission participating in the installation of Hardy H. Kim as Associate Pastor.

A portion of the offering at the 11:00 worship service will go to the Presbytery of Chicago’s Ministers’ Emergency Fund, which supports pastors during times of financial emergency.
Worship Leaders
9:30 a.m.  John W. Vest, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan
   Don Allerton, Elder, Fourth Presbyterian Church
   Sonia Bode, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Evanston
   Kurt Esslinger, Parish Associate, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Chicago
   Jessica C. Gregory, Associate Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Evanston
   Theodore Hiebert, Mennonite Church USA, Francis A. McGaw Professor of Old Testament, McCormick Theological Seminary
   Joann Haejong Lee, Associate Pastor, House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
   Calum I. MacLeod, Executive Associate Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church
   Emily McGinley, Interim Director of Alumni/ae Relations, McCormick Theological Seminary
   Joseph Morrow, Elder, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, Chicago
   Melanie Oh Pierce, Elder, Fourth Presbyterian Church
   Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Fourth Presbyterian Church; Moderator of Chicago Presbytery

Lighting the Advent Wreath
9:30 a.m.  Emily Childers and Steve Jurgens
11:00 a.m. Irene and Chelsea Bumpus

The Music Today
9:30 and 11:00  The Morning Choir
   John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
   Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Worship Notes
This morning’s Prayer of Confession is from The Worship Sourcebook.
The “Light Up a Life” offering supports congregational programs and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs. Gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.
The bulletin cover photo depicts a Garth flower after a snowstorm last Advent, with a Sanctuary window visible in the background. The cover quote is from Frederick Buechner’s book Secrets in the Dark.

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