

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Prelude and Fugue in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Spiritual
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Allegro in G Major Ludwig van Beethoven
Carillon H. Dean Wagner
O God, Thou Faithful God Johannes Brahms

Introit (9:30)

- “Gloria” David Giardiniera

Introit (11:00)

- “Shadrach” from *It’s Cool in the Furnace* Beryl Red
Shadrach—what kind of name is that? Meshach—who has a name like that?
Shadrach! Meshach! Abednego! Whoa—Abednego! Whoa—oh no!
Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego lived in Judah a long time ago;
they had funny names, and they lived far away,
but they set an example you can follow today.
This is the story that you ought to know about
Shadrach—what kind of name is that? Meshach—who has a name like that?
Shadrach! Meshach! Abednego! Whoa—Abednego! Whoa—oh no!

- *Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Call to Worship

Leader: *God is loving and full of kindness.*
People: **God is at home in us.**
Leader: *God is welcoming and full of beauty.*
People: **God is at home in us.**
Leader: *God is forgiving and full of justice.*
People: **God is at home in us.**
Leader: *God is with us: we are God’s people.*
People: **God is at home in us. Let us worship!**

**Stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders

Litany of Confession

Leader: *God of wisdom and mercy, you have created a world of beauty, a world where each person has an honored place in your love.*

People: **But we do not always honor ourselves or one another as your beloved people.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering of others but turned away from it. . . . In your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain and blamed it on those who suffer. . . . In your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when some of us have not seen your image in our own faces. . . . In your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for any time in which we have heard cries of pain and not believed them. . . . In your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when we alone, or as a church, have not sought to bring about your justice. . . . In your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh on our souls.*

People: **Forgive us, free us, and show us the paths of love you would have us choose. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 148 Old Testament, page 550

Anthem

“Alleluia” Ralph Manuel

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1–6 New Testament, page 244

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

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.

Second Lesson

Acts 11:1–18 New Testament, page 122

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 317 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.


Prayer Response

"Amen" Heinrich Isaak

Offertory Anthem

"Haec Dies" Herbert Howells
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation
to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.
May they be a testament to your love for us as we share in love for you;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Lift High the Cross Donald Busarow

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders of Fourth Presbyterian Church

The following children have been participating in the 2015–2016 fourth-grade Sunday School program at Fourth Church.

Fourth graders receive Bibles from the congregation today as the congregation lives out its baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Georgia Alford	Julia Kindig
Annabelle Andresen	Gabby Knapp
Ellie Arnquist	Julia Marlene Kozlowski
Allison Berger	William Kenneth Kozlowski
Jack Boyle	Frances-Morgan Lewis
Zara Campbell	Drew Emory Lingenfelter
Trudy Comiskey	Grace Madison
Catherine Elizabeth Cupps	Delia Marianetti
Alexandra Cutka	Hayley Engel McAdams
Gavin Ranjan Daniels	Finn McSpedon
James Daw	Jack Murray
Thomas Demery	Kiera Nanda
Ruby Fairman	Julia J. Nickerson
Isadora Love Fuller	Wesley Nunez
Madison Gaines	Kees Ekko Ottens
Grace Gardner	Katelyn Paeth
Ruth Gelling	Alexander Hartley Ruppel
Aarie Harrison Gray	Baker Shelhamer
Anne Evans Hallinan	Kirsten Sprang
Katherine Genet Hallinan	Sadie Strong
Matea Hewitt	Jane Hale Tanner
Madelene Huang	Mathilda Grace Taufmann
Nicholas Huang	Henry Bauer Turner
Morgan Huyser	Luke Christopher Van Overmeiren
Audrey Jeffery	Margaret Belladean Zeiger
Jonah Kim	

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Kathi Bates, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Handbell Choir

The Youth Choir (9:30); The Children's Choir (11:00)

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, pianist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S INTROIT AT 11:00 is from the musical *It's Cool in the Furnace*, which the children will present next Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to enjoy next week's short performance!

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé; we invite you to join us on May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

THE BULLETIN COVER image depicts the Fourth Church steeple as photographed from the courtyard on a March night several years ago. The background skyscrapers are obscured by an unusually dense fog, their lights giving only a soft glow in which the carved angels gathered around can be seen. The cover quote is from Nadia Bolz-Weber's recent sermon, "Father, Can I Tell Your Congregation How Resurrection *Really* Feels?"

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