

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

- Three Preludes on Themes by Orlando Gibbons . . . . . Eric Thiman  
I. Song 13  
Prelude . . . . . Gerald Finzi  
Siciliano for a High Ceremony . . . . . Herbert Howells

### Introit

- “O Praise the Lord” . . . . . Georg Philipp Telemann  
*O praise the Lord, his praise be ever in my heart.*

- \*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: *People of God, raise your voices in praise to God.*  
People: **God takes delight in our presence here.**  
Leader: *Come and enter God’s house.*  
People: **We come trusting in the steadfast love of God.**  
Leader: *Let us worship the God of love and righteousness.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 667 . . . . . “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, sometimes our world seems in such a mess:  
greed triumphing over generosity,  
death appearing stronger than life,  
people judging one another harshly,  
sin abounding and grace seemingly far away.  
Forgive us, O God. Forgive us when we act as if you are not here with us.  
Forgive us when we fail to do the things you call us to do:  
to welcome all people with love and joy,  
to live out of an attitude of abundance,  
and to find ways to support your work in the world.  
Forgive us and then lead us forward. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism  
and renew our trust in you.  
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Laudamus Te” from *Gloria* . . . . . Antonio Vivaldi  
*We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; and we glorify you, O Lord.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 5:1-8. . . . . Old Testament, page 464

\*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.

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 21:1-20 . . . . . Old Testament, page 313

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 434 . . . . . “Restore in Us, O God”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . from A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.  
 The people of God have often misused God’s promises  
 as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.  
 But in Christ the new world has already broken in,  
 and the old can no longer be tolerated.  
 We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.  
 But hope plunges us into the struggle  
 for victories over evil that are possible now  
 in the world, the church, and our individual lives.  
 Hope gives us courage and energy  
 to contend against all opposition,  
 however invincible it may seem,  
 for the new world and the new humanity  
 that are surely coming.  
 Jesus is Lord!  
 He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end.  
 Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Commissioning of Urban Youth Mission Staff (9:30)

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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” . . . . . Anonymous

Offertory Anthem

“Wir Eilen mit Schwachen” from *Cantata no. 78* . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
*We hasten with weak yet eager steps, O Jesus, O master, to you for help.  
You faithfully seek the ill and erring. Ah, hear, how we lift up our voices  
to ask for help. Let your gracious countenance be joyful to us.*

\*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*)

O God, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
we are able to come into your house with gratitude and praise.  
Accept our gifts—our money, our time, our very selves.  
May they help forge your beloved community here on earth. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 804 . . . . . “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

A Tune for the Tuba . . . . . Eric Thiman

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“Let the little children come to me . . .  
for it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

*Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

# Baptism

## at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

### **Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:**

Oliver Robert Heenan, child of Erin and Peter Heenan

Claire Madeleine Perkins, child of Bradley and Sarah Perkins

### **Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

Ava Georgina Blanco, child of Lauren and Oscar Blanco

Albert Bryce Greene, child of Kegan and Siao Green

Michael Robert Nyekan, child of Cory Flowers and Laurence Nyekan

Harper Maven Schlins, child of Aaron and Lori Schlins

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Chris Horsman, Layton Williams, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Chris Horsman, Layton Williams, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Women's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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THE WOMEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through July 17. The Women's Choir consists of women from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church; the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

TODAY WE WELCOME TO FOURTH CHURCH Anna Corbine, Alden Glass, Tacoma Monroe, and Elena van Stee. They will join Katie Patterson as staff for our summer Urban Youth Mission program, which hosts visiting youth groups from all over the country for a week of service and learning about urban mission and ministry.

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