

A note to online viewers of this family bulletin

The standard 9:30/11:00 a.m. worship bulletin at Fourth Church is about 6x9 inches.

This “family” bulletin has a page size of 8.5x11 inches (8 pages = two folded sheets of 11x17 paper).

The larger page size is used for this version so that the “sunburst” explanations—and room to write answers to any “sunburst” questions—can be inserted between segments of the worship order as printed in the standard bulletin.

The vertical dotted lines in this “family bulletin” frame views of the standard worship bulletin, which can be viewed at **www.fourthchurch.org/bulletins**

Nothing is changed from the standard bulletin in these dotted-frame views so that worshipers using this family bulletin will see all of the same liturgy as do worshipers using the standard bulletin.



Morning worship bulletin

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Welcome to worship! We are glad to have you with us!

In this bulletin you will find some special notes, marked with a sunburst, to help you and your parent(s) enjoy the service. We hope that after church you will talk about what you experienced too!

Thank you for joining us in worshipping God together!



Color this while you listen to the prelude.





When we gather together to worship God and listen for God’s Word to us, sometimes it can be hard to keep our minds focused.

To help us listen, we hear music and pray to God at the start of every worship service.

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 E Major Vincent Lübeck

Festive Flutes Everett Titcomb

Choral Joseph Jongen

Introit

“God, Be Merciful” Eric DeLamarter

God, be merciful unto us and show us the light of his countenance, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Amen.



What happened this week that made you happy? Ask your parent(s) that too.



What has been hard about your week that you want to tell God about?

*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 our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.*

People: *God is our hope and our trust.*

Praise the Lord!

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”



Now we confess together things that we do but shouldn't and also things we should do but don't. Doing this brings us closer to God. God still loves us even when we mess up. We remind each other of this when we say together the words of pardon: “In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of Life, you have been our God since before time even began. You promise us a realm that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget and yield to fear. We trust only in the tangible rewards of your world and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separation and widen rifts in our families, our communities, our nation, and our world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace, and inspire us to serve you with courage. We pray in the name of Jesus, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*

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



Listen closely to the announcements, called “Concerns of the Church.” Which announcement interests you the most and why?

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” African American spiritual
arr. Larry L. Fleming

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all!”*



During almost every worship service at Fourth Church, we read from the book of Psalms in the Bible. We do this responsively, which means that we take turns reading verses out loud.

For today's psalm, turn to page 503 in the first half of the pew Bible and find Psalm 71. Can you read along? Ask your parent(s) for help if you're feeling confused.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 71:1-6. Old Testament, page 503

*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.



Listen to the story from Luke 13 (today's Scripture Lesson, at the top of the facing page). Draw what you think it might have looked like.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for drawing.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:10–17 New Testament, page 71

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner



1. Listen for these words in Pastor Shannon’s sermon: heal, sabbath, bent over, praise.



2. Listen also in the sermon for something about an event happening in the world. Write it here if you hear it:



This Confession we say together (below)—the “Affirmation of Faith”—is from the Church in South Africa. Is there a word or phrase in it that interests you?

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one
who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and
the wronged;
that God calls the church to follow him in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to
the hungry;
that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly;
that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit
the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
that God wishes to teach the church
to do what is good and to seek the right;
that the church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need, which implies,
among other things, that the church must witness against
and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Who in your family are members of this church or another church?
Do they remember when they joined?

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



We receive offerings as the final part of our response to God's Word, giving of our money and also making promises to serve God however we can.

Offertory Anthem

"Ubi Caritas" Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

*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 rejoice that our lives have been made holy by you.
Inspired by the knowledge of your love,
giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day,
we pray that these offerings and our lives
may further your reign on earth. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon of Westminster Louis Vierne



What is one thing that you want to remember from this worship service?
Ask your parent(s) what they want to remember.

Taking It Home

To talk about on the way home or over lunch

Is there anything that confused you about the service?

What was your favorite part of the service?

What did you think of the sermon?

Did you notice anything that you have never seen before?