

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Air Gerre Hancock

Prelude and Trumpetings Myron Roberts

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” Richard Ayleward

O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

*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: *Come into the brightness of God’s transforming love.*

People: We praise God for God’s presence with us!

Leader: *Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God’s mercy and healing.*

People: We thank God for God’s mercy toward us.

Leader: *Come, let us praise and worship God, who is always with us.*

People: Thanks be to God at all times and in all places.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**Stand as you are able.*

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Compassionate God, you made the world,
intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children.*

People: But we confess that is easy to forget.

Leader: *We confess that confusion can reign inside us despite our faith;*

People: anger, bitterness, tension, and envy can distort our vision.

Leader: *Our minds can worry small things all out of proportion;*

People: we sometimes speak before we think and use words that wound.

Leader: *O God, forgive us.*

People: Forgive us and grant us new life in you.

Leader: *Change us and make our hearts your home,*

People: so that our lives can illustrate the grace of a God
who makes all things and all people new! Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

“Sing We Merrily unto God” Adrian Batten
*Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the
trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast
day. For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalm 149 Old Testament, page 550

*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

Matthew 18:15–20 New Testament, page 19

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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

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

“I Was Glad” Henry Purcell

*I was glad when they said unto me, “We will go into the house of the Lord.”
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,
to testify unto Israel and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgment; even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
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.*

*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*)

May our gifts go forth into our world,
so that where people hunger, they may be fed;
where there is war, peace might be welcomed;
where families are broken, they be made whole.
Then others will be as blessed as we have been
by your love, grace, and compassion.
In Jesus’ name, we offer our gifts and this prayer of gratitude. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude in C Major Henry Smart

“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:

Addison Ruth Oakes Daugherty
Logan Dietra Oakes Daugherty
Riley Grace Oakes Daugherty
children of Jeannine and Denise Oakes Daugherty

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Katerina Constantopoulos
child of Vassilis Constantopoulos and Emily Killmer
Corynne Delorra Meyer
child of Paul Meyer and Kelly Spence

Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Jennifer Gordon, Pam Block, Abbi Heimach-Snipes
Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Judith L. Watt, Rachel Fisher, Ellen Schaller, Abbi Heimach-Snipes
Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE FULL MORNING CHOIR returns to music leadership this morning, as did the Chancel Choir during the first service. Both the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir welcome new members to join them this season in making music. The Chancel Choir provides music leadership at the 8:00 a.m. service from September through May and rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. The Handbell Choir, a multigenerational ensemble that does not require prior handbell experience, rings periodically for 9:30 and 11:00 worship between October and May and rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares “I am . . . the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and the Vine.” In the literature racks is a brochure with prayers and explanations of the banners.

THE BULLETIN COVER depicts the Fourth Church steeple on a foggy night, with the Palmolive Building visible in the background. The cover quote is from William Rutherford’s hymn “Lord, Can This Really Be?”

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