

*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

- Rhapsody on Peace . . . . . Robert Stern  
Contemplation . . . . . Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco  
Prelude . . . . . Louis Lewandowski

### Introit

- “Halle, Halle, Halle” . . . . . Caribbean melody; arr. John Bell  
*Hallelujah!*

- \*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: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: *The Lord watches over the strangers;  
the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow;  
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.*

People: The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 394 . . . . . “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

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\*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of life, you are the source of all goodness and the hope of our lives. Yet we confess to you that our understanding of you is small; our desire to do your will is often weak; and the gospel seed you have planted within us has yet to bear fruit. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to lay down our guilt, our anger, our fear, our hardness of heart, and our weakness of intention. Make peace within us. Be with us and for us wherever life takes us, both this day and until we meet in glory. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *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

“Praise, All You People” . . . . . Bradley Ellingboe  
*Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely, with happy heart its Amen sings!  
Blessed, O blessed are they forever whose help is from the Lord most high,  
whom from salvation naught can sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
Trust not in rulers for they are but mortal; earthborn are they and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal; vain is their help on judgment day.  
Praise, all you people. Praise the almighty, my soul adore him!  
Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and anthem I come before him  
singing the Lord a song of praise! Praise the Almighty, my soul adore him!  
Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and anthem I come before him  
singing the Lord a song of hallelujah!*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 146 . . . . . Old Testament, page 549

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†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

\*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

Mark 7:24–37 . . . . . New Testament, page 40  
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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

\*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” . . . . . Dale Wood

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Rejoice in the Lord Alway” . . . . . Anonymous

*Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men; the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplication let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. 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*)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
 Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts,  
 our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
 Use us, and what we have gathered,  
 in feeding the world with your love;  
 through the one who gave himself for us,  
 Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 806 . . . . . “I’ll Praise My Maker”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude . . . . . Isadore Freed

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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:**

Juliet Anne Hodges, child of Mark and Abigail Hodges  
Madeline Jane Howell, child of Robert and Laura Howell  
Paige Laurel Wolfe, child of Jeffrey and Patricia Wolfe

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

William James Blank, child of William and Meredith Blank

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## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Jeff Doane, Sarah Younger, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Jeff Doane, Enjolique McCullough, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir; Sarah van der Ploeg, soloist

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

## Worship Notes

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THE FIRST ANTHEM SUNG TODAY was written by Bradley Ellingboe (b. 1958), who has composed more than 150 anthems. This anthem was sung by the Fourth Church Touring Choir on their recent trip to South Africa and on past trips to Cuba and Guatemala.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, “Unweavings,” created by fiber artist Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year. Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day. A brochure with more information about the banners is available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/arts/liturgical.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/arts/liturgical.html)

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE depicts the easternmost of the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels over the north aisle in the Sanctuary.

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