

IN A BROKEN AND FEARFUL WORLD,
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask the idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, April 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, May 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

PRELUDE (8:00) Benedictus *Alec Rowley*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Septimi Temp
Fanfare *Robin Dinda*
Two Arias from *Elijah* *C. S. Lang*
If with All Your Hearts *Felix Mendelssohn*
It Is Enough *arr. R. Nagel*
Benedictus *Alec Rowley*
All Creatures of Our God and King *arr. Gordon Schuster*
(11:00) O Sing to the Lord *Brazilian folk melody*

INTROIT (8:00) “This Joyful Eastertide” *Dutch melody*

INTROIT (9:30) “Bonse Aba” *traditional Zambian song*
arr. Andrew Fisher

INTROIT (11:00) “Chatter with the Angels” *spiritual*
arr. Lana Walter

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 487** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *Tune: LAUDES DOMINI*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
and our hope for the future can grow dim.
Forgive us when our longing for justice is overcome
by cynicism and distrust. Forgive our imaginations
that refuse inspiration. Forgive our easy answers
to the hard questions of our lives. Forgive our lingering
doubt that wonders where you are. Come, Spirit of God,
strengthen our resolve. Inspire our speech, our action,
our vision, our trust. Give us eyes to see the unfolding
of your will, and ears to hear the voices of your grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**Stand as you are able.*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FOURTH GRADERS

(9:30)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16 (*responsively*) (page 478, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” *Richard M. French*
(8:00)

ANTHEM “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” *Harold W. Friedell*
(9:30 and 11:00)

FIRST LESSON John 14:1–14 (page 102, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Acts 7:55–60 (page 118, N.T.)

SERMON by Dana Ferguson
FAITH FOR THE FUTURE
“Whey they were stoning Stephen, he prayed,
‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’”
Acts 7:59 (NRSV)

***HYMN 263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Tune: ST. DENIO*

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 14)

*The 9:30 and 11:00 services conclude on the facing page.
For the remainder of the 8:00 service, please turn to page 6.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

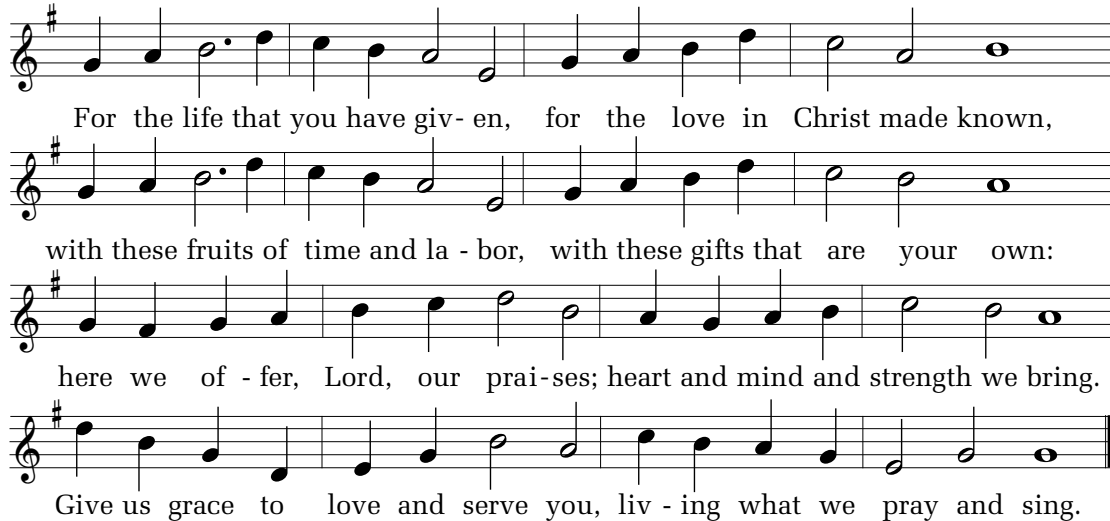
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)* (The Hymnal, page 16)

PRAYER RESPONSE "Thou Wilt Keep Them" *Eric DeLamarter*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling" *Franz Josef Haydn*
from *The Creation*

*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.

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **We give you thanks, O God, for the wonder of your works and the riches of your grace; for the risen Christ who came to his friends today. Jesus Christ, you are our savior, because you have chosen us. In our weakness and fear you have loved us and wanted us, called us and sent us. Thanks be to God for the gospel of grace.**

And now we dedicate ourselves, our time, talents, and money, to do your work in and for the world. In the name of him who once was dead and is now alive. Amen.

***HYMN 302** "I Danced in the Morning" *Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Samuel Scheidt*
arr. Charles Schuchat

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“If with All Your Hearts”
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

*OFFERTORY 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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

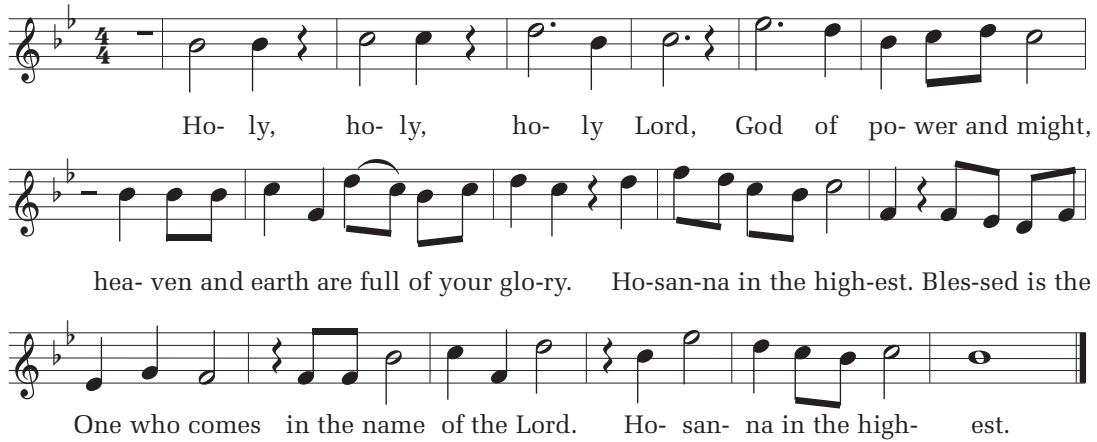
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
 hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bles- sed is the
 One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

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.**

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" *Louis Bourgeois*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

**Glory to God, who brought back from the dead
 our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with
 glory and honor. Glory to Jesus Christ, who lives
 to plead our cause at the right hand of God
 and who will come again to make all things new.
 Glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings us the taste
 of the good Word of God and the power of the age
 to come. Praise and glory and thanksgiving
 and honor be to our Lord forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 302**

"I Danced in the Morning"

Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson
9:30 a.m. Donna Gray, Hardy Kim, Dana Ferguson
11:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist; Carol Carpenter, flutist
9:30 a.m. The Youth Choir; Morning Choir; Tower Brass;
Sandra Lin, Mark Eldred, Craig Palmer, soloists
11:00 a.m. The Cherub Choir; Children's Choir; Morning Choir;
Tower Brass; Sandra Lin, Mark Eldred, Craig Palmer, soloists

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Director of Children's and Youth Music
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Bibles will be presented to fourth graders, on behalf of the congregation, during 9:30 worship. In Baptism, the congregation promises to love and nurture those baptized and to assist them to be faithful disciples. This gift of Bibles is but one form that this love and nurturing takes.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. The monthly Taizé service is held in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month (this Friday, April 25) and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday).

The detail on the bulletin cover is taken from one of Fourth Presbyterian Church's aisle windows. Designed by Charles J. Connick of Boston and original to the church's construction in 1914, these stained-glass windows on the north and south sides of the sanctuary were made in the thirteenth-century style known as grisaille.

Pastoral Staff

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