

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
 God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
 "God's steadfast love endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
 "God's steadfast love endures forever."
Let those who fear the Lord say,
 "God's steadfast love endures forever."

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

We Gather Together *Wilbur Held*
Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata 79) *J. S. Bach*
Choral Improvisation: Now Thank We All Our God
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

INTROIT

“Come, Sing a Song of Harvest” *Melchior Vulpius*

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

Many: **Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God’s; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

One: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise. Give thanks to God; bless God’s name.

Many: **For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

*INVOCATION

*HYMN 243

“We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good”

Tune: WAS GOTT TUT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Let All Things Now Living” *Welsh folk melody*
arr. Katherine K. Davis

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 17:11–19 (page 75, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON THE ONE WHO THANKS by John W. Vest

*HYMN 552 “Give Thanks, O Christian People”
Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

Many: **God’s love is everlasting.**

One: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Many: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

*Each prayer of thanksgiving will end with “your people say,”
to which the congregation responds:*

We thank you, O God.

One: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

Many: **God’s love is everlasting.**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Harvest Song” *American folk hymn*
arr. Austin C. Lovelace

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

(sung) **For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

All: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We thank you for Jesus Christ, whose life and death and resurrection give us new life. We thank you for your Spirit, who fills our hearts and unites us in your love. Gracious God, we bring these gifts and offer them to you, along with our lives. Send us now into the world to serve in your name, grateful for your grace and generous with our love for others.**

Minister: The peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Let All Together Praise Our God

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

John W. Vest Associate Pastor

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader Pastoral Resident

The Vespers Choir

Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist

The “**Light Up a Life**” offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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