

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Aria *Paul Manz*

INTROIT “God Be In My Head” *John Rutter*
God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.

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

***HYMN 460** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**We confess, O God,
that your word sometimes confuses us.
You tell us to be last when we want to be first.
You tell us to serve when we want to be served.
You tell us to give when we want to get.
You tell us to deny ourselves when
we want to indulge ourselves.
You tell us to love when we prefer to hate.
We are silent in the face of injustice and abuse,
when we should be outspoken.
We have been outspoken in our self-righteousness,
when we should have remained silent.
Be tender with us in our ignorance,
and forgive our willfulness. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "From My Heart Springs a Song" *Joel Martinson*
From my heart springs a song. I will sing and give praise
to the God of my birth, in whose love I rejoice and will
live all my days, alleluia. For blessings abundant from birth,
for banquet of family and friends, for bud of beginning
and beauty full bloom, forever sing, alleluia.

PSALTER Psalm 119:1–8 (*responsively*) (page 535, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:1–12 (page 102, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON When Faith Is Threatened JOHN H. BOYLE

***HYMN 515** "Now to Your Table Spread" *Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN*

***APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “The Call” from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

***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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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 "A Repeating Alleluia"
Alleluia.

Calvin Hampton

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Out of your grace, O God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ. Out of our need, we have received food for our starving souls and spiritual hunger. Receive our thanksgiving and grant us grace to serve you with compassion and care for all who hunger and thirst for the blessing of your love. In the name of the one who is our host at this table, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Major *Georg Philipp Telemann*

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

“Do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

“I am the bread of life.”

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin, Donna Gray, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

John Buchanan is preaching this morning at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., as part of the Celebration of American Preaching. The service will be available on the Cathedral's website, www.nationalcathedral.org.

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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