

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

We Thank Thee, O God *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Give Thanks, My Soul, to God *Johann Pachelbel*
Simple Gifts *Andrew Clarke*
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Wilbur Held*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Paul Manz*

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“The Lord Is Good!”

Christopher Tye

The Lord is good! His love will raise a joyful harvest song.
Sing “He is good!” and let his praise from every tongue
be heard. The Lord is good! He gives us bread; he gives his
children more. The Lord is good! By him their souls with
grace are fed, a rich and endless store.

PSALTER

Psalm 100 (*responsively*)

(page 522, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25–33

(page 6, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

ALICE M. TROWBRIDGE

Gratefully

*“But strive first for the kingdom of God and
his righteousness, and all these things will be
given to you as well.”* Matthew 6:33 (NRSV)

*HYMN 559

“We Gather Together”

Tune: KREMSE

*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.**

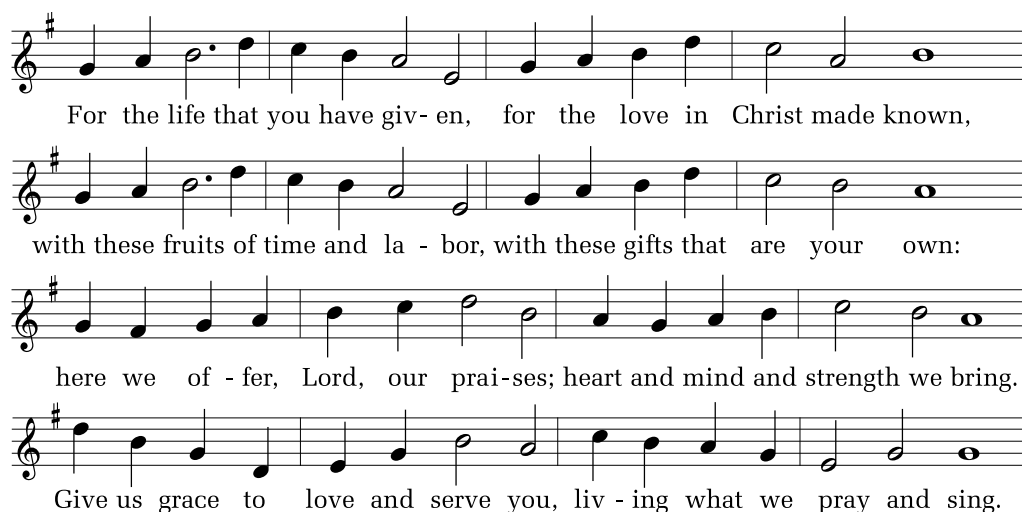
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Thy Church, O God, Her Heart to Thee Upraiseth”

Eric Thiman

*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 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: **Gracious God,**

**we thank you for the voices of the faithful
of every time and place and, most of all,
for your love revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son.**

**Strengthen us to be his faithful disciples
and to love Christ with fresh devotion.**

**Draw our hearts to you, guide our minds,
fill our imaginations, and direct our wills,
so that we may be wholly yours, totally dedicated
to you. Use us and these gifts to further the goals
of your kingdom, always to your glory and the
welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 551**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving

Richard Purvis

Advent at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Join us in this season of watching and waiting, as we ready ourselves for the observances of Christmas and set aside time to prepare our hearts and lives to receive the gift that comes to us in the stable.

DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS

*Available by e-mail (write devotions@fourthchurch.org),
at www.fourthchurch.org, and from the church literature racks.*

SUNDAY ADVENT SERVICES

November 29 ♦ December 6 ♦ December 13 ♦ December 20

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

December 2 ♦ December 9 ♦ December 16

December 23: A "Blue" Christmas Service

6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND MUSIC

Sunday, December 13

4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Followed by a holiday reception

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 20

Freide auf Erden by Arnold Schönberg

During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

WORSHIP LEADERS

Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor

Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate

THE MUSIC TODAY

Members of the Morning Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout November and December. It 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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