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## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** Savior of the Nations, Come *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**INTROIT** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus” *Thomas Tallis*  
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise and all thy day be bright.” I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk ’til traveling days are done.

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

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: In a quiet time of hope, the prophet Isaiah called out to the Lord: “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil.”  
(Isaiah 64:1–2)

People: **We light candles on the Advent wreath to remind us of a time of waiting and watching; a time of hope; a time to bring the light of Christ into the world.**

Leader: The light is for us all—to heal and to challenge; to break down injustice and to build up love.

People: **In the face of the uncertainties of our world, God is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.”

People: **Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

**\*HYMN 376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God of light, who shines in deepest darkness,  
we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope.  
But we are frightened of your call.  
We are afraid of taking chances;  
we are afraid to follow your light,  
because it leads us into places where you need us.  
We don't want to know how your people hurt.  
We don't want to see your light shining  
in the eyes of our neighbor.  
Yet we know that in those places your grace shines;  
help us to seek your light.  
Guide us in your way,  
such that we might better live  
as your faithful people.  
Through the Light of the World we pray. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**ANTHEM** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Gustav Holst*  
(*Anthem text: Hymn 5*)

**PSALTER** Psalm 25:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 475, O.T.)

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 33:14–16 (page 694, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Prophetic Imagination SARAH A. JOHNSON

**\*HYMN 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
*Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*

**\* 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** "Comfort Ye" from *Messiah* *George Frideric Handel*

**\* 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 “Come, O Long-Awaited Savior”

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Come, O long-awaited Savior, born to set thy people free,  
let us find our rest in thee. Thou our strength and  
consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, true desire  
of every nation, joy of every longing heart. By thine  
own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone and lead us  
to thy glorious throne. Born to free thy captive people,  
born a child and yet a King, born to reign over us forever,  
now thy glorious kingdom bring.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,  
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.  
Give us grace that in everything  
we may yield ourselves,  
our wills and our works,  
a continual thank offering to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 1** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Tune: STUTTGART*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

#### POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

*Paul Manz*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Joann H. Lee, Thomas C. Rook, Sarah A. Johnson

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kristen, Jean, and Mike Ban

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Drew Duncan, tenor soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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.

**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. 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.

**The Advent banners**, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley of Berkeley, California.

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