

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE March of the Magi Kings *Theodore Dubois*

INTROIT “A Round for Epiphany” *David Hurd*
Then entered in those wise men three full reverently
upon their knee and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, born
is the King of Israel.

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

***HYMN 65** “Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky”
Tune: HUAN-SHA-CH-I

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Almighty and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and
one another in both our actions and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus Christ
our light has come, yet we often choose
to walk in shadows and ignore the light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us
the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.
Illumined by your Word and sacrament,
may we rise to the radiance of Christ’s glory.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“The Three Kings”

Peter Cornelius

Three kings came forth from an Eastern land; a bright star led them to Jordan’s strand; and when they came into Judah, the three asked where the newborn King should be. For gold and myrrh and frankincense they brought to lay before his innocence. The star shone high in the firmament and to a stable the three kings went, and when they looked on that child so sweet, the three kings bended then low at his feet. They brought a gift, was lovelier than gold or frankincense or myrrh. O child of man, take the pilgrim’s way; the three kings took it, do thou as they, the star of mercy, the star of love, shall light thy path to the Lord above. Leave frankincense and myrrh and gold; give him thy heart to have and hold. Give him thy heart.

PSALTER

Psalm 147:1–11

(page 549, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:10–18

(page 86, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

SARAH A. JOHNSON

Words of Hope

***HYMN 327**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

Tune: MUNICH***APOSTLES’ CREED***(unison)*

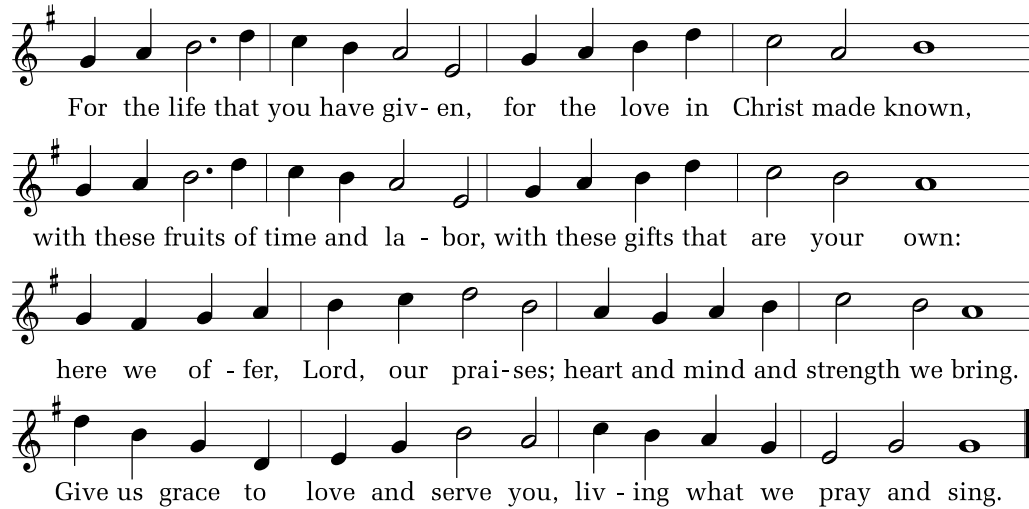
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ
 his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
 Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
 Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
 from the 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 “Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany”

Maurice Duruflé

*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 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

French carol

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead. Before their light the stars grew dim and wondering hunters heard the hymn, "Jesus, your King, is born. *In excelsis gloria.*" Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found; a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round. The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. "Jesus, your King, is born. *In excelsis gloria.*" O children of the forest free, O you of Manitou, the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. "Jesus, your King, is born. *In excelsis gloria.*"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 40**

“Joy to the World!”

Tune: ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Niels Gade

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, Thomas C. Rook, Sarah A. Johnson

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor soloist

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The “Light Up a Life” offering is one way in which we give thanks for the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. “Light Up a Life” gifts support 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.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An afternoon Communion service is held each Sunday at 4:00 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). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month.

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