

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Johann Christian Kittel*
Sheep May Safely Graze *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Toccata and Fugue in D Minor *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “God Be In My Head” *Walford Davies*
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
at my departing.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 260** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from
being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift
of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 98 (*responsively*) (page 521, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Fragrant the Prayer” *Curt Oliver*
Fragrant the prayer, breath of the rose in air! Fragrant the prayer my child taught me. The Son of Mary bought me; the Son of Mary craved me; the Son of Mary saved me. Fragrant the prayer of the child! Breath of the rose in air. In grey of morn Christ was forlorn. In grey of morn the birds call kindly. Be not my eyes shut blindly. The Son of Mary wept me; the Son of Mary kept me. O countenance like the ember, bid me remember the Lamb of God, sore taken, the Lamb of God forsaken, the Lamb of God under clay, three days ’till resurrection day.

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 4:1–6 (page 182, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 5:33–39 (page 59, N.T.)

SERMON JOHN BUCHANAN

Always Reforming

“No one puts new wine into old wineskins.” Luke 5:37 (NRSV)

***HYMN 422** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” *Tune: BEACH SPRING*

***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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

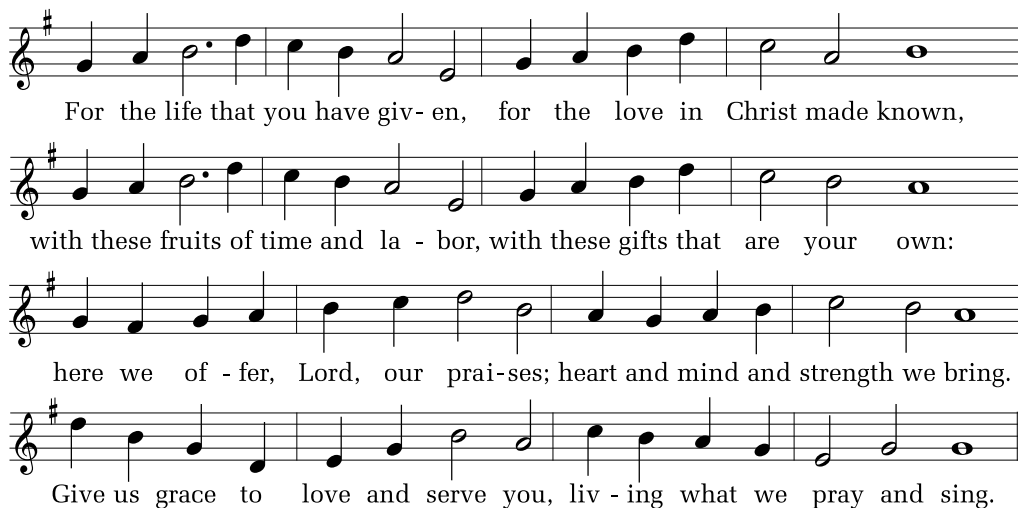
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Brandon*
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us
thy peace. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Nata Lux" from *Lux Aeterna* *Morten Lauridsen*
O born Light of light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world, mercifully deem
worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou, who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of
lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

*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 to the Lord.**

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

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

All: **Ever-giving God,
source of all goodness and charity,
your ear is always open to our needs.
When we cry to you,
you are faithful and provide for us.
With joy we bring our thanksgiving.
For all your mercies,
we return to you from our abundance.
All that we give,
we dedicate to your glory.
All that we keep,
we commit to your care,
for we are only stewards of your bounty.
Bless what we give and what we keep,
for all is your creation.
Amen.**

***HYMN 442**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Tune: AURELIA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Please remain seated as the bagpiper recesses down the center aisle.

RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish melody

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

Called to Be a Church

Alive
FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Presbyterian Church is a church alive—

in worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service. On this Commitment Sunday, we continue to share stories of “church alive,” including the one presented this morning by Beth Truett, and celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives. Through these gifts to the 2011 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, we embrace our call to be church alive.

www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, Calum I. MacLeod, John Buchanan
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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Beena David and Jerry Johnson, soloists;
George Sims, bagpiper

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George Sims, bagpiper

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication are from *The Worship Sourcebook* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship).

Today is Reformation Day, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. Reformation Day is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

“What the Bible Says, and What We Believe, about God” is the title of the sermon series by John Buchanan that began September 12 and continues through November 21. The previous weeks' sermons are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html. Next week's sermon will be “The God Who Calls,” based on Genesis 12:1–9 and Mark 1:16–20.

The bulletin cover photograph depicts the carved arch over the door inside Stone Chapel. The cover quotation is from Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Leaving Church*.

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