

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Solemn Melody *Walford Davies*
Prelude and Fugue in G Minor *Marcel Dupré*

INTROIT “Elijah Rock” *Jester Hairston*
(9:30)

INTROIT “All around the World” *Anonymous*
(11:00)

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 361** “How Firm a Foundation” *Tune: FOUNDATION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of all mercy,
give us grace to make a fresh start today.
We know we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
As we hope to be forgiven, teach us also to forgive,
and lead us forward in a new life
where neither grudges nor resentment have a part;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER Holy God, remind us of the promises given in
our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 99:1–5 *(responsively)* (page 522, O.T.)

ANTHEM "All My Hope" from *To Hope! A Celebration* Dave Brubeck
(9:30) All my hope is in you, O Lord. You are my rock and my strength.
Hope in darkness, my hope in light. My hope, my light, my peace,
my joy, my faith, my life everlasting.

ANTHEM "Cantate Domino" Brian Lewis
(11:00) Sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 65:17–25 (page 654, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 11:1–4 (page 67, N.T.)

SERMON CALUM I. MACLEOD
The Isaiah Vision
"They shall not labor in vain." Isaiah 65:23 (NRSV)

***HYMN 132** "Come, Great God of All the Ages" Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

***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 "Amen"

Dale Wood

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Children's Letters to God"

C. M. Shearer

1. Dear Mister God, how do you feel about people who don't believe in you? Somebody else wants to know.
2. Dear God, I have got to know something. What is it like in heaven? I know it's nice, but what kind of nice? What happens when it rains?
3. Dear God, my name is Robert. I want a baby brother. My mother said to ask my father. My father said to ask you. Do you think you can do it? Well, good luck!
4. Dear God, what is it like when you die? Nobody will tell me. I just want to know. I don't want to do it.
5. Last week it rained for three days. We thought it would be like Noah's ark, but it wasn't. I'm glad because you could only take two of things, remember, and we have three cats.

***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: **God whose giving knows no ending,
as we bring our gifts before you,
we give thanks for the richness of our lives;
for the beauty and wonder of the world;
for the care of those who love us;
for strength and hope in the trials and difficulties of life;
and for the presence of your love in our lives.
Accept our offerings as symbols
of the giving of our very selves,
that we may become your body in the world,
serving, forgiving, and making whole.
Amen.**

***HYMN 423**

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Tune: DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor

Max Reger

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Each second Sunday of the month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Ian Nevar Ainsworth, son of William and Raven Ainsworth
Nicholas Wyatt Auricchio, son of Vince and Tori Auricchio
Thomas Andrew Becker, son of Matt and Michelle Becker
June Meredith Eslinger, daughter of David Eslinger and Whitney Owens
Cole Allen Raub, son of Chris and Emily Raub
Cameron Michael Unander, son of Matthew and Erin Unander

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Grayson Zachary Casler, son of Scott and Heidi Casler
Ava Clare Hirschl, daughter of Richard and Nancy Hirschl
Vivian Rose Hirschl, daughter of Richard and Nancy Hirschl
Scott Thomas Holsteen, son of Charles and Chelsi Holsteen
Isabelle Barbara Luzadder, daughter of Matthew and Turiya Luzadder
Sadie Bryce Sonneborn Malecki,
daughter of Peter Malecki and Amanda Sonneborn
Alexandre Frank Pierre Zinck, son of Damien and Amy Zinck

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, John W. Vest, Calum I. MacLeod

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Youth Choir; the Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Cherub Choir; the Children's Choir; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Children's and Youth Music

H'sing-Huei Huang, Pianist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Bryant Trimble on behalf of the Chicago Lights Holiday Card Committee.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

The bulletin cover photo depicts the middle of the three arches over the pulpit steps, above which is carved the words "The Word of the Lord | endureth forever."

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