

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Johann Gottfried Walther
Now Thank We All Our God *Johann Sebastian Bach*
We Gather Together *Wilbur Held*
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Robert Lau*

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Forgiving God,
how many times we have spoken
words of commitment and faith
and then turned our backs on these commitments
to follow the temptations of the world.
We wander after the false prophets
of greed, selfishness, arrogance,
ignorance, hatred, stubbornness,
and then shout our displeasure
at how we are being treated.
We want you to come in
and clean up all our messes,
excusing us from any responsibility for them.
Forgive us for such foolishness.
Help us remember the power of your healing love,
which has been given for us.
Teach us to listen and to place our trust
in your abiding power.
For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “What Shall I Render to My God?” *Austin C. Lovelace*
What shall I render to my God for all his mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts he hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
and all his promises embrace and to his glory live. My vows
I will to his great name before his people pay, and all I have,
and all I am, upon his altar lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord,
I owe to thee whatever is mine. Born in thy family below
and in redemption thine. Thy hands created me; thy hands
from sin have set me free; the mercy that hath loosed my
bands hath bound me fast to thee. Praise him, ye saints,
the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven. Till gathered
to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.

PSALTER Psalm 103 (*responsively*) (page 523, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 17:11–19 (page 75, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Giving Thanks SARAH A. JOHNSON

***HYMN 356** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Tune: NETTLETON*

***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

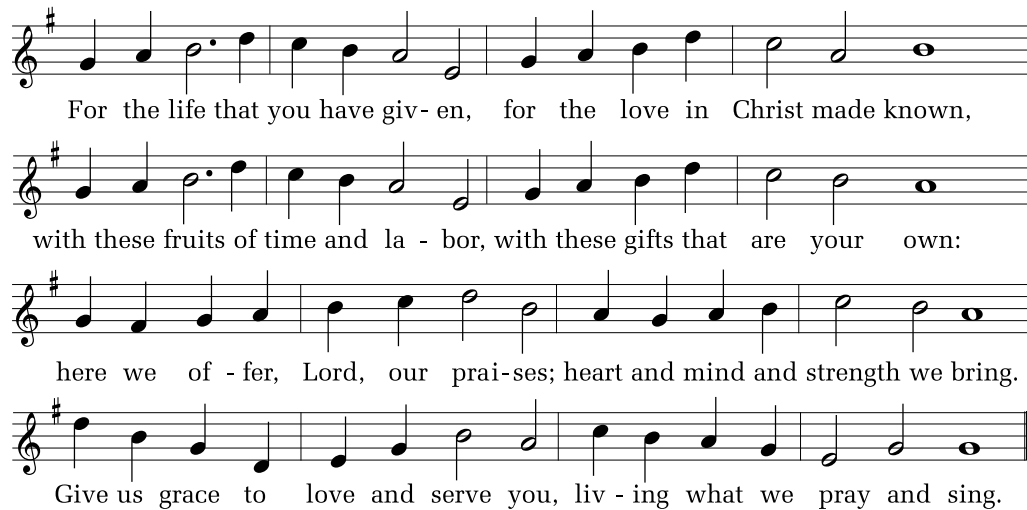
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Harvest Song”

A. C. Lovelace

Sing to the Lord of harvest; sing songs of love and praise.
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise! By him
the rolling seasons in fruitful order move. Sing to the Lord
of harvest a joyous song of love. By him the clouds drop
fatness; the deserts bloom and spring. The hills leap up in
gladness; the valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with his
fullness all things with large increase. He crowns the year
with goodness, with plenty, and with peace. Bring to his
sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves
of harvest, the souls he died to save. Your hearts lay down
before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives
adore him, who gave his life for all.

*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: **O God, in your Son Jesus Christ,
you richly bless us with all that we need,
bread from the earth and the bread of heaven,
which gives life to the world.
Grant us one thing more:
grateful hearts to sing your praise,
in this world and the world to come.
Amen.**

***HYMN 551**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 email (write devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and from the church literature racks.

SUNDAY ADVENT SERVICES

November 28 ❖ December 5 ❖ December 12 ❖ December 19
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND MUSIC

Sunday, December 12

6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Followed by a holiday reception

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 19

Featuring the world premiere of *Magnificat* by Aaron David Miller with the Fourth Church Morning Choir, Tower Brass, and organ

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Wednesday, December 22

6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

For those for whom the Christmas celebration is made difficult by loss and sadness

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sarah A. Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care

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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