

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Poem of Peace *Jean Langlais*
Méditation *Maurice Duruflé*
Fugue on the Carillon Theme of Soissons Cathedral
M. Duruflé

INTROIT “O Nata Lux” *Tom Porter*
(9:30) O born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully hear our
prayers and praises that are offered. You were once clothed in flesh to
return dignity to the lost, grant that we may be made one with you.

INTROIT “Get on Board” *African American spiritual*
(11:00) *arr. Earlene Rentz*
The gospel train is coming. I hear it close at hand. I hear those car
wheels moving and rolling through the land. Get on board, little
children, there is room for many more. I hear the train coming round
the bend, and all aboard the gospel train have joy that never ends.
The price is right and all can go; the rich and poor are there.
No second class aboard this train; there is freedom everywhere.

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

***HYMN 138** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Tune: NICAEA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 90:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 517, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” *Richard DeLong*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will to do and to endure. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

FIRST LESSON Matthew 22:34–40 (page 24, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (page 184, O.T.)

SERMON The Gift of a Wise Heart *JOHN BUCHANAN*
“*Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.*”
Psalm 90:12 (NRSV)

***HYMN 279** “Lord of Our Growing Years” *Tune: LITTLE CORNARD*

***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

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Stephen Sturk

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Aaron David Miller

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

***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: **Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.
Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 275**

“God of Our Life”

Tune: SANDON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

Called to Be a Church

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Fourth Presbyterian Church is a church alive—
in worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.
Join us as we celebrate and share stories of “church alive,”
and as we continue with the 2012 Annual Appeal for
Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights,
embracing our call to be a church alive.

Commitment Sunday: Sunday, October 30

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Linda C. Loving, Adam H. Fronczek, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Katy Sinclair, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Hsing Huei Huang, pianist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication are from the *Book of Common Worship*.

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Hope Daniels on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

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). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

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