

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 Pachelbel
Celebration *Michael R. Keller*
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Wilbur Held*
Crown Him With Many Crowns *David Angerman*
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Johann Gottfried Walther

INTROIT “Draw Us to Thee” *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps forever; and hasten on where thou art gone, to be with thee, dear Savior.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 46 *(responsively)* (page 489, O.T.)

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

“Abide, O Faithful Savior”

J. S. Bach

Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with thy love;
grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Alleluia”

Dieterich Buxtehude

Alleluia!

***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**

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: **We praise you, God,
for you are gracious.
You have loved us from the beginning of time
and remember us when we are in trouble.
Your mercy endures forever.
We praise you, God,
for you came to us in Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world
and saved us from our sins.
Your mercy endures forever.
We praise you, God,
for you send us your Holy Spirit,
to make us holy
and to lead us into all truth.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen**

***HYMN 457**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Tune: TOULON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

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

RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish melody

POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Jamaican melody
arr. John Behnke*

Palm Sunday 2011 Processional



Fourth Presbyterian Church is a church alive—
in worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service. Today, on Commitment Sunday, we continue to share stories of “church alive” 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 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, we embrace our call to be a church alive.

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Called to Be a Church

Alive
FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Reformation Sunday, 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, Germany, 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.

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

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

The bulletin cover photograph depicts a cross in the paneling behind the clergy seats on the left side of the chancel. The cover quote is from *A Short Life of Luther* by Allan W. Townsend.

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