

ANTHEM

“Let All Things Now Living”

Welsh melody
arr. Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us,
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
By law God enforces.
The stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
with glad adoration,
a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1–11; 39:1, 19–20, 26–30; 42:1–6

(page 458, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Proverbs 8:22–31

(page 558, O.T.)

SERMON

From Wonder to Wisdom

JOYCE SHIN

“O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.” Psalm 104:24 (NRSV)

***HYMN 266**

“Thank You, God, for Water, Soil, and Air”

Tune: AMSTEIN

*** 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.**

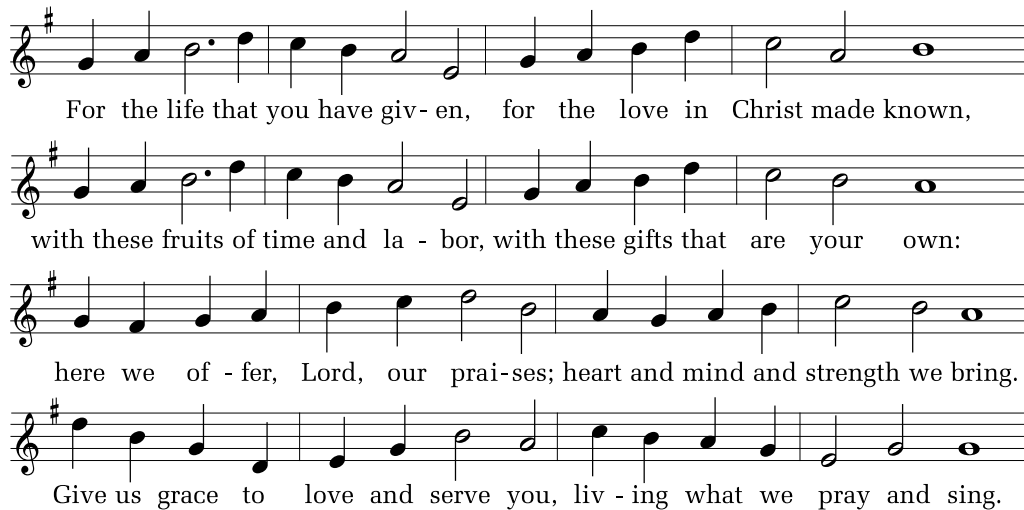
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Harvest Song"

Austin 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 to the Lord.**

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

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

All: **Gracious God,**

**with these our gifts, we offer ourselves to you,
confident that you have a purpose for them
and for us. Put us to work, Lord,
that we may reach beyond the barriers
of our former thinking and doing.
Stretch our gifts not only to meet the needs
of your people, but also to attain
your aspirations for the world.
May all we strive to do be multiplied
by all we share.
By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray.
Amen.**

*HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Let All Together Praise Our God

J. S. Bach

Advent at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Join us in this beautiful 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, from the church literature racks,
via Facebook (/fourthchurch), and via Twitter (@fourthchicago).*



Sunday Advent Services

November 27 ♦ December 4 ♦ December 11 ♦ December 18
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.



Advent Festival of Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 11 ♦ 6:30 p.m

Followed by a holiday reception



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18

Featuring *Gloria* by John Rutter
with the Fourth Church Morning Choir and Tower Brass
During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship



Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 22 ♦ 6:30 p.m

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate

THE MUSIC TODAY

Members of the Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

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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