

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Concerto in A Minor *Antonio Vivaldi*
Adagio *arr. Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “O Taste and See” *Alexander Nikolsky*
O taste and see how gracious is the Lord.
O blessed is the one that trusteth in him. Alleluia.

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

***HYMN 398** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be obedient.
We do not always follow your will,
and sometimes we rebel against your love.
We do not always love our neighbors,
and we refuse to hear the cry of those in need.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Harold W. Friedell

Come, my way, my truth, my life! Such a way as gives
us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life
that killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my
strength! Such a light as shows a feast, such a feast
as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart! Such a joy as none
can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart
as joys in love.

PSALTER

Psalm 147:1–11 (*responsively*)

(page 549, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21–31

(page 628, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

This Far by Faith

KERRI N. ALLEN

***HYMN 276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

***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.**

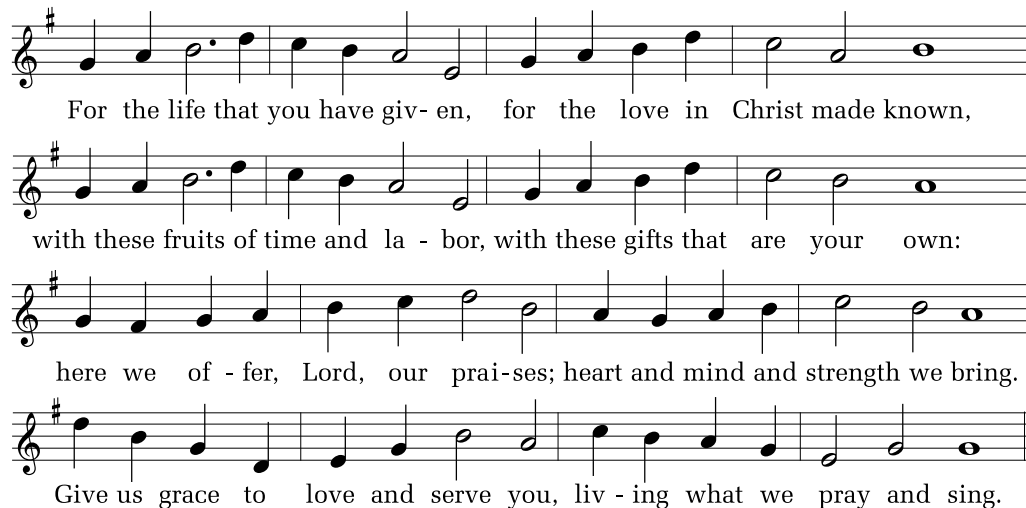
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the Spirit of truth.

*OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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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.**

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Christ, Thou Lamb of God"

Ludwig Lenel

Christ, thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Christ, thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may
yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 399**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Tune: DUNLAP’S CREEK

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle, Victoria G. Curtiss, Kerri N. Allen

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Nikolas Arden, Carol Carpenter,
Laura Perkett, and Cole Seaton, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Eleanor Buchanan on behalf of the Fourth Church youth and the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

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