

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 126 (*responsively*) (page 541, O.T.)

ANTHEM “The Lord Is Good” *Christopher Tye*
The Lord is good;
his love will raise a joyful harvest song.
Sing “He is good!” and let his praise
from every tongue be heard.
The Lord is good!
He gives us bread;
he gives his children more.
The Lord is good!
By him their souls with grace are fed
a rich and endless store.

FIRST LESSON Joel 2:21–27 (page 799, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 6:25–33 (page 6, N.T.)

SERMON Strive First **HARDY H. KIM**
“*But strive first for the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be given
to you as well.*” Matthew 6:33 (NRSV)

***HYMN 552** “Give Thanks, O Christian People”
Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(unison)*

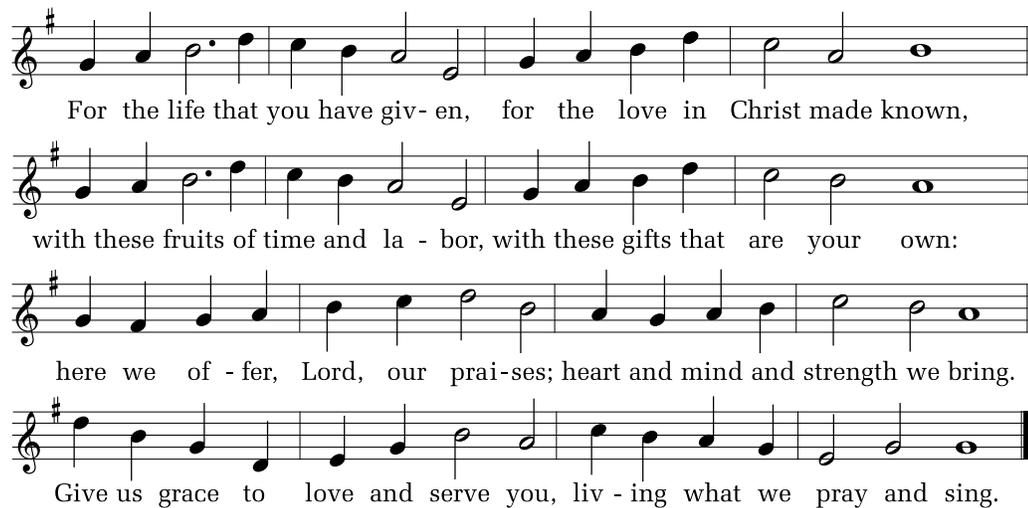
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 "Let All Things Now Living" *Welsh melody*
arr. Katherine Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to
God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned
and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth
us on to the end of our days. His banners are over us,
his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in
the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished, as forward we travel from light into light!
His law he enforces, the stars in their courses, the
sun in his orbit obediently shine. The hills and the
mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the
ocean proclaim him 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!

*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: **God of all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
that we encounter in the gifts of your creation.
We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life
and ask that you would add to them
only the vision we need
to live as a grateful community,
committed to the stewardship of your earth
and the welfare of all your people.
Receive the gifts we bring
as a sign of our pledge to you this day.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving

Richard Purvis

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.*



Sunday Advent Services

December 2 ❖ December 9 ❖ December 16 ❖ December 23
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.



Tom Long Preaching December 2 and 9

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*On the first two Sundays of Advent, we are honored to be able to welcome to
the Fourth Church pulpit Tom Long, named by Baylor University one
of the twelve most-effective preachers in the English-speaking world.
Dr. Long is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School
of Theology at Emory University and author and editor of
several books on preaching and worship.*



Advent Festival of Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 16 ❖ 6:30 p.m.

Followed by a holiday reception in Anderson Hall



Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 20 ❖ 6:30 p.m. ❖ Buchanan Chapel

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



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 23

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Hardy H. Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism

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 by 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.

Fourth Church offers a variety of Sunday worship opportunities:

an 8:00 a.m. Communion service, services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service with Communion. For more information about worship at Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/worship.

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