**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

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**PRELUDE**
Symphonie Gothique  
Charles-Marie Widor  
Andante Sostenuto

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**INTROIT**

“The Lord Reigns!”  
Dale Wood

The Lord reigns! He is robed in majesty!  
O let us come into his presence with song!

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

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**HYMN 150**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”  
Tune: MADRID

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
(unison)

Righteous God,  
as he was lifted high on a Roman cross,  
you crowned Jesus as king.  
Throughout the years  
we have misunderstood this mystery,  
replacing one imperial lord with another.  
Yet Jesus is a different kind of king,  
and your kingdom a different kind of kingdom.  
Forgive our ignorance, our hubris,  
and our violent ways.  
Open our eyes to the kingdom  
Jesus lived and died for,  
and help us to follow him  
into the future you are unfolding. Amen.

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**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

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**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Stand as you are able*
King of Glory, King of Peace

David Charles Walker

arr. Robert Brewer

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that
love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast
granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou dist note
my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore
with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of
all my heart, I will bring thee. Though my sins against
me cried, though didst clear me; and alone when they
replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one
in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in
heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to
enroll thee; even eternity’s too short to extol thee.

Psalter

Psalm 93 (responsively) (page 519, O.T.)

*Gloria Patri (The Hymnal, 579)

Scripture Lesson


Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God’s Once and Future Kingdom

John W. Vest

“My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world.”

John 18:36 (CEB)

*Hymn 145

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Tune: Marion

*Apostles’ Creed

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 VOLUNTARY**  Improvisation on  
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE*

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For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living 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:

| Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. |
| heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-sanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the highest. |

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  “Communion Anthem”

Blessed Jesus, at thy table here we bow. Bread of heaven, save us by thy mercy now. Alleluia! Here in quiet contemplation, grateful hearts to thee we raise.
For the joy of thy salvation we will sing unending praise. Alleluia! Amen.
**Prayer after Communion** *(unison)*

Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us
with this sacred meal,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
of your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to love and serve you and all your children
in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 151*  “Crown Him with Many Crowns”  *Tune: Diademata*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  Fanfare  *William Mathias*

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**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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

*Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order*
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The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes
Today’s Minute for Mission is presented by Kathryn Burkhardt on behalf of Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, who again this year are sponsoring the Christmas Wishes project.

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign 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 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). The next Taizé service will be held on New Year’s Eve at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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