MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Savior of the Nations, Come Dietrich Buxtehude

Savior of the Nations, Come Johann Sebastian Bach
Come Thou Now, Down from Heaven J. S. Bach

Introit "Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh" Leo Sowerby

Our King and Savior draweth nigh; O come, let us adore him.

*DOXOLOGY (The Hymnal, 592)

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: In a quiet time of hope,

the prophet Isaiah called out to the Lord,

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil."

People: We light candles on the Advent wreath

to remind us of a time of waiting and watching,

a time of hope,

a time to bring the light of Christ into the world.

Leader: The light is for us all—

to heal and to challenge,

to break down injustice and to build up love.

People: In the face of the uncertainties of our world,

God is coming to make all things new.

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

People: Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

*HYMN 5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Tune: PICARDY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14–16 (page 694, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Luke 21:25–36 (page 80, N.T.)

SERMON Stand Up and Raise Your Heads THOMAS LONG

"Now when these things begin to take place, stand up

and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 21:28 (NRSV)

*HYMN 332 "Live Into Hope" Tune: Truro

*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.

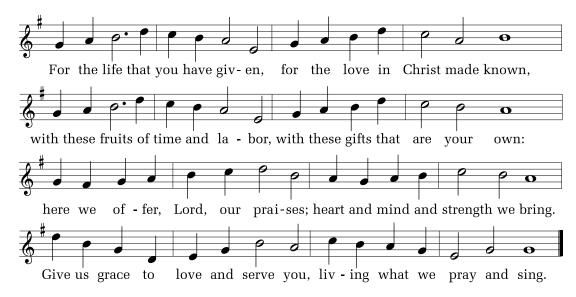
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "A Hymn of St. Columba"

Benjamin Britten

Near is the day of the Lord, most righteous King of kings. The day of wrath and vengeance, gloom and darkness; the day of extraordinary, powerful thunder; the day of distress, lamentation, and sorrow.

*Offertory Response



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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:



hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the



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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 ANTHEMS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Edward C. Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels, with every principality and power; the cherubim with many eyes, and winged seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, "Alleluia."

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God. Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

PSALM 23 (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest
a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Aaron David Miller

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side.

Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Adam H. Fronczek, Thomas Long 11:00 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Adam H. Fronczek, Thomas Long

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. The Morley-Crowell Family11:00 a.m. The Miers-Garay Family

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton and Daniel Henry, soloists11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton and Daniel Henry, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's closing hymn, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?," was composed by Melchior Tescher, who wrote the hymn in 1613, just five months after the bubonic plague ravaged his hometown of Fraustadt, Germany.

The "Light Up a Life" offering is being received throughout December in support of 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.

The Advent banners, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley of Berkeley, California.

The white candle on the bulletin cover is the Christ candle at the center of the Fourth Church Advent wreath; it is lit each Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The quote is from Christopher Morse's book, *The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News.*

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