

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 *Nikolaus Vetter*
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” *Stephen Sturk*
Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O come, let us adore him.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (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 2** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

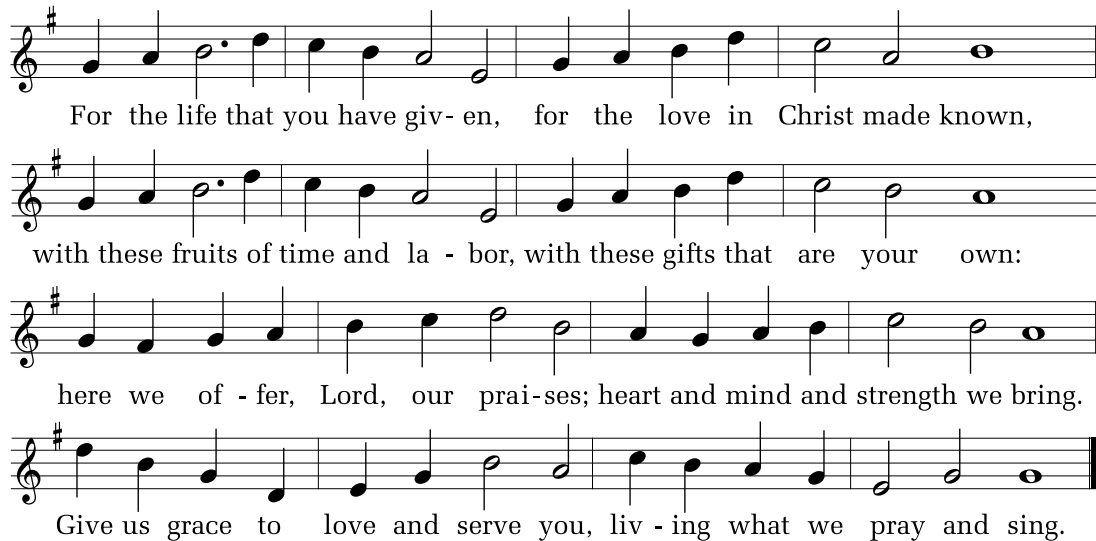
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Lo, in the Time Appointed”

Healey Willan

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come,
the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands;
for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom,
and upon the throne of David shall he reign forever. Alleluia.

*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 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.”

“O Sacrum Convivium” *Peter Mathews*

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is recalled,
the spirit is filled with grace,
and the promise of future glory is given to us, alleluia.

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)*

**God, we thank you for this meal
that strengthens us in our weakness.
We thank you for this table,
where we find forgiveness in the midst of our flaws.
We thank you for this community,
where we wait together for Jesus Christ
and prepare ourselves for his coming.
Send us out into the world
prepared to live the life you have given us
with faith and confidence, inspired by your love,
and challenged by your truth. Amen.**

***HYMN 3**

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Tune: PSALM 42

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Banks 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. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Judith L. Watt

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. Wydetta Carter

11:00 a.m. Lesley Conzelman and Ellen Schaller

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The “Light Up a Life” offering provides important year-end support to community outreach through Chicago Lights as well as to congregational programs and mission at Fourth Church. “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.

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, except in December, when it is held on New Year’s Eve.

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 cover quote is from Joan Chittister’s book *The Liturgical Year*.

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