

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      March of the Magi Kings                      *Theodore Dubois*

**INTROIT**                      “Saw You Never, in the Twilight”                      *Harold Friedell*

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left  
the skies, up in heaven the clear stars shining through  
the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men,  
watching, saw a little stranger star, and they knew the  
King was given, and they followed from far. Know ye not  
that lowly baby was the bright and morning star?  
He who came to light the Gentiles and the darkened isles  
afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle; there our hearts  
best treasures bring; love and faith and true devotion for  
our Savior, God, and King.

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

**\*HYMN 411**                      “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”                      *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**O God, our guide,  
who once used a star to lead people to Christ,  
we confess our poor sense of direction.  
We let ourselves become confused,  
easily distracted,  
and we lose our way.  
We fail to follow the signs you provide.  
Forgive our waywardness, O God.  
Lead us to Christ so that we  
may follow his way to you.  
Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PSALTER** Psalm 72:1–7 (*responsively*) (page 504, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “From the Rising of the Sun” *F. A. Gore Ouseley*  
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the  
same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in  
every place incense shall be offered up unto my name:  
for my name shall be great among the heathen,  
thus saith the Lord!

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 60:1–6 (page 649, O.T.)

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

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 2:1–12 (page 1, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “Watch for the Light” **MATT HELMS**

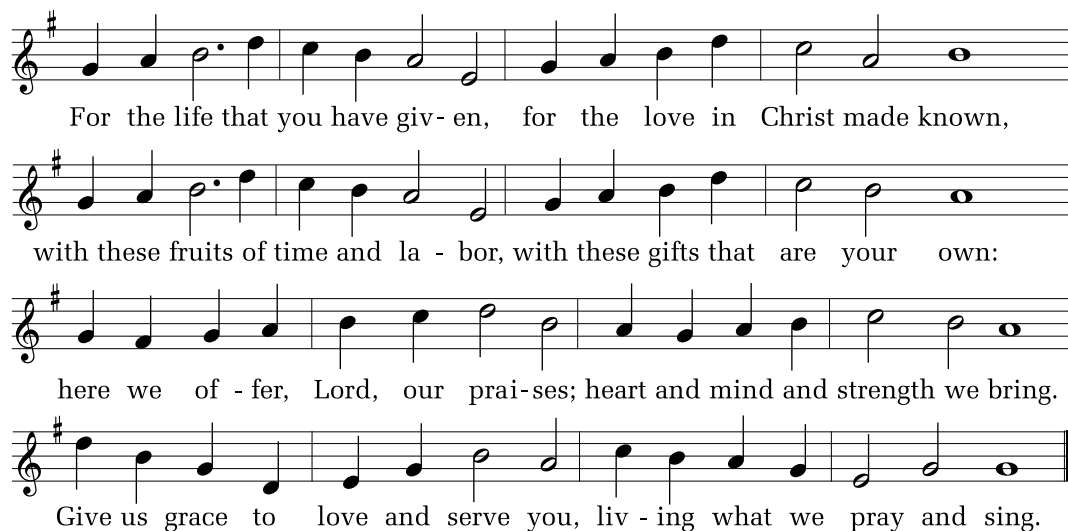
**\*HYMN 68** “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”  
*Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

**\*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 VOLUNTARY** “Prelude on an Introit for Epiphany”  
*Maurice Duruflé*

## \*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** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

*Philipp Nicolai*

O morning star, how fair and bright thou beamest  
forth in truth and light! O sovereign meek and lowly!  
Thou root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Savior, thou  
hast won my heart to serve thee solely! Thou art holy,  
fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule  
and might o'er all possessing. Thou heavenly brightness!  
Light divine! O deep within my heart now shine, and  
make thee there an altar! Fill me with joy and strength  
to be thy member, ever joined to thee in love that cannot  
falter! Toward thee longing doth possess me; turn and  
bless me; here in sadness. Eye and heart long for  
thy gladness!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(unison)*

**O God, who in Jesus called us out of darkness  
into marvelous light,  
enable us always to declare your wonderful deeds.  
Give us courage and conviction,  
that we may joyfully turn and follow you,  
led by the light that shines  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 332**

"Live Into Hope"

*Tune: TRURO*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*Niels Gade*

## **The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)*

**T**he 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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

*"I am the bread of life."*

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss, Matt Helms

## **THE MUSIC TODAY**

The Chancel Choir

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

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**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 most months. The next Taizé service will be on January 24.

**Today we recall the gifts brought** by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. Light Up a Life gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support 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.

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