

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Toccata no. 11 in C Minor
Prelude on an Introit

Georg Muffat
André Fleury

INTROIT

“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” *H. Walford Davies, arr. Dale Wood*
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode. Grant us your presence, Lord; our spirits now renew; give each a pure and lowly heart, a dwelling place for you.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER (*responsively*)

Psalm 121

(page 539, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1–12

(page 4, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Unexpected Blessings

ADAM H. FRONCZEK

***HYMN 370**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Tune: WOODWORTH

***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

“Sermon on the Mount” from *Light in the Wilderness* *Dave Brubeck*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, they are the children of God. Blessed are ye when all manner of evil is said against thee for his sake. Rejoice, be glad, for great is your reward in heaven! Ye are the salt of the earth; ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill cannot be hid. When he came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him shouting his praises. Then all the crowd sought to touch him for power came forth from him healing them all.

*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

“O Sacrum Convivium”

Dan Locklair

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. Alleluia.

“With What Shall I Come before the Lord”

William A. Payn

Walk humbly with our God. With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

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*)

**Lord God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

*HYMN 288

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Tune: ELLACOMBE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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 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.

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 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Hardy H. Kim, Adam H. Fronczek

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The next Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28 in Buchanan Chapel.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings,” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

The bulletin cover photo depicts one of the carved angels under the lectern in the chancel.

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