

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Two Preludes on Irish Church Melodies

Charles V. Stanford

Gaelic Air

Keith Chapman

Be Thou My Vision

Irish ballad; arr. Paul Manz

INTROIT

“God So Loved the World”

John Goss

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 306

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Tune: CRUSADERS’ HYMN

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FOURTH GRADERS (9:30 and 11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Almighty God: you alone are good and holy.
Purify our lives and make us brave disciples.
We do not ask you to keep us safe
but to keep us loyal
so we may serve Jesus Christ,
who, tempted in every way as we are,
was faithful to you.

People: **Amen.**

Minister: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty,
from a calculating or sentimental mind,
from going along with mean and ugly things,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From cowardice that dares not face truth,
laziness content with half-truth,
or arrogance that thinks we know it all,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From artificial life and worship,
from all that is hollow or insincere,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures,
 from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor,
 People: **O God, deliver us.**
 Minister: From being dull, pompous, or rude,
 from putting down our neighbors,
 People: **O God, deliver us.**
 Minister: From cynicism about others,
 from intolerance or cruel indifference,
 People: **O God, deliver us.**
 Minister: From being satisfied with things as they are
 in the church or in the world,
 from failing to share your indignation about injustice,
 People: **O God, deliver us.**
 Minister: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity,
 People: **O God, deliver us.**
 Minister: From token concern for the poor,
 for lonely or loveless people;
 from confusing faith with good feeling
 or love with wanting to be loved,
 People: **O God, deliver us.**
 Minister: For everything in us that may hide your light,
 People: **O God, light of life, forgive us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 121 (*responsively*)

(page 539, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand.
 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.
 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth
 and forevermore. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

(page 144, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

John 3:1–17

(page 88, N.T.)

SERMON

Seeking Jesus by Night

JUDITH L. WATT

*HYMN 454

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

Heinrich Isaak

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God Loves the World”

Brian Wentzel

For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only child,
that whosoever believes in that child will not perish but have eternal life.
God loves the world.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 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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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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.**

All: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.
Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.
Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through the ages we thank you
for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 76**

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Celtic March

Eric H. Thiman

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders of Fourth Presbyterian Church

The following children have been participating in the 2013–2014 fourth-grade Sunday School program at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Fourth graders will receive Bibles from the congregation during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today as the congregation lives out its baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Alicia Katherine Berger

Alexander John Boyle

Charles Calkins

Grace Abigail Cruise

Caroline Culver

Robert Andrew Cupps

Olivia Lauren Cutka

Brinton O’Neil D’hondt

Nolan Danby

Jack Ryan Fleck

Griffin Gustafson

Delaney Grace Haas

Emily Y. Kim

Knox Culligan Lingenfelter

David James McGrae McDermott

Claire Elise Mertzlufft

Elena Miers

Alexa Christine Nied

Kyle Edward Osenburg

Molly Elizabeth Paeth

Bennett Patterson

Meredith Phelps

Laura Ye Wen Pilchen

Charles H. Schau

Jane Roberts Shapiro

Abby Skouse

Andrew Soman

Anneke Rose Stracks

Joshua James Van Overmeiren

Henry Michael Wallace

Grace Yonan

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Jeanne Bishop, John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt

11:00 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek, Jeanne Bishop, Hardy H. Kim, Judith L. Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY (9:30 AND 11:00)

The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist

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

WORSHIP NOTES

During the season of Lent, Elders currently serving on Session will join clergy in leading worship by sharing in the reading of the Psalter and scripture lessons.

This morning's offertory anthem was composed by Brian Wentzel, who in 2001 was an organ scholar at Fourth Church and who is now Organist and Director of Music at First Lutheran Church in Lorain, Ohio. The organ scholar program is an internship that has been recently revived with a partnership between Fourth Church and the University of Chicago, with MJ Chen as the current organ scholar.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" 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 (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the Celtic cross on the Communion Table in Buchanan Chapel after a recent Taizé service. The cover quote is from Kathleen Norris's book *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*.

PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor-Elect (*joining us May 1*)

Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and temporary Head of Staff

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship

Matt Helms, Minister for Children and Families

Hardy H. Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism

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