

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Forlane and Minuet from *Le Tombeau de Couperin* Maurice Ravel

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” Richard Ayleward
*O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Minister: *In peace and danger,*
People: **God is with us.**
Minister: *In pain and laughter,*
People: **God is with us.**
Minister: *Today and tomorrow,*
People: **God is with us.**
Minister: *God is always with us*
People: **in justice and in love.**
Minister: *Let us worship!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 416 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we are here on this Sunday
of new beginnings, of new times.
We know that our times are in your hands,
but we confess that we count our times for us.
We count our days and fill them with us.
We count our weeks and fill them with our busyness.
We count our years and fill them with our fears.
And then we wonder why we feel empty,
or worn out, or far from your hands.
Gracious God, take our times,
times of love and times of weariness.
Take them all; bless them and break them.
And then give them to us again,
so that we might give ourselves to you.
Occupy our calendars. Occupy our lives.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Introduction of New Pastoral Resident (9:30)

Commissioning of New Pastoral Resident (11:00)

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Anthem

“Sing We Merrily unto God” Adrian Batten
*Sing we merrily unto God our strength;
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret,
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
even in the time appointed,
and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel
and a law of the God of Jacob.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 149 Old Testament, page 550

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12:1–14, 26–27 Old Testament, page 56

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). Apostles’ Creed

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.

Ordination and Installation of Officers (9:30)

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 Isaac

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“I Was Glad” Henry Purcell

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Gracious God,
we put our lives and these gifts into your hands.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past; what we shall be,
through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Give us courage. Amen.

*Hymn 425 “Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Dialogue François Couperin

Glory to God!

Between now and Sunday, September 14, we are inviting members and friends of Fourth Presbyterian Church to take advantage of a rare opportunity:

Sponsoring new hymnals in their family’s name, their own name, or in the name of someone they want to memorialize or honor.

Personalized bookplates will be placed in each hymnal prior to the first Sunday of Advent, when we will begin using this new Presbyterian hymnal, which Session approved for purchase in December of last year.

Sponsorship forms, as well as additional information about the hymnals—which contain all of the hymns we sing from our current hymnal as well as wonderful new settings of the psalms, more Taizé music, and songs from around the world—can be found in the pew racks and during Coffee Hour this morning. There you can also browse the new hymnal and see sample bookplates.

Forms and information are also available by contacting Andrea Miller at amiller@fourthchurch.org (312.640.2576) and online at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, David Miller, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Jon Findley on behalf of the Tutoring program of Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church. This fall Tutoring celebrates fifty years of serving children in grades 1–12.

OFFICERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED today are Gail McEnroe, Tom Monroe, and Sandy Travis as Deacons; Eloise Foster, Christopher Gentry, and Molly McGaan as Elders; and Elizabeth Foster, Heidi Jeffery, and Chris Pfaff as Trustees.

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES LAYTON WILLIAMS, our new Pastoral Resident.

Layton will be with us for the next two years, participating in the Pastoral Residency program, which was begun in 2000. This program provides recent seminary graduates with the opportunity to work in a congregational setting and as a member of a pastoral staff while being mentored—by staff and congregation—in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. As her second year in the program draws to a close, Layton will then pursue a call to ministry elsewhere, sharing her gifts and leadership with others in the Presbyterian church.

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS REMIND US, the center of our worship is the Word—both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God's work all around us.

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