

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

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Introit

“Behold, the Lamb of God” Stephen Sturk
Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

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: *Generous God, Bringer of justice,*
People: **you are the source of our truth.**
Minister: *Gathering God, Lover of courage,*
People: **you are the source of our strength.**
Minister: *Glorious God, Light of the nations,*
People: **you are the source of our joy.**
Minister: *Let us praise and worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 214 “You Are My Refuge, Faithful God”

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders

**Stand as you are able.*

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

Minister: *Gracious One, Holy One, in Jesus our Christ you came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from bondage. We come before you now, seeking grace freely given.*

People: **Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

Minister: *When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to you for guidance—*

People: **grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

Minister: *When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves—*

People: **grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

Minister: *When we fail to love any of your people out of prejudice and fear—*

People: **grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

Minister: *When we try to limit the scope of your mercy and salvation—*

People: **grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

Minister: *In Christ redeem us and cleanse us of our sin. Amen.*

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“*Tristis est Anima Mea*” from *Four Lenten Motets* Francis Poulenc
Sad is my soul and sorrowful, even unto death; wait with me here; stay and watch with me. Now you see the multitude; come to take hold of me, yet you arise and flee away. I go forth to suffer and die for you. See now, this is the appointed hour, when the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of evil men. You arise and flee away. I go forth to suffer and die for you.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 51:1-12 Old Testament, page 492

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581
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

Matthew 26:14–16, 47–50 New Testament, page 28
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Were There: Judas Theodore J. Wardlaw

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 213 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) From *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

We believe in one true and living God.
We acknowledge one God alone,
 whose demands on us are absolute,
 whose help for us is sufficient.
That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.
God is greater than our understanding.
We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works.
God’s reality far exceeds all our words can say.
The Lord’s requirements are not always what we think is best.
The Lord’s care for us is not always what we want.
God comes to us on God’s own terms
 and is able to do far more than we ask or think.
We praise and enjoy God.
To worship God is highest joy.
 To serve God is perfect freedom.

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" S. Sturk

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Vinea mea Electa" from *Four Lenten Motets* F. Poulenc

*Vine that I have loved as my own, I it was that planted thee, chose thee and
planted thee. Why is all thy sweetness turned into gall and bitterness? Why
wouldst thou crucify me and take Barabbas in my place? I held thee; I took the
hard stones away, took them from thy path and built a tower in thy defense.*

*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*)

Thanks and praise to you, O God;
by your grace you bring the dead to life.
Let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth
and sing your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Grand Choeur T. Dubois

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders of Fourth Presbyterian Church

The following children have been participating in the 2014–2015 fourth-grade Sunday School program at Fourth Church.

Fourth graders receive Bibles from the congregation 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.

Joan Choi Bahnfleth	Grace Marie Madison
Elinor Grace Brickman	Andrew Gregory Meints
Anna Brady Calkins	Alexander Walker Moncrieff
Daniel Cardinale	Sally Morgan
Kiran Chinniah	Addison Christopher Morley
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Timothy Paul Cook	John Nickerson
Jackie DeMille	Holly Olson
Henry Deverman	Eva McKinnon Pinto
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Jackson Cleveland La Vallee	Oliver Vigerust
Taylor Levin	Nate von der Sitt
Hudson Lin	

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, Maggie Shreve, Layton Williams, Theodore J. Wardlaw

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES Ted Wardlaw as our guest preacher this morning. President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary since 2002, Dr. Wardlaw previously served as Pastor of several Presbyterian congregations—including the historic downtown congregation of Atlanta’s Central Presbyterian Church—and as an adjunct professor of homiletics.

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES, “WE WERE THERE,” calls us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross: the anointing woman, the slave with a cut-off ear, Peter, High Priest Caiaphas, Judas, the crowd, the centurion, and the women at the tomb. Each Sunday’s lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday is added to the Communion Table.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; and 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.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph depicts a just-extinguished candle in the Fourth Church chancel; the dots in the background are lights in the chandeliers. The cover quote is from the sermon “Proclaiming a Crucified Eschaton” by Frederick Niedner.

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