

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

- Processional Fanfare No. 2 . . . . . Edgar Howarth  
Prelude and Fugue in C Major . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
Festive and Commemorative Music, Op. 109, No. 2 . . . . . Johannes Brahms  
arr. Fred Teuber  
Air from *Orchestral Suite No. 3* . . . . . J. S. Bach  
Praise the Lord Eternal . . . . . Joseph Schuetky  
arr. Donald Frederick

### Introit

- “Sing Out a Joyful Song” . . . . . Dale Wood  
*Sing out a joyful song in praise and come to celebrate!*  
*With cheerful heart give thanks to God for goodness ever great.*  
*Sing new songs of joy; to God lift your voice!*  
*Sing new songs of praise; give thanks and rejoice!*  
*Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise,*  
*and with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise.*

\*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: *We come to this place seeking something. . . .*

People: **But even more important, we come as people  
who are sought by the One whose other name is love.**

Minister: *So let us enter this time of worship with hearts and minds open.*

People: **Come, let us worship God.**

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 26 . . . . . “Earth and All Stars!”

Sunday School and Youth Ministry Commissioning

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,  
we confess that we are often filled to the brim with self-importance.  
Sometimes we have sought more to be served than to serve.  
We strive for personal gain, caring little for your glory.  
And we know that living this way misses the mark.  
In your mercy, forgive us, and renew us.  
Soften our hearts. Free us for service.  
And through this service, may we know the deep joy  
of being all that you have made us to be.  
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” . . . . . Richard DeLong  
*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live to thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 1 . . . . . Old Testament, page 463

\*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

Mark 9:30-37 . . . . . New Testament, page 42

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 320 . . . . . “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

\*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..

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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” . . . . . John Stainer

Offertory Anthem

“Venite Exultemus Domino” . . . . . Orlando Gibbons

*Let us come before the Lord with singing; let us come before the Lord our God with rejoicing, for God is our salvation. Let us praise God with thanksgiving. Hallelujah. 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*)

As we bring these offerings to you, O God,  
 we pray that our lives will be opened even wider  
 to see where love may be needed.  
 Receive our gifts now, we pray. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 10 . . . . . “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

\*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God . . . . . Hans Leo Hassler  
 arr. Bernard Fitzgerald

## Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God’s activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God’s majesty and glory, we **gather** together in **praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles’ Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus’ instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord’s Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God’s mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God’s work all around us.

## Worship Leaders

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## The Music Today

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Tower Brass; the Morning Choir  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## Worship Notes

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THE TEMPORARY ELECTRONIC ORGAN that we have been using since last summer has been moved from the Choir Loft to the Sanctuary floor. It will remain there this fall while work is done in the loft to install the rebuilt pipe organ, which we anticipate dedicating on November 22.

TOWER BRASS, Fourth Church's brass ensemble, participates in worship services as well as special events and concerts throughout the year.

TODAY'S COMMISSIONING of Sunday School teachers, staff, and youth leaders is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

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