

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Behold, I Stand at Thy Threshold Johann Sebastian Bach
The Lord's My Shepherd Searle Wright
Elegy James Biery

Introit

"Jesu, Tawa Pano" Patrick Matsikenyiri
*Jesus, we are here for you. Savior, we are here for you.
Teacher, we are here for you. Spirit, we are here for you.*

*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: *Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.*

People: *They shall mount up with wings like eagles.*

Minister: *They shall run and not be weary.*

People: *They shall walk and not faint.*

Minister: *Let us worship God!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 806 "I'll Praise My Maker"

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time, but all of us misunderstand you some of the time; your thoughts on happiness; your ideas on giving; your way of making us whole. These are not always our ready choices. Give us faith, we pray, to risk a dangerous hope, to be ready to think as you teach, and to act as you lead. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Holy Is the True Light” William H. Harris
Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 24 Old Testament, page 475

*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

John 12:1-8 New Testament, page 100

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*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.

Litany for All Saints' Day

Minister: *God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you.
For all the saints who have gone before us,*

People: we give you thanks, O God, for our ancestors in the faith.

Minister: *For all the saints who have been beloved to us,*

People: we give you thanks for our loved ones
who have entered your Church Triumphant.

Minister: *For all the saints who have left us too soon,*

People: O God, we mourn their death, and they remain in our hearts.

Minister: *For all the saints who are still shining lights in this world,*

People: may we learn from their ways and follow you.

Minister: *For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful
obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus, and especially for those members of
Fourth Presbyterian Church who have, since last All Saints' Day,
finished their race and are now at rest with you . . .
we give you thanks, O God, and for these your servants,*

People: we praise you. Keep us grateful for their witness and, like them,
eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us
with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light;
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. 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” Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” American folk hymn
arr. Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the lamb, glory to the great I Am.
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly over those waters to the city far away.
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.*

*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

You have given us the gift of your grace, O God,
that we might share it with others.
You have also given us the boundless riches of Christ
and the resources we hold in trust.
Receive now, we ask, what we have given today.
Use these offerings, and use us for your plans and purposes.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 326 “For All the Saints”

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude

Elegy Malcolm Archer

All Saints’ Day

On All Saints’ Day, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones.

As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship.

William A. Anderson

Velma I. Berry

Kathleen Carle

Clare H. Coakley

Robert L. Coyle

Johanna Daubitz

Frances David

June Dudeck

James Durham

Matthew Fox

Lillian Friedeman

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Ellis Murphy

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Michele Parisi

Laura Campbell Rhind

Louise J. Stiers

Marena Swenson

Barbara D. Thomsen

Charles L. Van Gorp

Cathy Vanderploeg

Robert B. Volkert

John Charles Warner

Worship Leaders

Jeffrey Doane, Marcus Miller, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Drum Circle

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

John Doty, Artistic Director of the Drum Circle

Laura Perkett, soloist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Charlotte Wager and Nadia Yonan on behalf of "Give. Grow. Become!"—the 2016 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

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.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the white rose that is placed in the chancel on the death of a member of the Fourth Church community, with the Sanctuary chandelier lights in the background—sparkling like so many stars—evoking the "communion of saints" who have gone before.

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