

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Ballade Samuel Barber
Intermezzo Johannes Brahms

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Giovanni Biordi
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord is high above all nations.

*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: *Let us praise our God, who made the mountains and the wind.*

People: *Let us sing to our God, who made the stars and the sun.*

Minister: *Let us turn to our God, who made you and me.*

People: *Let us thank God for all God’s goodness.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 697 “Take My Life”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious Giver of all that we have and are,
we confess that we are often slow to give thanks and to share.
Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures
and seek only after our own salvation, our own needs and hopes.
Challenge us with a vision for all people,
that we may commit our lives to your mission in the world,
for we are yours. Amen.

**Stand as you are able.*

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God,
remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Cantate Domino” Hans Leo Hassler
*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 127 Old Testament, page 541

*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 12:38–44 New Testament, page 46

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 708 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*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.

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

Offertory Anthem

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hugo Distler

*Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Gather ye round, let us make music resound. Praise him in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy heart’s wishes have been granted in what he ordaineth?*

*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.

*Litany of Dedication for the 2016 Annual Appeal

Minister: *The Creator of all life and love*

has given our earth bountiful blessings.

People: God created humanity to share

in the wonder and joy of these blessings.

Minister: *All thanks be to God, Giver and Receiver of all that is good.*

People: We return to God portions of what God has given us:

our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.

Minister: *May the giving from the fullness of our lives*

be acceptable in God's sight.

People: May the gifts we bring show that God's rule is at hand—

both now and to come.

Minister: *We dedicate our offerings toward the ministry God has given us.*

People: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 714 “God of the Fertile Fields”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude William Mathias

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Maxwell Thomas Arends, child of Steven Brewer and Kimberly Arends
Blair Marie Lubnik, child of David and Victoria Lubnik
Jacob Dale Lukens, child of Brian and Melinda Lukens

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

John Nadig Batkiewicz, child of Kevin Batkiewicz and Sara Nadig
Margot Elizabeth Kim, child of David and Wendy Kim
Caroline Amelia Manske, child of Michael and Mary Manske
Julia Claire Manske, child of Michael and Mary Manske
Erin Olivia Welch, child of Lyman and Angelica Welch
Breiden Lawrence White, child of Brian and Whitney White

Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Kat Evans, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Kat Evans, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY, a day when we join together to pledge our commitment to the 2016 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights that this community might continue to “Give. Grow. Become!” together as we proclaim the mighty acts of God and shine as a light for this city.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, “UNWEAVINGS,” created by fiber artist Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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 Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts rain-soaked fallen leaves on stairs in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. The cover quote is from William Sloane Coffin’s October 29, 1978 sermon, “The Gift without the Giver is Bare.”

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