

*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

Lied (Song) . . . . .	Louis Vierne
How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou . . . . .	Marcel Dupré
Sicilienne . . . . .	André Fleury
Celtic Greeting . . . . .	Linda Lamb

### Introit

Vacation Bible School Medley (9:30)

“Bless God, O My Soul” (11:00) . . . . . Amos Albee  
*Bless God, O my soul; rejoice in his name, and let my glad voice thy greatness  
proclaim. Surpassing in honor, dominion, and might, thy throne is heaven,  
thy robe is the light.*

\*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

Leader: *Sing to the Lord a new song!*

People: We sing a song of peace and hope!

Leader: *Sing to the Lord a song of strength.*

People: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts.

Leader: *Sing to the Lord a song of joy!*

People: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 475 . . . . . “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

All-seeing God, you know the condition of our hearts.  
You know the words we never should have said  
and the words that might have helped but remained unspoken.  
You know the ways we spend our time.  
You know the things we leave undone  
and the things we did but wish we hadn't.  
You know the reasons our lives spin apart. Have mercy on us, O God.  
Forgive us, and make us a new creation. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

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

“The Morning Trumpet” . . . . . American folk melody  
arr. Mack Wilberg

*O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning and from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? O shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. But now I am a soldier, my captain's gone before, and I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. He's given me my orders, and he bids me never give over 'til I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning, and with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in?*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalm 82 . . . . . Old Testament, page 512

\*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

Luke 12:49–56. . . . . New Testament, page 71  
Leader: *The Word of the Lord*.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 725 . . . . . “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*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

“Call to Remembrance, O Lord” . . . . . Eric DeLamarter  
*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies  
and thy loving-kindness which have been ever of old. Amen.*

Offertory Anthem

“This Little Light of Mine” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. John Leavitt  
*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, hallelujah!  
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine, hallelujah!*

\*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 you share your blessings with us, gracious God,  
you show great faith that we will use them wisely  
and offer them generously to others.  
So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken,  
hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn.  
This we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 32 . . . . . “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude in C Major . . . . . A. Fleury

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“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:**

Cooper Lee Giblin, child of Adam and Jenny Giblin

Beckett Reid Hand, child of Charles and Kailey Hand

Harper Anna Hand, child of Charles and Kailey Hand

Jackson Charles Hand, child of Charles and Kailey Hand

Dylan Reed Jurgens, child of Steven and Emily Jurgens

Jaelyn Helen Quinn, child of Edward and Andrea Quinn

### **Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

Myles Kingery Benitez, child of Braulio and Kelly Benitez

Molly Ellen Fabianski, child of Frank and Jennie Fabianski

Elinor Nancy Jenetopulos, child of Matthew Jenetopulos and Malorie Medellin

Grayson Lambert Caballero Rose, child of Michael and Monica Rose

Roman Storm Caballero Rose, child of Michael and Monica Rose

Kennedy Virginius Wiedegreen, child of Karl and Elizabeth Wiedegreen

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## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Judith L. Watt, Jim Kulich, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Jim Kulich, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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9:30 Briana Belding-Peck, handbell soloist; Vacation Bible School Chorus  
The Men's Choir; Craig Palmer, soloist  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

11:00 Briana Belding-Peck, handbell soloist  
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## Worship Notes

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FOR THE 9:30 INTROIT, children from Vacation Bible School are singing some of the songs they learned as part of this week's VBS program, when the children and leaders spent time exploring Egypt and learning about the story of Joseph and his brothers. For pictures, see [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)

THE MEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through September 4. The Men's Choir consists of men from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church: the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

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