

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Antiphon David Conte
Prelude and Fugue in F Major Johann Sebastian Bach
Pavane Gabriel Fauré; arr. Aaron David Miller
Prière from *Petite Suite* Darius Milhaud
All Creatures of Our God and King Gordon Schuster

Introit # “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” Tanzanian melody

*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.

*Litany of Gifts

The congregation responds by singing “Alleluia” from the Hymnal, page 587

Leader: *There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.*

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: *God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose
that is accomplished. We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ
by baptism and marked as Christ’s own by the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: *This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord*

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 321 “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we confess that we can be an anxious people.
We do not notice your presence all around us, and we often fail to keep your word.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all the ways we fall short.
Enable us to live in peace and reflect your love in the world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem # “Haec Dies” William Byrd

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 148

Leader: *Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.*

People: **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Leader: *Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.*

People: **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,*

People: **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law which shall not pass away.**

Leader: *Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;*

People: **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

Leader: *mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;*

People: **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

Leader: *sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;*

People: **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.*

People: **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

*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 :: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31. New Testament, page 163

Sermon :: “How Can We Be Church with Differing Political Views?” . . Shannon J. Kershner
Part of the “Big Questions” sermon series

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 318 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*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.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons (9:30)

Commissioning of Trustees (11:00)

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: "Amen" John W. W. Sherer

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Lord of the Dance" Shaker melody; arr. David Willcocks

***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*)**

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love,
you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith.
All that we have and all that we are comes from you, O God,
so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed.
For the sake of our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 297 "In Christ Called to Baptize"

***Benediction and Response**

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

Postlude :: "Canzon Primi Toni" Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King

Officers of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Following the action of the congregation and the Session of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, the following persons will be ordained, installed, and commissioned to church office this morning. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this important ministry.

Session (*the church's governing body, which meets monthly to conduct the business of the church*):

Steve Block, Monica Brown, Tim Calkins, John Collins (*youth*), Ken Gaines, Jeanne Griffin, Tracy Koogler, Ji Inn Lee, Kelley Lynch, Craig Morrison, Clara Radtke (*youth*), Tim Schellhardt, Emma Vis, Toni Yang

Board of Trustees (*those elected by the congregation to manage Fourth Church's financial and physical resources*): Lynne Driver, Sam Evans, Jeanne Olofson, Tony Ruger, Joe Sifferlen, Anne Voshel, Beverly Washington

Board of Deacons (*often described as "the heart of the church," those involved in the care of the congregation and various outreach ministries*): Taposhi Bentley, Caryn Borg-Breen, Kathryn Burkhardt, Rhonda Faulkner, Cathy Flaa, Austin Garfield, Caryn Hank, Elizabeth Kurman, Bruce Leech, Luke Meyer (*youth*), Colleen Joy Mraz, Mike Pankratz, Stefanie Schumann, Lisa Stracks, Ashley Swidnicki, Elaine Tierney, David A. Wilson, Nora Wiltse, Christian Yonan (*youth*)

Please also keep in your prayers those officers who are continuing their terms of service.

Session: Joy Anderson, Michelle Becker, Gerry Bloomer, Hope Daniels, Joe Fong, Deb Ford, Lisa Garay, James Garner, Gary Graham, Stephen Hauser, Julie James, Christiane Knapp-Andrews, Jerry Latherow, Jared Light, Carol Lobbes, David Marshall, Mark Meyer, Betsy Morgan, Howard Morgan, Enjolie Reed, Dawn Vanderveen, Jeff Weber, Allison Youngblood, Sarah Younger

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Fourth Church extends a heartfelt thank-you and its sincere appreciation to those who this month complete their term of service as officers and whose many contributions we celebrate at today's Coffee Hour.

Session: Alison Gerlach Blaser, Pam Block, Kathryn Burkhardt, Abbie Fassnacht, Mallory Garfield (*youth*), Jim Kulich, Holly O'Mara, Tom Payne, Fred Schwartz, John Stracks, Michael Tax, Russell Vilt

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Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Hope Daniels, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Judith L. Watt, Stephanette Walker, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Drum Circle; Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

OUR “BIG QUESTIONS” SERMON SERIES, which continues today, invites us to explore the questions, topics, and biblical stories that members and friends have told us they would like to hear addressed from the pulpit. Today’s question is “How can we be church with differing political views?”

FOURTH CHURCH IS GRATEFUL TO THE MORNING CHOIR, Tower Brass, and the Drum Circle for offering their musical gifts during this past season. The Men’s Choir will sing from May 26 through July 14, followed by the Women’s Choir from July 21 through September 1.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo was taken in 1914, shortly after the Sanctuary was dedicated on May 10 of that year. Today is Dedication Commemoration Day at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. The cover quote is from an essay by the late Rachel Held Evans, “My Parents,” published on www.rachelheldevans.com on March 27, 2015.

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