

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

We All Believe in One True God Johann Sebastian Bach
Jesu, Joy of All Desiring J. S. Bach
Theme and Variations on “Come, Holy Ghost” Maurice Duruflé

Introit :: “Bless God, O My Soul” Amos Albee
*Bless God, O my soul, rejoice in God’s name; and let my glad voice thy greatness proclaim;
surpassing in honor, dominion, and might; thy throne is the 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: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—*

People: **glory to you forever!**

Leader: *Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life—*

People: **glory to you forever!**

Leader: *Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River—*

People: **glory to you forever!**

Leader: *Giver, Gift, and Giving—*

People: **glory to you forever!**

Leader: *God who was, God who is, God who is to come—*

People: **glory to you forever!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have often failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are often a people divided against ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change, so we might be open to a future in which we can be changed. Help us to grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “The Morning Trumpet” B. F. White; arr. Mack Wilberg

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 8

Leader: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

People: **You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children: you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

Leader: *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,*

People: **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

Leader: *Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.*

People: **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

Leader: *all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,*

People: **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

Leader: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

- *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 :: Acts 8:26–40 New Testament, page 119
- Sermon :: “What Does a Christian *Have* to Believe?” Shannon J. Kershner
Part of the “Big Questions” sermon series

Responding to the Word

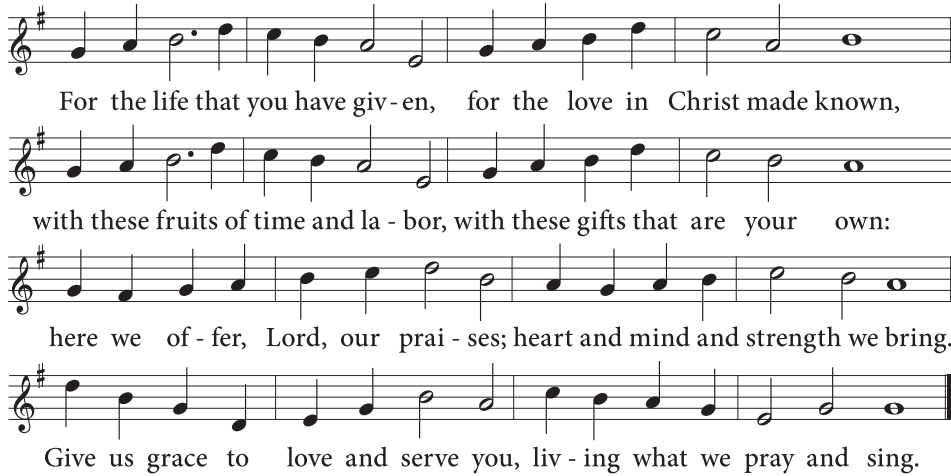
- *Hymn 4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
- *Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)
 In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
 to bless all the families of the earth.
 Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
 Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
 With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
- Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip Participants (9:30)
- Commissioning of Urban Youth Mission Leaders (11:00)
- New Members (11:00)
- Prayers of the People
- The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

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

Prayer Response :: “Call to Remembrance” Eric DeLamarter
Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “This Little Light of Mine” African American spiritual
arr. John Leavitt

*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*)

Almighty and nurturing God, from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us, your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.
Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you
and delighting to do your work in this world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Windows of Comfort Dan Locklair

1. Trinity’s Shield

TODAY IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members
and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2019 graduates.

EIGHTH GRADE

Alexia Acosta	Mone Council	Karen Hughes	Grace Madison	Amelia Prater	Imani Smith
Paris Anderson	Gunder D'hondt	Kai Jackson	Jonae Manson	Nathaniel Raub	Isabella Smith
Chidera Anyasor	Nolan Danvy	Ahrian Johnson	Jason Mapp	Tarik Reed	Byron Snipe
Kalys Atwood	Jacqueline DeMille	Charless Keenan	Anaya Matias	Logan Rice	Donnie Stanton
Cross Banks	Henry Deverman	Alexandra Kerr	Serenity Mayfield	Sean Richards	Ashira Thomas
Kamia Bell	Raeyanna Dyson	Ryan Kershner	Andrew Meints	Madison Rozwat	Serena Thomas
Kamyra Boyd	Amirah Elechi	Shawn Kilgore	Damonte Molette	Gregg Rzepczynski	Majanae Thompson
Elinor Brickman	Charlotte Ericson	Zoe Kouzaukas	Alexander Moncrieff	Darnell Sandifer	Alice Tidmarsh
Sonique Brooks	Jaden Gill	Jackson La Vallee	Sally Morgan	Sent Jie Santos	Emerson Tiller
Jayla Browley	Nari Gilmore	Trinity Letcher	Addison Morley	Jonah Schexnayder	Aniyah Tuff
Anna Calkins	Jacob Grissom	Taylor Levin	Neveah Murff	Anaya Scott	Ericka Turner
Daniel Cardinale	Chiara Gustafson	Hudson Lin	Sadie Nichols	Jaylen Scott	Tori Turner
Zachary Clark-Harris	Caden Hamernick	Emily Littlejohn	John Nickerson	Tylei Scott	Martell Vinson
Taliyah Coakley	Kaylie Hamernick	Dakeera Livingston	Hollister Olson	Burtrell Selph	Sara Charles Waterstraat
James Collins	Kenna Hewitt	Isabelle Lofgren	Taja Orr	Isabella Sierra	Dessany Zaruma
William Collins Jr.	Amarion Hill	Kentreal Lyons	Taylor Osborne	John Simmons	
Timothy Cook	Andrea Hodge	Maurice Macon	Eva Pinto	Ayanna Smith	

TWELFTH GRADE

Alexander Andresen	Katherine Culver	Emalyn Gray	Audrey May	Teyundra Robinson	William Walker
Dylan Andrews	Daniel Dixon	William Guggeis	John McDermott	Audrey Ruhana	Ashley Walton
George Andrews II	Thomas Douglas	MacKenzie Guynn	Hayden Morgan	Isabella Saracco	Nia Wells
Matthew Bay	Hayden Ekern	Maura Haas	Yajairia Nelson	Nicholas Schuler	Quinn Wells
Ethan Belnap	Damola Fagun	Hannah Kershner	Hendrik Ottens	Trevor Scott	Tiara Wideman
Marleigh Belsley	Julia Fairbank	Audra Kimbell	Owen Patterson	Zachary Sessions	Maximilien Wilkey
Mareesha Berry	Jonathan Fitfield	Emani King	Mia Pearsall	Diamond Smith	LaKeisha Williams
Samuel Boord	Katherine Fitfield	Jared Kinney	Campbell Phalen	Martasz Smith	Samantha Williams
Bryn Buikema	Margaret Fleming	Jessica Kissi	Arionna Powell	Thomas Smith	Michael Youngblood
Classie Clayton	Christopher Freeman	Alessandra Latherow	Ashley Reed	Kamren Sykes	
Ahmad Cleveland	Mallory Garfield	Brandon Latherow	Gregory Reynolds	Andrew Ufen	

COLLEGE AND GRADUATE DEGREES

College: John E. Buchanan, Delmar Renee Sims Fears, Travis J. Hank, Hannah Juley, Elizabeth LaSalle, Rachel Lewis, Martha Muller, Sharidan Rickmon, James Sinclair. **Graduate Degrees:** Nora Schmidt Boneham, Jack Quigley.

Today we are commissioning persons active in the 2019 youth mission trips as ambassadors from Fourth Church.

Detroit: Allison Berger, Jackson Bossert, Cate Cupps, Chris Cupps, Gavin Daniels, Sean Doyle, Ruby Fairman, Logan Gallenbeck, Jake Kozlowski, Will Kozlowski, Hayley McAdams, Peyton McAdams, Andrew Phelps, Alex Ruppel, Lee Ruppel, Laura Supinger. **Monmouth Theological Institute:** Anneke Stracks. **New Jersey:** Kayla Chavers, Jackie DeMille, Ryan Kershner, Tyniah Moody, Sally Morgan, Cole Prater, Emmy Prater, Andrew Vucsko-Cameron. **Presbyterian Youth Triennium:** Alicia Berger, Charlotte Ericson, Hannah Kershner, Ryan Kershner, Luke Meyer, Sally Morgan, Cole Prater, Emmy Prater, Emily Reome. **Leaders:** Michelle Becker, Marianne Berger, Jasclyn Coney, Hope Daniels, Matt Helms, Greg Kershner, Josie Phelps, Rocky Supinger, Reaves Wimbish.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Matt Helms, Anthony Hipp, Linda Barker, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Matt Helms, Katie Truesdell, Arlene Faulk, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Men's Choir; Craig Palmer, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

THIS MORNING WE COMMISSION Urban Youth Mission (UYM) leaders for 2019: Claudia Benz, Brianna Kennedy, Abigail Mace, and Lynne Santos. They join Katie Patterson as staff for our summer UYM program, which hosts visiting youth groups from across the country, each of which comes to Chicago for a week of service and learning about urban mission and ministry.

THE BULLETIN COVER depicts the Sanctuary roof cross with its trefoil, a common symbol for the Trinity and one that is echoed throughout Fourth Church (including in the Gratz Center). The vertical building at upper left is Mies' 900 N. Lake Shore Drive building; the angled building at right is the Hancock. The cover quote is from Sam Wells's sermon "I Want to Know God," preached at Duke University Chapel in 2008.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Victoria G. Curtiss Mission

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt Pastoral Care

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

SOURCES AND CREDITS: The liturgy for this the service is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018). Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in the hymnal with each hymn. The words to "For the Life that You Have Given" are by Carl P. Daw Jr. © 1987; music is by Morgan Simmons © 1990, 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

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