

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Suite No. 1 in C Major Raymond Stunkel
Prelude—Melody—Gigue—March
Acclamation in G Minor Karen Thompson

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” Richard Ayleward
O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

- *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: *When wisdom calls out in bustling marketplaces and crossroads,*
People: **God is in the midst of the city.**
Leader: *In classrooms and on play lots, where children raise their joyous voices,*
People: **God is in the midst of the city.**
Leader: *In empty lots and vacant buildings, where laments rise for caretaking and love,*
People: **God is in the midst of the city.**
Leader: *In this sanctuary, here and now, where the people of the city gather*
as the beloved of God,
People: **God is here.**

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

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

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Holy God, you make your purposes and way known to us,
but we drift away from your vision,*

People: **counting what we might lose rather than counting what all creation
might gain. How many times, O Lord, have we given into fear?**

Leader: *Gracious God, in the cries of the poor and sighs of the suffering,
you call us to attend to the needs of others,*

People: **but we express apathy toward those unlike us
and carelessly squander our resources.**

How many times, O Lord, have we turned away with neglect?

Leader: *Compassionate God, you stand ready to mend brokenness
and to restore relationships,*

People: **but we make enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve.
How many times, O Lord, have we forgotten the wideness of your love?**

Leader: *Even as we recall our faults, O God,*

People: **remember us in your mercy. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “King of Glory, King of Peace” Harold W. Friedell

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Revelation 21:1–5 New Testament, page 244

*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.

Second Lesson :: Jeremiah 29:4–7 New Testament, page 687

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“Seek the Welfare of the City” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*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

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

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" Anonymous

Offering

*Offertory Anthem :: "I Was Glad" C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord;

our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*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)*

In this space of worship, welcoming God,
you gathered us from exile and woundedness.
You nourished us in our hunger and longing
as you offered us your life and your love.
Help us share our lives with others as an offering of thanks and praise.
Lead us to share hope with the hopeless,
and make us into instruments of your peace and reconciliation. Amen.

Comissioning of Ushers

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 79 “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

*Benediction and Response

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

*Postlude ♫ Fanfare Paul Dukas; arr. Robert Gowers

USHER COMMISSIONING

Today’s commissioning of Fourth Church ushers is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

9:30 A.M. USHERS

Doug Andrews, Gerry Bloomer, Dianne Bowman, John Brill, Stephen Bus, Linda Crane, Bennie Davis, Don DuPree, Jeanne Griffin, Pam Jameson, Steve Jurgens, Tony Kramer, Jim Lacy, Ji Inn Lee, Sue Lopatka, Brenda Mauldin, David Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Lynne Ostfeld, John Pace, Arlene Raine, Linnea Schramm, Robert Sinclair, Jeff Weber, Claudia Winkler

11:00 A.M. USHERS

Norma Borcharding, Don Brettmann, Vern Broders, Kay Brungs, Robert Crouch, Lynn Davis, David Douglas, Joe Fong, Jim Ford, Elizabeth Hurley, Mark Hurley, Bob Jewell, Lynda Knott, Jim Lacy, Leon LeRoy, Nathalie Loma, Arthur Martin, John McDermott, Marc Miller, Brad Pierce, Arlene Raine, Kevin Rudd, Tony Ruger, Susan Schemper, Joe Sifferlen, Pat Tam, Barton Tretheway, Beverly Washington

Worship Leaders

9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Kat Evans, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, Regan Burke, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Handbell Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

THIS SUNDAY WE BEGIN A SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES, “Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future.” Each week we will explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God’s redemptive work.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the Fourth Church neighborhood in 1924, ten years after our Michigan Avenue campus was dedicated (from 1874 until 1914 Fourth Church had been at Rush and Superior Streets). In the cover photo, blocks of housing visible to the west and north illustrate the residential nature of the neighborhood in the decades before it became a commercial center (the Farwell brothers’ sizable stables and opulent mansions, seen in the foreground on Pearson Street just behind the 1869 Water Tower, were built in the early 1880s). The cover quote is from a sermon preached at Fourth Church by John Buchanan on October 14, 2007, “Jesus Comes through the Line.”

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