

*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

Toccata No. 11. . . . . Georg Muffat  
Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes . . . . . Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Rhosymedre

### Introit

“Praise the Lord” . . . . . Giovanni Biordi  
*Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations. Praise the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord.*

\*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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *Bearing witness to our faith,  
knowing that we are called to lives of courage, love, and reconciliation  
in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day,*

People: **may we be courageous today;  
may we learn today;  
may we love today.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 409 . . . . . “God Is Here!”

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<sup>\*</sup>Stand as you are able. <sup>†</sup>Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

## Litany of Confession

Leader: *God of mystery, you are far beyond our telling and the tales of our imagining,  
far beyond the doctrines and the dogmas of our believing.  
When we try to trap you inside,*

**People: you are outside.**

Leader: *When we claim you as our own,*

**People: you are another's.**

Leader: *When in fear we shut you out,*

**People: you are found within.**

Leader: *When in anger we blame, accuse, and judge our neighbor,*

**People: we only condemn ourselves and blaspheme your name.**

Leader: *Help us to understand that your love embraces all and loses no one.*

**People: Help us to remember that your care extends to every person and all things.**

Leader: *Forgive us and guide us into your ways of love and peace.*

**People: Amen.**

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

## Concerns of the Church

## 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.

Anthem :: "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love" ..... Ned Rorem

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 66:1–12

Leader: *Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.*

People: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

Leader: *Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!*

*Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.*

People: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

Leader: *Come now and see the works of God,*

*how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.*

People: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.

Leader: *Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;*

*let no rebels exalt themselves.*

People: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Leader: *Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.*

People: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

Leader: *You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.*

People: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup>

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson :: John 14:1–7 . . . . . New Testament, page 102

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

"The Way, the Truth, the Life" . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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<sup>†</sup>Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 727 ..... “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

\*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” ..... Richard Warner

### Offering

\*Offertory Anthem :: “Prayer” ..... René Clausen

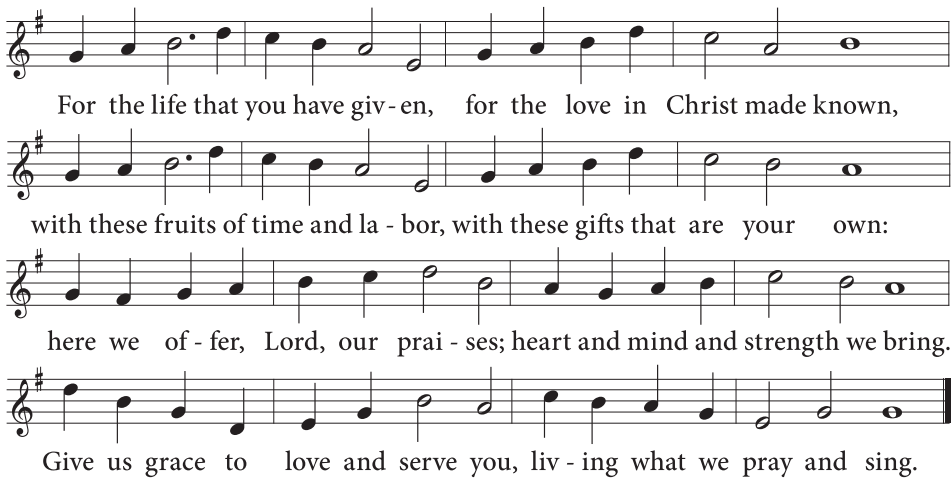
*Help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your Spirit and life.*

*Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of yours.*

*Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I know will feel your presence in my soul.*

*Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you. Amen.*

\*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*)

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives nourish all who are hungry:  
bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word.  
May we love as you love,  
and may our love be made real through our gifts. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 761 ..... “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

\*Benediction and Response

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

\*Postlude ♯ Improvisation on the “Te Deum” ..... Charles Tournemire

**Baptized Today**

- 9:30 Catherine Joyce Vester, child of David and Laura Vester  
Caroline Mae Vester, child of David and Laura Vester
- 11:00 Carter Robert Kurtis, child of Scott Kurtis and Laura Granville  
Gemma Mikan Mitria, child of David and Kasey Mitria

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Rocky Supinger, Joan Hall, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Lisa Stracks, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES, “Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future.” Each week we are exploring defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God’s redemptive work.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM text is based on a prayer written by Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the glass flame atop the ark of Chicago Sinai congregation, our neighbors on West Delaware Place, who recently held their high holy day services here.



(The ark can be seen on the left side of the chancel in this photo; its doors are opened during worship.)

The cover quote is from John Buchanan’s prayer for the Community Service of Commemoration, which on September 11, 2011, brought together in this sanctuary the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, the Downtown Islamic Center, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Holy Name Cathedral.

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