

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Thanks Be to God!	<i>Richard Proulx</i>
	Prelude	<i>Gerald Finzi</i>
	Three Welsh Hymn Tunes	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
	II. Rhosymedre	<i>arr. Greg Fudala</i>
	Saraband	<i>Herbert Howells</i>
	Now Thank We All Our God	<i>Johann Crüger</i> <i>arr. Robert King</i>

<b>INTROIT</b>	“O Give Thanks to the Lord”	<i>I-to Loh</i>
	O give thanks to the Lord who is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for God’s steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.	

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* <b>HYMN 144</b>	“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”	<i>Tune: HYFRYDOL</i>
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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God.  
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart  
and all our mind and all our strength,  
we confess that our love for you is a diluted love,  
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.  
Our love seems pure only for brief moments;  
soon our affections are drawn away.  
How easily our devotion dies.  
Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us,  
despite our lost first love for you;  
in grace rekindle our love for you  
in seeing anew Jesus’ love for us. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

*\*Stand as you are able.*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM** “Festival Alleluia” *Kenneth Jennings*  
Alleluia! Sings this congregation, alleluia! With cymbal and zither,  
sing alleluia! The joyous crowd in harmony sing, alleluia! To God,  
praise and glory, alleluia!
- PSALTER** Psalm 46 (*responsively*) (page 489, O.T.)
- \*GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 23:1–6 (page 681, O.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** Something to Believe In *ADAM FRONCZEK*
- \*HYMN 551** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”  
*Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR*
- \*APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)  
**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"

*Dale Wood*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "i thank You God for most this amazing day" *Eric Whitacre*

i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly  
spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which  
is natural which is infinite which is yes (i who have died am alive  
again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth day of life  
and of love and wings: and of the gay great happening illimitably  
earth) how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any  
—lifted from the no of all nothing—human merely being doubt  
unimaginable You? (now the ears of my ears awake [and] now the  
eyes of my eyes are opened)

**\*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.

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **God of extravagant mercy,  
with hands outstretched you have poured out  
wonder and pleasure and delight,  
goodness and beauty and bounty.  
So take these offerings, we pray,  
as our protest against all that is evil  
and ugly and impoverished,  
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,  
in our world and in ourselves—  
and thus may we and others  
know ourselves to be blessed.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 482**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*Tune:* LOBE DEN HERREN

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Urban Litany  
III. Spirited

*Aaron David Miller*

# **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

*Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church*

## **THANKSGIVING GOSPELFEST**

**Sunday, November 21, 3:30 p.m.**

*At St. Matthew United Methodist Church*

*(1000 N. Orleans, at Oak Street)*

Through this annual Gospelfest of choirs and messages of thanksgiving, Fourth Church, its neighbors, and fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance give thanks for the good news of the gospel within our community. A community meal follows.

## **COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

**Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.**

*At Fourth Church*

*Monsignor Daniel Mayall of Holy Name preaching*

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Holy Name Cathedral for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

## **THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP**

**Thursday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.**

*In the sanctuary,*

*Sarah A. Johnson preaching*

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks.

## **THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

**Thursday, November 25, 12:30 p.m.**

*In Anderson Hall*

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends at this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited; dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Sarah A. Johnson, Adam Fronczek

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## WORSHIP NOTES

**This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** are from *The Worship Sourcebook* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship).

**The "Light Up a Life" offering** is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing "Light Up a Life" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**This morning's offertory anthem**, "i thank You God for most this amazing day," composed in 1999 by Eric Whitacre, is a setting of a poem by e. e. cummings.

**The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings"** created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

**The bulletin cover photo** depicts a carved wooden angel at the base of a ceiling arch in Stone Chapel.

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