

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Savior of the Nations, Come *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh” *Leo Sowerby*
Our King and Savior draweth nigh;
O come, let us adore him.

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: In a quiet time of hope,
the prophet Isaiah called out to the Lord:
“O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil.”

People: **We light candles on the Advent wreath
to remind us of a time of waiting and watching;
a time of hope; a time to bring the light
of Christ into the world.**

Leader: The light is for us all—
to heal and to challenge;
to break down injustice and to build up love.

People: **In the face of the uncertainties of our world,
God is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.”

People: **Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

***HYMN 332** “Live Into Hope” *Tune: TRURO*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of the future, you are coming in power
to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 25:1–10 *(responsively)* (page 475, O.T.)

ANTHEM “In Night’s Dim Shadows Lying” *German hymn tune
arr. George Guest*

In night’s dim shadows lying, our limbs fast locked in
sleep, to thee with faithful sighing, our souls their vigil
keep. Desire of every nation, hear, Lord, our piteous cry,
thou word, the world’s salvation, uplift us where we
lie. Lord, be thine advent hastened lest sin thy people
mar, the gates which Adam fastened, the gates of heaven
unbar. Son, to thine endless merit, redeemer, savior,
friend, with sire and Holy Spirit be praises without end.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14–16 (page 694, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Luke 21:25–36 (page 80, N.T.)

SERMON What You Hope For HARDY H. KIM

***HYMN 11** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(unison)*

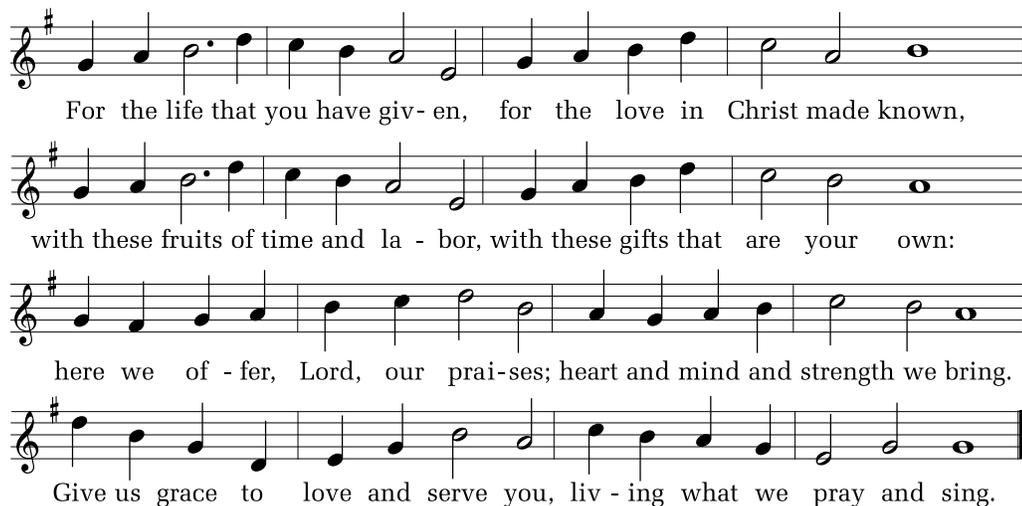
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" *Charles H. Gabriel*

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is he. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Let not your heart be troubled, his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears, though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see.

***OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bles- sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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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.**

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM “When Came in Flesh”

George Guest

When came in flesh the incarnate word, the heedless world slept on, and only simple shepherds heard that God had sent his Son. When comes the savior at the last, from east to west shall shine. The awful pomp and earth aghast shall tremble at the sign. Then shall the pure of heart be blest, as mild he comes to them, as when upon the virgin’s breast, he lay at Bethlehem. Lord, who could dare see thee descend in state, unless he knew thou art the sorrowing sinner’s friend, the gracious and the true. Dwell in our hearts, O Savior blest, so shall thine advent’s dawn ’twixt us and thee, our bosom guest, be but the veil withdrawn.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Eternal God,
you taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand.
Keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith
through the meal you feed us,
so that when Christ comes
in glory to judge the earth,
we may joyfully give him praise;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 14

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Aaron David Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS

Donna Gray, Victoria G. Curtiss, Hardy H. Kim

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Blake and Barbara Anderson

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka and Cole Seaton, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

The "Light Up a Life" offering is being received throughout 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 by 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.

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