

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Star of Hope *Richard Keys Biggs*

INTROIT “The Lord Has Shown Forth His Glory” *Iain Quinn*
The Lord has shown forth his glory; come let us adore
him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN 423** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
Tune: DUKE STREET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

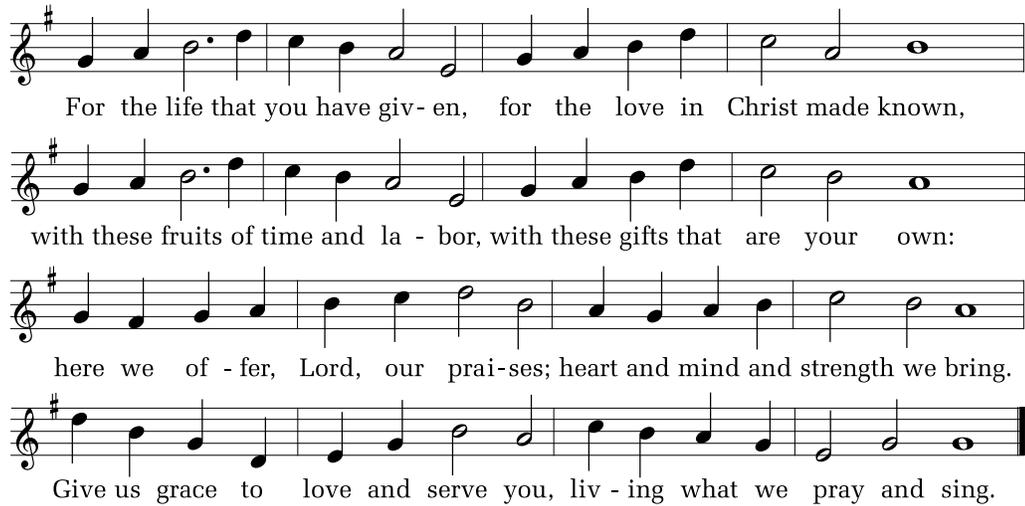
PSALTER Psalm 72 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 204)

**Stand as you are able*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY “We Praise Thy Holy Light” *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*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.

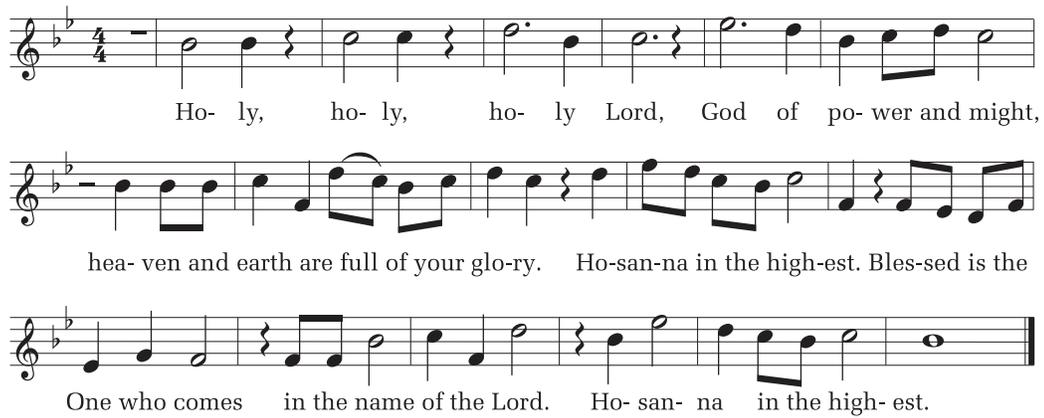
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 "O Nata Lux"

Thomas Tallis

O born of light, thou light indeed, dear Jesus, Savior in our need abide with us and be near, hear our praise and prayer. You became human and gave your life for each of us. O grant that we may reach our goal, to be made one with thee in heart and soul.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world
in your hand. So we give you our great praise
that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory.
We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son,
for claiming our lives in baptism,
and for sustaining our work
through the holy meal Christ shares with us.
By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,
God of all nations; in the gracious name
of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 68

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Joy

Johannes Matthias Michel

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

WORSHIP LEADERS

Edwin Estevez, Victoria G. Curtiss, Hardy H. Kim

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “appearance,” “manifestation,” or “coming to light.” On this day we remember the magi following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all people.

Today’s Minute for Discipleship is presented by Ed Miller on behalf of the Gratz Center Planning Committee.

Today we recall the gifts brought by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. “Light Up a Life” gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. Gifts can be made by using the 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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