

*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

Now Thank We All Our God . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor . . . . . J. S. Bach

### Introit

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” . . . . . German chorale  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Sing to the Lord of harvest; sing songs of love and praise.  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 592

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 . . . . . Based on Psalm 119

Minister: *God’s word is a lamp to our feet*  
People: **and a light to our path.**  
Minister: *God’s decrees are our foundation forever.*  
People: **They are the joy of our heart.**  
Minister: *So let us worship God with gratitude in our hearts  
and joy on our faces!*

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 486 . . . . . “When the Morning Stars Together”

### Litany of Confession

Minister: *Loving God, you created all things good,*  
People: **yet, we confess, we do not always trust you.**  
Minister: *You made us in your image,*  
People: **yet we rebel against you; we hide from our Creator.**  
Minister: *You gave us your word, your promise,*  
People: **yet we ignore your commandments; we accept lies as truth;  
we exploit neighbor and nature; we abandon your covenant.**

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Minister: *And yet . . . you, God, chose us,  
and you continue to choose us.*

People: **You act with mercy and compassion  
to redeem us again and again.**

Minister: *Forgive our arrogance; forgive our idol-making.  
Open our ears to hear your voice, O God.*

People: **Set us free again,  
that we might put our hope, our trust, and our faith  
only in you. Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

### 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.**

### Concerns of the Church

#### Anthem

“Thy Holy Wings” . . . . . Swedish folk song  
arr. Aaron David Miller

*Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through  
good and ill in thee. O, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place;  
let my every moment be lived within thy grace. Thy holy wings, O Savior, let me  
nestle near thee, within thy downy breast, where I will find sweet comfort and  
peace within thy nest. O, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for  
I am but a newborn and need thy tender care. O, wash me in the waters of Noah’s  
cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. O, take into  
thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us  
one and all. Thy holy wings, spread gently over me.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 119:105–112 . . . . . Old Testament, page 537

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 579

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.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9. . . . . New Testament, page 13

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 464 . . . . . “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*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

“Kyrie” . . . . . Morgan Simmons

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## Offering

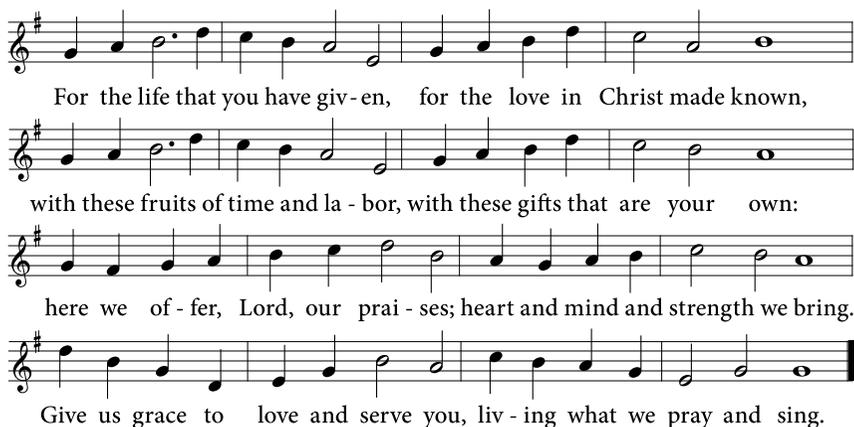
### Offertory Anthem

“Wade in the Water” . . . . . African American spiritual

arr. A. D. Miller

*Wade in the water, children; God’s going to trouble the water.  
Now see that host all dressed in white; the leader looks like the Israelite.  
Look over yonder, what do I see? The Holy Spirit’s coming for me.  
Come on and wade in the water.  
Now see that band all dressed in red; it looks like the band that Moses led.  
If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed, just follow me down to Jordan’s stream.*

### \*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*)

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup.  
In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest.  
Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges  
that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world.  
Amen.

\*Hymn 264 . . . . . “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony V* . . . . . Charles-Marie Widor

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# **Baptism** at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

### **Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are**

Katherine Poppy McClung, daughter of Robert and Cynthia McClung  
Ella Jolie Schexnayder, daughter of Gonzo and Callie Schexnayder  
Jonah Evan Schexnayder, son of Gonzo and Callie Schexnayder  
Evan Christopher Woods, son of Chris and Cheryl Woods  
Nora Marie Woods, daughter of Chris and Cheryl Woods

### **Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are**

Wyatt Robert Eggman,  
son of Zach Eggman and Holly Landon Eggman  
Anna Parker Turnipseed,  
daughter of Parker Turnipseed and Lisa Neill  
Aven Neill Turnipseed,  
son of Parker Turnipseed and Lisa Neill

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Eloise Foster, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the men of the Morning Choir for singing in June and July. The women of the Morning Choir will sing on Sundays through August 31. The full choir will return to worship on September 7.

THIS IS THE FINAL SUNDAY THAT THE AEOLIAN SKINNER PIPE ORGAN will be used during worship before it is sent to the Quimby Organ Company for repairs, significant rebuilding, and expansion. Until the rebuilt organ is installed in late 2015, we will be using a temporary electronic organ.

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS remind us, the center of our worship is the Word—by which we mean both Scripture, and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship. That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6: adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God’s work all around us.

THE BULLETIN COVER PHOTO, taken in early May, reminds us that the lushness we see now in the courtyard ivy was but promise in the spring. The cover quote is from the hymn “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills” by Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

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