

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Suite no. 1 for Solo Cello in G Major Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude
Allemande
Courante
Sarabande
Minuet I and II
Gigue

Introit

“The Lord Is High above All Nations” Donald Cashmore
*The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.*

*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 Joshua 24:15, 24 and Psalm 78:4

Minister: *Choose this day whom you will serve.*

People: **We will serve the Lord,
and worship God alone.**

Minister: *Do not hide these things from your children.*

People: **We will proclaim to coming generations
the wonders God has done.**

*Prayer of Praise

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

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God,
you are the source of all that is good.
Forgive us when we take good things for granted,
when we fail to hand them down
to the next generation.
Forgive us when we fail to appreciate
what you would have us value most,
when we are too quick to discard
the things we should treasure
and when we are too slow to let go
of things that we can do without.
Despite our ignorance,
give us a future with hope.
For the sake of your Son and the world he loved,
we pray. 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

“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love” Ned Rorem
*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love; who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o’er our race, still to us extends his grace.
Heaven and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior’s blood;
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.
Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme.
Praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 78:1–7 Old Testament, page 508

*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

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 Old Testament, page 205

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Things We Pass Down Joyce Shin

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 278 “Our God, to Whom We Turn”

*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

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” Edwin Fissinger

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Pilgrim’s Hymn” Stephen Paulus

*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,
you give us more than we could ask.
Your generosity overflows.
Receive these gifts to be used for the good of many,
and take our lives to be spent in your service. Amen.

*Hymn 262 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Grand Chorus from *Joshua*. George Frideric Handel

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

Collin Haydon Bodan, son of James and Beth Bodan
Jackson Whit Merced, son of David and Ashley Merced
Decker John Mulholland, son of Scott and Katie Mulholland
Vivian Elise Perkowski, daughter of John and Shelly Perkowski
Graham Edward Sturrus, son of David and Laura Sturrus

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

John Odell Jacoby, son of Brian and Carrie Jacoby
Gage Ryan Masson, son of Mark and Shannon Masson
Catherine Helen O'Donnell,
 daughter of Josh O'Donnell and Jayme McKellop
Owen VanderPloeg, son of Eric and Sara VanderPloeg

Worship Leaders

9:30 John W. Vest, Ken Nicholson, Judith L. Watt, Joyce Shin

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Ken Nicholson, Judith L. Watt, Joyce Shin

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

Sophie Webber, cellist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES SOPHIE WEBBER this morning as she plays cello during the prelude. Sophie is on the faculty of the Music Institute of Chicago, which offers private music lessons for children and adults, Suzuki classes, and music therapy at Fourth Church and other locations. More information about this music program is available at www.musicinst.org.

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.

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