

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Carillon Leo Sowerby

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” James McCray

*Praise ye the Lord. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 409 “God Is Here!”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For losing heart and abandoning hope,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For all the ways we turn from you,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ.*

People: **Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Lamp of Our Feet” Robert J. Powell

*Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace our path when wont to stray;
stream from the fount of heavenly grace, brook by the traveler’s way;
bread of our souls, whereon we feed, true manna from on high;
our guide and chart, wherein we read of realms beyond the sky;
pillar of fire, through watches dark and radiant cloud by day;
when waves would whelm our tossing ark, our anchor, and our stay;
word of the living God, will of his glorious Son:
without thee how could earth be trod or heaven itself be won?
Lord, grant us all aright to learn the wisdom it imparts;
and to its heavenly teaching turn with simple, childlike hearts.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 121 Old Testament, page 539

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

**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

Luke 18:1–8. New Testament, page 76

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

*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.

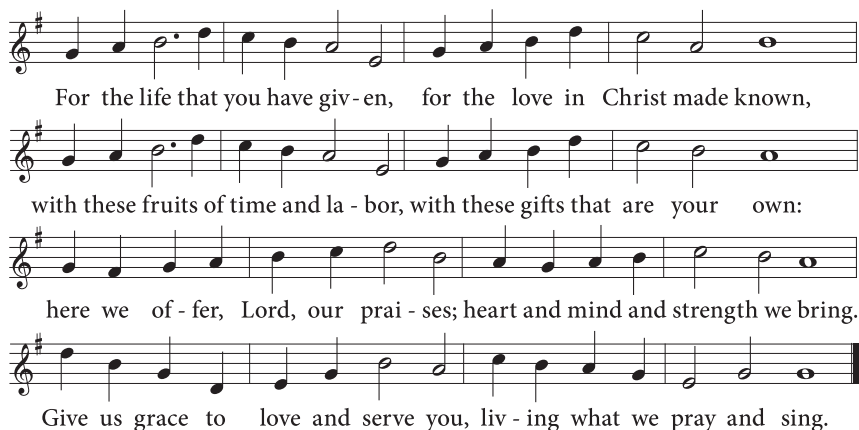
Offering

Offertory Voluntary

O, Divine Redeemer Charles Gounod

*Ah! Turn me not away; receive me, though unworthy.
Hear thou my cry; behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne. Haste thee, Lord, to mine aid.
Thy pity show in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me
though righteous thine anger, O Lord.
Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On thee, Lord, alone will I call.
O divine redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon,
and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O divine redeemer!
Night gathers around my soul. Fearful, I cry to thee.
Come to mine aid, O Lord. Save in the day of retribution.
From death shield thou me, O my God! Help me, my savior.*

*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.

Sealing the Word

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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

"Save Us, O Lord" Thomas Matthews
*Save us, O Lord, waking; guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have
given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of
eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living
may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccatà in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP on "Let Your Light Shine," the 2017 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, is presented by Brian Satre.

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

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.

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.

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