

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Solemn Melody Walford Davies
Pavane Maurice Ravel
arr. Gordon Balch Nevin
Elegy James Biery

Introit

“Holy Is the True Light” William H. Harris
*Holy is the true light and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that
endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading
splendor wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.*

*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.**

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;*
People: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
Leader: *Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.*
People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before our sovereign, the Lord.**
Leader: *Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!*
People: **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation,
you have made us members of the very body of Christ;
yet we persist in wounding that body
with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect.
Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace
for the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Introit and Kyrie” from *Requiem*. Maurice Duruflé
Grant them rest eternal, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
There shall be singing unto thee in Zion, and prayer shall go up to thee in Jerusalem.
Give ear to my supplication; unto thee all flesh shall come.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 98 Old Testament, page 521

*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 20:27–38 New Testament, page 79

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 822 “When We Are Living”

*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.

Litany for All Saints' Day

Leader: *God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you.
For all the saints who have gone before us,*

People: **we give you thanks, O God, for our ancestors in the faith.**

Leader: *For all the saints who have been beloved to us,*

People: **we give you thanks for our loved ones
who have entered your Church Triumphant.**

Leader: *For all the saints who have left us too soon,*

People: **O God, we mourn their death, and they remain in our hearts.**

Leader: *For all the saints who are still shining lights in this world,*

People: **may we learn from their ways and follow you.**

Leader: *For those we have known and loved,
who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
and especially for those members of Fourth Presbyterian Church
who have, since last All Saints' Day,
finished their race and are now at rest with you . . .
we give you thanks, O God, and for these your servants,*

People: **we praise you. Keep us grateful for their witness
and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ.
Then at the last, bring us with them to share
in the inheritance of the saints in light;
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

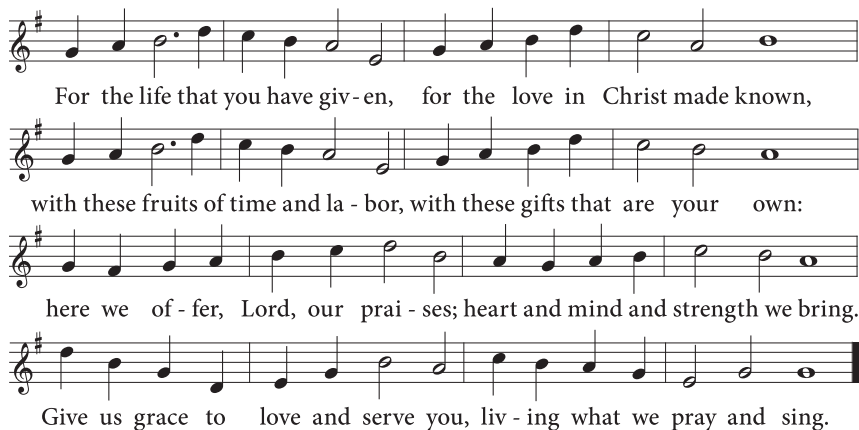
Prayer Response

“The Souls of the Righteous” Eric Thiman
The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them; they are in peace.

Offertory Anthem

“Sanctus” M. Duruflé
*Holy is the Lord, God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*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.

*Litany of Dedication for the 2017 Annual Appeal

Leader: *The Creator of all life and love
has given our earth bountiful blessings.*
People: **God created humanity to share in the wonder
and joy of these blessings.**
Leader: *All thanks be to God, Giver and Receiver of all that is good.*
People: **We return to God portions of what God has given us:
our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.**

Leader: *May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in God's sight.*

People: **May the gifts we bring show that God's rule is at hand—both now and to come.**

Leader: *We dedicate our offerings toward the ministry God has given us. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 326 "For All the Saints"

*Benediction and Response

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude

Elegy Malcolm Archer

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones.

As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship.

Beatrice Badal

Ellen G. Calderini

John D. Carroll

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Kenneth Solie

Kenneth F. Stratton

Marie Haddad Tyler

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Lola Coke, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Amy Anderson, violinist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

IN THE PEW INFORMATION PADS TODAY you will find brightly colored “I pledged!” cards. If you have made a pledge to the 2017 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, please take one of those cards as the pads are passed. Please add your name and contact information to the card and then, at the time the offering is received, put the card in the offering plate. We will then dedicate our pledges using the Litany that follows the presentation of the offering.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR PLEDGE to the 2017 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, we invite you to do so today as we observe Commitment Sunday, a time when we dedicate our pledges to the work of God’s kingdom. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. Pledges can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the white rose that is placed in the chancel on the death of a member of the Fourth Church community, with the Sanctuary chandelier lights in the background—sparkling like so many stars—evoking the “cloud of witnesses” who have gone before.

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