

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Pavane Maurice Ravel
arr. Gordon Balch Nevin

Introit

“Holy Is the True Light” William H. Harris

*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 of Worship

Leader: *We gather with the company of the faithful,*

People: those who know the way to God’s reign
and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.

Leader: *We gather, remembering the ones we call saints,*

People: those who made compassion their day’s work
and those who have no day named after them.

Leader: *We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith,*

People: those who showed us the dance steps of heaven
and those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 644 “Give Thanks, O Christian People”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

On this long journey we call life, Holy One, we fail to live as your people.
Often we do not shine your glory but dig through the garbage of life.
We are too preoccupied with our pursuits to be more, do more, or
acquire more to rest in you. We prefer our own company rather than
the blessed communion of your household of faith. Have mercy on
us and forgive us, Creator of Life. Grant us your grace so we may sing
of the one who has come to transform us from sinners into saints,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Souls of the Righteous” Geraint Lewis

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 149 Old Testament, page 550

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

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-2 New Testament, page 211

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Communion of Saints” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 846 “Fight the Good Fight”

*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

Minister: *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.**

Minister: *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.**

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

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

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

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

Minister: *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**

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.*

People: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Memorial” Louis Vierne

*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: *May the God of life be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift your hearts to the One who is our hope, our help.*

People: **We open them to God, who is with us,
 who has been with us, and who will be with us.**

Minister: *Rejoice in the Lord, children of God.*

People: **In the company of the faithful, we offer God our 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

“The Call” Kenneth Jennings

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament
of his body and blood may abide in him, and he in us, that we may
be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 730 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Litanies Jehan Alain

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

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

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Worship Notes

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	Derek W. Gordon	Diane Foster Montero
Ellen G. Calderini	Mary C. Hauser	Martha L. Payne
John D. Carroll	Alice M. Korthauer	Marjorie E. Raney
Barbara Conner	Dorothy M. Koseck	Roger Scholes
Sarah Jane Flynn	Lucille Lacy	Kenneth Solie
Elizabeth Hohf Frank	Laura Cha-Yu Liu	Kenneth F. Stratton
Beverly Fryer	Pamela McGaan	Marie Haddad Tyler
George H. Good		

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.

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

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