

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Partita no. 2 in D Minor Johann Sebastian Bach
Allemanda – Corrente – Sarabanda – Giga

Introit

“All around the World” (9:30) Anonymous
*All around the world, kids are praying to God. Children lift your hands and voices,
saying “Hear our prayer, O Lord.” Jesus teaches us to have a conversation with the
mighty God who made the whole creation. You can say a prayer in any situation.
God is listening, God is there!*

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” (11:00) Stephen Sturk
*O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.*

*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: *Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;*
People: let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.
Leader: *Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.*
People: Shout aloud and sing for joy
as we come to worship the God of all creation.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 342 “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of peace, we confess we are often a people of fear.
In these past pre-election months,
we have let anxiety rule our days and worry interrupt our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort and our home 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

“The Peace of Christ” James Biery
*May peace from Christ come dwell in you; may love from God envelop you
and bind you close in harmony, true meekness, and humility. For you are called
God’s chosen ones, God’s holy and beloved ones. Be clothed anew in loveliness,
compassion, patience, gentleness. The peace of Christ which dwells in you will
perfectly be seen through you. So let your hearts and voices ring; let grateful
songs to God take wing.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21. Old Testament, page 548

*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

Isaiah 65:17-25 Old Testament, page 654

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 372 "O for a World"

*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.

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 a
 nd the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem

“Da Nobis Pacem” Felix Mendelssohn

*Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us the peace that passes all understanding,
for you are our hope and salvation.*

*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*)

God of the wolf and the lamb and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts
and pray they might be agents of your peace.
May they serve your creation
as we seek your new heaven and new earth.
May we all be of use in your work. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude

Trumpet Tune Frederick Swann

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

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.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Margaret Genevieve Brougham, child of Alexander and Carolyn Brougham

Canon James Manly, child of Justin and Emily Manly

Alexander Sage Montague, child of Jared Johnson and Katherine Montague

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Elliott Elizabeth Robert Boots, child of John and Christina Boots

John Robert Boots, child of John and Christina Boots

Mackenzie Harper Kerndt, child of Matt and Sara Kerndt

Harrison Witt Merced, child of David and Ashley Merced

Avery Jane Ozog, child of Nicholas and Kara Ozog

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Cherub Choir (9:30)

Byron Fulop Laing, violinist; Laura Perrett, oboist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth (9:30)

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist (9:30)

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES VIOLINIST BYRON FULOP LAING, a student of the Music Institute of Chicago. The Music Institute offers lessons for all levels on various instruments along with classes in music each weekend in the Gratz Center. For details, visit www.musicinst.org/chicago

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