

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Be Thou My Vision . . . . . Zsolt Gárdonyi  
Aria . . . . . Paul Manz  
Soliloquy for Bells . . . . . Karen Lakey Buckwalter

### Introit

“Pie Jesu” (9:30) . . . . . Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
*Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.*

“Clap Your Hands” (11:00) . . . . . Sally K. Albrecht  
*Clap your hands all ye mighty people.  
Shout, shout unto the earth. Sing out with joy!  
Let the seas roar; let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the mountains sing out for joy!*

\*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: *On mountaintops and in deep valleys,*

People: **Jesus is the light of the world.**

Leader: *On busy city streets and in suburban neighborhoods,*

People: **Jesus is the light of the world.**

Leader: *At home, at work, at play, and at rest,*

People: **Jesus is the light of the world.**

Leader: *Let us see one another in the light of Jesus.*

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 806 . . . . . “I’ll Praise My Maker”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet,  
yet we often fail to listen to you.  
We often neglect to follow your guidance.  
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on,  
that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge;  
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Baba Yeta” . . . . . Christopher Tin  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 99 . . . . . Old Testament, page 522

\*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

John 9:1–41 . . . . . New Testament, page 96

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John

“The Man Born Blind” . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 490 . . . . . “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

\*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

“Amen” . . . . . Richard Warner

### Offertory Anthem

“Great Day” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Warren Martin

*Great day, the righteous marching; God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.  
We want no cowards in our band; we call for vibrant folks.  
O Lord, this is the day of jubilee. The Lord has set his people free.*

\*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 mountaintops and valleys,  
 we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us.  
 Bless these offerings that they might be used  
 to reveal your presence out in our world. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 15 . . . . . “All Creatures of Our God and King”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling . . . . . Christopher Pardini

# Lent 2017

Join us as we answer the Lenten call to discipleship, thoughtfully taking up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

## Ash Wednesday Worship

*Wednesday, March 1 • 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.*

Shannon Kershner will preach at two services to begin our Lenten journey, both with Communion and the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes.

## Lenten Devotions • Available beginning Ash Wednesday

Written by members and staff of Fourth Presbyterian Church, this year’s daily Lenten devotions lead us on the path of discipleship, using texts that will be the focus of the Lenten series by that name (*for series details, see the “News and Opportunities” bulletin insert*).

Lenten devotions will be available Wednesday through five different means:  
email (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org))  
Twitter (@FourthChicago)  
Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch))  
online at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)  
in print (in the literature racks)

## Lenten Sermon Series

In this year’s Lenten sermons we will follow Jesus through the Gospel of John.

### March 5

JOHN 11:1–44 | *Jesus raises Lazarus*

### March 12

JOHN 13:1–17 | *Jesus washes the disciples’ feet*

### March 19

JOHN 18:12–27 | *Jesus goes before Caiaphas*

### March 26

JOHN 18:28–40 | *Jesus goes before Pilate*

### April 2

JOHN 19:1–16a | *Jesus goes before the crowd*

### April 9 • Palm/Passion Sunday

JOHN 12:12–27, 19:16b–22 | *Jesus enters Jerusalem and is crucified*

### April 13 • Maundy Thursday

JOHN 19:23–30 | *Jesus’ last words*

### April 14 • Good Friday

JOHN 19:31–42 | *Jesus’ burial*

### April 16 • Easter Sunday

JOHN 20:1–18 | *Jesus’ resurrection*

## Worship Leaders

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Abbie Heimach-Snipes, David Miller, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir; The Youth Choir (9:30); The Children's Choir (11:00)  
Beena David, Kimberly Gunderson, Brett Potts, and Cole Seaton, soloists  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Hsing-Huei Huang, pianist

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which will next be held on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m., and on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. we gather for Sacred Pause in Stone Chapel, a time of meditative silence (twenty minutes) to begin the day.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the top of the courtyard fountain, with its inscription from Habakkuk 2:14. The cover quote is from Nadia Bolz-Weber's January 15 sermon, "Seeing More Than Just What We Look For."

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