

*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

Prelude and Fugue in B Minor . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
O Darkest Woe! Ye Tears That Flow! . . . . . Johannes Brahms

### Introit

“Day by Day” . . . . . Harold W. Friedell  
*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly; love thee more dearly;  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

\*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: *From where will our help come?*  
People: **Our help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.**  
Leader: *Let us worship God: our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 301 . . . . . “Let Us Build a House”

### Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.  
You invite us to trust in you completely, but we do not.  
We can be timid and fearful to follow your lead.  
Your call to serve others with humility and compassion  
can feel heavy and burdensome,  
rather than light and the way to fullness of life.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Forgive us when we seek to justify what is,  
rather than to risk what could be through our giving and your love.  
We pray in the name of the One who risked it all,  
our brother and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie . . . . . Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

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

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

“Rune of Hospitality” . . . . . Charles Huddleston Heaton  
*I saw a stranger yestere’en. I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking  
place, music in the listening place, and in the blessed name of the Triune he  
blessed myself and my house, my cattle, and my dear ones. And the lark said  
in her song, “Often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise.”*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 121 . . . . . Old Testament, page 539

Liturgy of Sending

*Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward. After the  
Liturgy of Sending they will depart for Sunday School with their teachers.*

People: May the Lord be with each of you  
as you worship and learn together.

Children: *And may the Lord be with you as you worship here.*

People: Go in peace!

\*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 13:1-17 . . . . . New Testament, page 101  
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John  
“Jesus Washes His Disciples’ Feet” . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 203 . . . . . “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”  
\*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

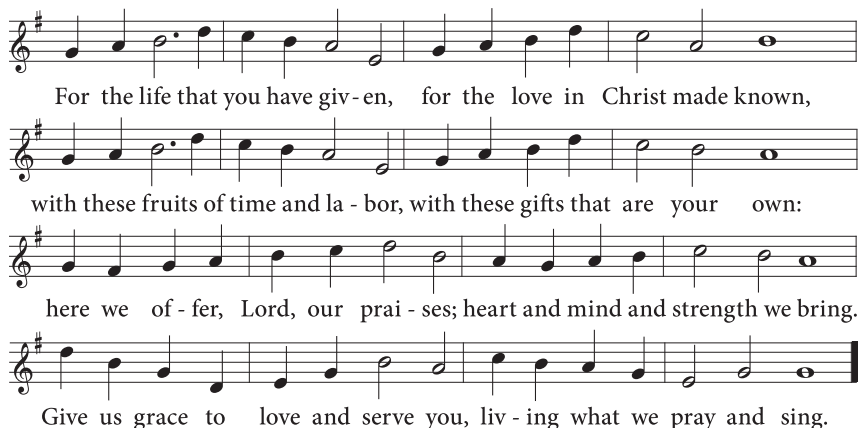
“Amen” . . . . . Dale Wood

## Offertory Anthem

“Ubi Caritas” . . . . . Paul Mealor

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ’s love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God, and may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

### \*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*)

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts,  
but also ourselves, in deep gratitude—  
for your call on our lives,  
your guidance in the baptismal journey,  
and your invitation to participate in your healing and compassionate work.  
Accept what we bring for your own good purposes.  
In Christ we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 187 . . . . . “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

### \*Benediction and Response

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

## Postlude

Toccata in B Minor . . . . . Eugène Gigout

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“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:**

Felicity Jane Oswalt, child of Michael Oswalt and Elizabeth McBrearty

### **Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

Easton James Fergus, child of Alexander and Rachel Fergus

Michael Lawrence Paul Jr., child of Michael and Laura Paul

Wyatt Robert VanderPloeg, child of Eric and Sara VanderPloeg

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## Worship Leaders

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Matt Helms, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir; Katherine Weber, soloist  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we will be extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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