

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Christ, the Lamb of God. Johann Sebastian Bach
O Sacred Head Now Wounded. J. S. Bach
O People, Lament Your Great Sin. J. S. Bach

Introit

“Jesu, Tawa Pano” Patrick Matsikenyiri
Jesus, we are here for you. Savior, we are here for you. Teacher, we are here for you.

*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: *Praise the Lord!*
People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Leader: *I will praise the Lord as long as I live;*
People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

God of all times and places, we confess we would often rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement or change. We will sing “hosanna” when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile “Good Friday” forces might hear us. Forgive us. Forgive us when our silence in the face of injustice becomes complicity, and when our numbness in the face of others’ pain becomes apathy. Forgive us and make us new. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Stand as you are able.*

Extinguishing the Fifth 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

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Johann Crüger
arr. John Ferguson
*Jesus, hast thou offended? Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected. Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I crucified thee.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 146 Old Testament, page 549

*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 19:1–16a New Testament, page 107

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

Responding to the Word

Hymn 171 “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

*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

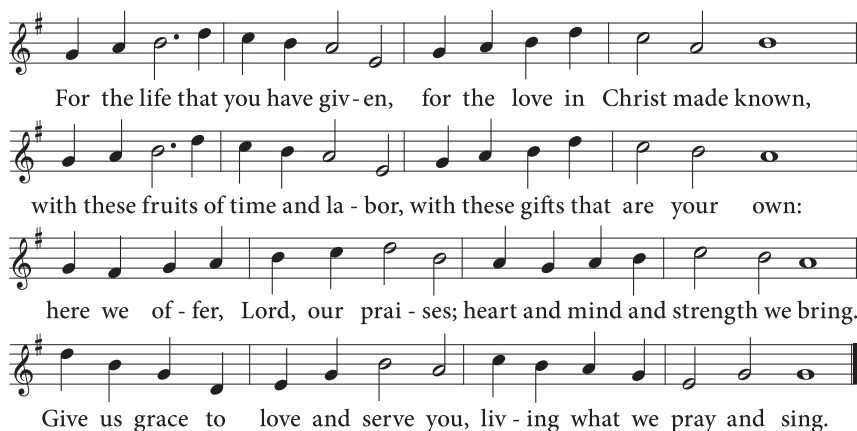
“Amen” Richard Warner

Offertory Anthem

“O Crux” Mark Jennings

*O cross, more radiant than the stars, celebrated throughout the earth,
beloved of the people, holier than all things, which alone was found worthy
to bear the light of the world. Blessed tree, blessed nails, blest the weight you bore.
Save the flock which today is gathered to praise you.*

*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*)

Holy God, giver of life and truth, we thank you for raising us up
and joining us together as one people, your people,
flesh and bone in the body of Christ.
As you have delivered us from death and destruction,
use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ,
our brother and Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude

Lift High the Cross Donald Busarow

“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

One Sunday 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:

Gianna Verna Guevara, child of Sam and Laura Guevara

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Maelee Song Onyschak, child of Tim and Audrey Onyschak

Asher Ryan Reames, child of Blaine and Jennifer Reames

Aniken Joseph Reimer, child of Clint Reimer and Melissa LaHann

Selene Noel Sharma, child of Samir and Noel Sharma

Worship Leaders

Jeffrey Doane, Marc Miller, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Drum Circle; Sarah van der Ploeg, violist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

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 supports 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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