

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Jean-François Dandrieu
Easter Offertoire Clément Loret
Christ Is Risen, Alleluia Aaron David Miller

Introit

“Lift Up Your Hearts” Stephen Sturk
*Lift up your hearts, ye people, in songs of glad accord;
and in your adoration praise God, your risen Lord.*

*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: *Children of God:*
People: **this is what we are.**
Leader: *People of God:*
People: **this is who we are.**
Leader: *Give thanks to God, for God is good;*
People: **the love of God is now and forever.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *God of wisdom and mercy, you have created a world of beauty,
a world where each person has an honored place in your love,*
People: **but we do not always honor ourselves or one another
as your beloved people.**
Leader: *O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering of others
but turned away from it—in your mercy,*
People: **forgive us.**

**Stand as you are able.*

Leader: *O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain
and blamed it on those who suffer—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when some of us have not seen
your image in our own faces—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for any time in which we have heard cries of pain
and not believed them—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when we alone, or as a church,
have not sought to bring about your justice—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh on our souls.*

People: **Forgive us, free us, and show us the paths of love
you would have us choose. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Glory of Christ” K. Lee Scott

*You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your church appearing;
all girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing,
your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might.*

Lord Christ, we see your glory.

*Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of every nation;
with everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation.*

You search us still with eyes of flame; you know and call us all by name.

Lord Christ, we see your glory.

*O risen Christ, today alive, amid your church abiding,
who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing,
we join in heavenly company to sing your praise triumphantly.*

Lord Christ, we see your glory. Lord Christ, we have seen your glory!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 4 Old Testament, page 464

*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.

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:36b-48 New Testament, page 85

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 239 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

*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.

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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” Morgan Simmons

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Lord of the Dance” Shaker melody; arr. David Willcocks

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. “Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance,” said he, “and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance,” said he. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. I danced on the sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They buried my body and they thought I’d gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on. I danced when the sky turned black; it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a cross to die. They cut me down and I leapt on high. “I am the life that’ll never, never die. I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me, I am the Lord of the dance,” said he.

*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)

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God.
 Send them into the world as
 a sign and song of your joyous work of mercy and justice.
 Use them to call and welcome all people
 into your house of love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 233..... “The Day of Resurrection!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing..... C. Loret

Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders of Fourth Presbyterian Church

The following children have been participating in the 2017–2018 fourth-grade Sunday School program at Fourth Church.

Fourth graders receive Bibles from the congregation today as the congregation lives out its baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Mari Bahnfleth	Elizabeth Littlejohn
Caroline Grace Cochrane	Wyatt Lopez
Benjamin Corbitt	Jamesy McMillan
Christopher Cupps	Priscilla McNutt
Christian Cutka	Charlie Melin
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Ava Hirschl	Maddie Smith
Sophie Kasper	Quinn Stratton
Jacob Alan Kozlowski	Laura Supinger
Kate Kozlowski	Lexi Unander
Sophia Landreth	John Whitfield Waterstraat
Maggie La Vallee	Bennett Van York III
Ariane Lesterhuis	Charlotte York
Ava Sophia Lin	Jonathan Zeiger
Blake Lingenfelter	Olivia Zinck

Worship Leaders

9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Olivia Zinck, Caroline Grace Cochrane
Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Jamesy McMillan, Andrew McMillan
Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship 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 will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

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