

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Five Short Pieces Percy Whitlock
 Allegretto—Folk Tune—Andante Tranquillo—Scherzo—Paeon
Fanfare and Flourish Derek K. Hakes

Introit

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

- *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: *Grace to you and peace from the one
 who is and who was and who is to come.*
People: God established the world from of old.
Leader: *God’s reign shall never end.*
People: God delivered us in freedom and truth.
Leader: *God’s love is everlasting.*
People: The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.
You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call.
In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow,
even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Cantate Domino” Hans Leo Hassler
*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord,
bless God’s name; tell of God’s salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory
among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 132:1–12 Old Testament, page 542

*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 18:33–37 New Testament, page 106

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 264 “At the Name of Jesus”

*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;
on 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

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

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hugo Distler

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
Gather ye round, let us make music resound.
Praise him in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen, how thy heart’s wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth.*

*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, the psalmist declares that in your realm all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more—for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor’s daily bread, and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 307. “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Benediction

Postlude

Overture to the *Occasional Oratorio* George Frideric Handel
arr. William T. Best

Advent Worship



In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship opportunities, we hope you will join us for our special services during this season of anticipation!

Advent Jazz Worship

Sundays, December 2, 9, 16, 23
4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 9
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Holiday reception follows

“Longest Night” Service

Tuesday, December 18
6:30–7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel
*For those experiencing pain, loss,
grief, or loneliness this season*

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 23
A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten
During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

Learn more about Fourth Church
Advent opportunities at
www.fourthchurch.org/advent-christmas

We also invite you to receive daily Advent
devotions, which will be available
beginning December 2, by signing up
at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions

Worship Leaders

9:30 Anthony Hipp, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Doug Andrews, Victoria G. Curtiss,
Nanette Sawyer

11:00 Jim Kulich, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Rachel Letcher, Victoria G. Curtiss,
Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Drum Circle

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION highlights year-end giving opportunities.

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