

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain Maurice Duruflé
Blessed Jesus, We Are Here. Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Halle, Halle, Halle” Caribbean melody; arr. John Bell
Hallelujah!

*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: *Creator of the cosmos, of eternity, and time,*

People: **be with us in this time.**

Leader: *Savior of the world, healer of the nations,*

People: **be with us in this place.**

Leader: *Breath of all that lives, of people near and far,*

People: **stir within our lives.**

Leader: *Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now,*

People: **be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways to be present in your world.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession *(responsively)*

Leader: *Gracious One, we confess some ways in which we are broken:
our conversations with one another and with you
are spent in talking*

People: *too much about small things, too little in speaking our hearts;*

Leader: *too much about finances, too little about the value of love;*

People: *too much about laundry,
too little about cleaning temples within;*

Leader: *too much about groceries, too little about food for our souls;*

People: *too much about what we don't have,
too little about storing treasures in heaven;*

Leader: *too much chastising, too little cherishing;*

People: *too much blaming, too little forgiving.*

Leader: *Before it is too late, O God, help us to learn to speak our hearts.*

People: *Forgive us for all these ways in which we fall short,
and teach us once again how to love fully.*

Leader: *We pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

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

“Dies Sanctificatus” Giovanni Croce

O day of sanctification, illuminate us.

*Come, all ye people, and worship the Lord, our God,
for upon this day descended a great light on the earth.*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 119:1–8 Old Testament, page 535

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

Matthew 5:21–37 New Testament, page 4

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). from The Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as God’s reconciling community.

This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation
and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever the church exists,
its members are both gathered in corporate life
and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

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

“O Lord, Hear Our Prayer” Eric H. Thiman
O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come before thee.

Offertory Anthem

“Surge Illuminare” William Bryd
*Arise, shine Jerusalem, for thy light has come;
the glory of the Lord has arisen over thee. Alleluia.*

*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*)

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us
with an abundance of gifts for the healing of your world.
May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love
as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso André Fleury

“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:

Lauren Mette Everts, child of Daan Everts and Lesley Hamre

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Brooke Ann Gordon, child of Andrew and Stacy Gordon

Sophia Heesun Nguyen, child of Kiem Nguyen and Yoon Kyoung Park

Worship Leaders

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

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 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, February 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 image depicts the candles after a Taizé service in Buchanan Chapel (see above). The cover quote is from N.T. Wright's book *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*.

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