

*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

Antiphon . . . . .	David Conte
Canon in B Minor . . . . .	Robert Schumann
Seven Blessings . . . . .	Ryan Lester; arr. Charles Schuchat
Cloister–Garth . . . . .	A. Herbert Brewer
Jubilate Deo . . . . .	Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. C. Schuchat

### Introit

“Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness” . . . . . Iain Quinn  
*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; come let us adore him.*  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

\*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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *We come to this place seeking something.*  
People: **But even more important, we come as people**  
          **who are sought by the One whose other name is Love.**  
Leader: *Let us enter this time of worship with hearts and minds open.*  
People: **Come, let us worship God.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 366 . . . . . “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, sometimes we lose our way and we feel lost.

But in other seasons of life we are lost and we don't even know it.

It is not until later when we realize we have gone astray, made mistakes,  
and harmed others by our actions or inactions. Forgive us.

Open our eyes to see ourselves clearly.

Call us to your table to be loved and healed.

Fill us with strength and conviction to change our ways and to begin anew today.

Turn us again toward you and give us life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: "He, Watching over Israel" from *Elijah*. . . . . Felix Mendelssohn

*He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.*

*Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.*

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 14

Leader: *Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."*

*They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.*

People: The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.

Leader: *They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;*  
*there is none who does good; no, not one.*

People: Have they no knowledge,  
all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?

Leader: *See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.*

People: Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

Leader: *Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.*

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 15:1–10 . . . . . New Testament, page 73

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 803 . . . . . “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

\*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.

Commissioning of Musicians (9:30)

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

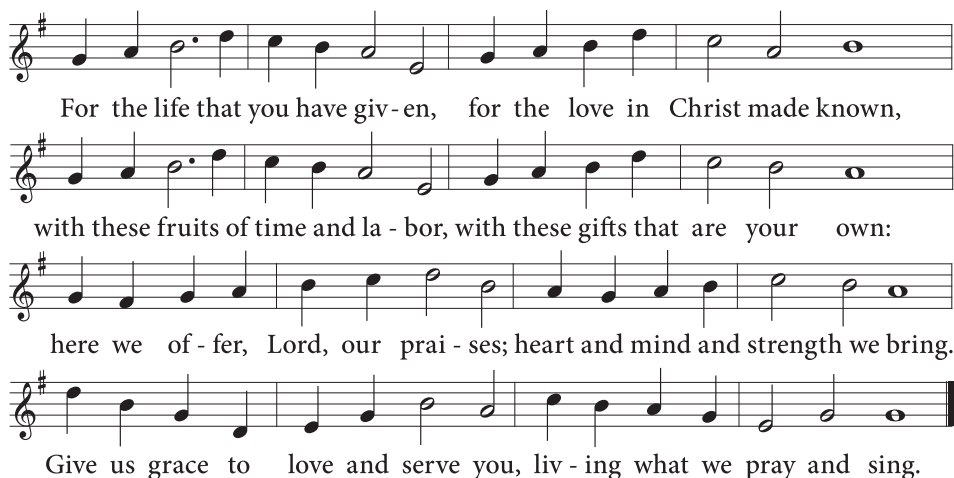
The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) ..... The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: "Amen" ..... Heinrich Isaak

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Let the People Praise Thee, O God" ..... William Mathias

**\*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 and loving God, we thank you for the opportunity to give back to you and to show our gratitude for who you are. We pray these gifts might be used for your healing and reconciling mission. As we offer you gifts from our lives and labor, we offer ourselves as well, that together you might use us in your transformation of the world. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 689** ..... "When the Morning Stars Together"

**\*Benediction and Response**

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

**\*Postlude :: Canzona per Sonare No. 2.** ..... Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King

## **Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!**

*Today's commissioning of the Morning Choir and Tower Brass lifts up  
the musical gifts they offer in weekly worship leadership.*

**Morning Choir:** Gretchen Adams, Melissa Arning, Jeanne Bishop, Laura Bottei, Carol Carpenter, Beena David, Micah Dingler, Todd DeStigter, Robert Doak, Thomas Gouwens, Kimberly Gunderson, Cece Hastreiter, Daniel Henry, Carla Janzen, Laura Kubelka, Kacey Kurpinsky, Bill McMurray, Craig Palmer, Laura Perrett, Phil Pierick, Brett Potts, Marshall Rollings, Cole Seaton, Sean Stanton, Sarah van der Ploeg, Leslie Ventsch, Kate Wills Cole

**Tower Brass:** Reed Capshaw, Greg Flint, Greg Fudala, Kevin Hartman, Terry Leahy, Matt Lee, Charlie Schuchat, Karen Suarez-Flint



*Many of the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers are holding musical instruments, a reference to Psalm 150. Shown above are the two angels closest to the chancel.*

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Taposhi Bentley, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, Greg Kershner, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Tower Brass

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## Worship Notes

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A DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by Hurricane Dorian. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org); immediate assistance to those affected is also being provided by the Treasure Cay Community Foundation, which is receiving gifts online at [www.bit.ly/tccfhurricanerelief](http://www.bit.ly/tccfhurricanerelief)

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. 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.

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**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry

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