
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Romance from *Symphony No. 4* Louis Vierne
Largo from *Sonata No. 2 in C Minor* Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit ♯ “Lead Me in Your Truth” Daniel Barta

*Doxology (*sung*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

Welcome and Call to Worship

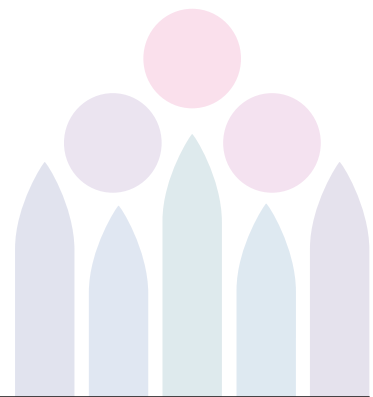
Prayer of Praise

Hymn “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our king: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!



†Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by taking for granted the gifts you have given us
and greedily trying to get more than we need.
We don't think enough about the needs of others,
and we can be mean to those who oppose us.
We're even mean to ourselves.
We are sometimes bitter in defeat and gloating in victory.
We have turned a blind eye to injustice as mere bystanders,
and withheld forgiveness from those who have made mistakes.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Anthem # "King of Glory, King of Peace" David Charles Walker; arr. Robert Brewer

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving
and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.
Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

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 25:31–46

Sermon Fourth Church Youth
Oliver Grusin, Kate Grissom, Teddy Chong, Jane Vondersitt, Vera Tax

Responding to the Word

Minute for Mission

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.

[†]Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “Let All Things Now Living” Welsh melody; arr. Katherine K. Davis

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

**The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need,
then we extend the Spirit’s care through every selfless deed.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Prelude in G Major Johann Sebastian Bach



This morning we are grateful to have our junior high and Confirmation students in worship leadership roles for our **youth-led worship service**. * For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. * In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (*where the service is available throughout the week*), we also make the service available via **Facebook Live** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by **listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (*toll-free*) at the time of the service (*the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

On Thanksgiving, this Thursday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. we will stream a **Thanksgiving Day worship service** at www.bit.ly/FPCworship as well as via Facebook Live and YouTube. Those without Internet access are invited to join that service by listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (*toll-free*) at the time of the service

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following worship today, please join us online following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** Our **youth will be hosting this time of informal conversation** online at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone**: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. * Another opportunity to connect with others is in our **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining one of the groups forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday School and family activities are being held online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * For details about the **Center for Life and Learning** lectures and exercise classes for adults sixty and over, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll or email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

Our organist, John Sherer, will be playing this **Friday's weekly online Noonday Concert**, which will be streamed at 12:10 p.m. on November 27 at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, where the performances can also be viewed in the following days.

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Beginning today, Joe Morrow is guiding us in a closer look at **“Scriptural Journeys: The Enduring Power of Migrations in the Bible,”** the current theme in our **“Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible”** class, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 * On Sundays at 9:30 a.m., David Handley is leading a class on **Harry Emerson Fosdick’s *The Meaning of Prayer***. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/prayermeaning * **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets this Wednesday, November 25 at 12:00 noon via Zoom. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details.

The First Tuesday Book Club next meets on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion will again focus on the book ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone** and will be led by Nanette Sawyer. Register for Zoom details at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks * **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schoff**. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html

If you would like to have **a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another, we want to hear from you! **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **To explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

Knitting and Crocheting will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m. and **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For Zoom details for either of these gatherings, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes contributions to Fourth Church as of October 31, 2020.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of October 31, 2020				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2020 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$2,334,000	\$2,387,086	(\$53,086)	\$3,111,000
General contributions	\$1,297,891	\$1,555,282	(\$257,391)	\$2,270,929
Restricted contributions	\$364,328	\$386,361	(\$22,034)	\$573,100
Total contributions	\$3,996,219	\$4,328,729	(\$332,511)	\$5,955,029

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 29! Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning that Sunday as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)

The Spiritual Formation Council is hosting a morning workshop on “**Rites of Passage: Creating Sacred Ritual in a Time of Pandemic**” via Zoom on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. This **Advent exploration** of how to use ritual making as a way to reconnect us to ourselves, our faith, and our God **will be led by Lois Snavely, a former seminary intern at Fourth Church**. For Zoom details, contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * **Cornerstones**, a fellowship opportunity for those fifty and older, will next gather via Zoom on Friday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a **Christmas concert by John Sherer and tenor Cole Seaton**. Register online by Thursday, December 3 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1220 for Zoom details.

Again this holiday season we have a variety of opportunities to share love and light. You can **honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Christmas flowers and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary for our online worship services. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts; contributions must be received by Friday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin. * Gifts to the **Light Up a Life offering** will help us continue to **serve our Meals Ministry and Chicago Lights guests** throughout the winter. Gifts can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (write “Light Up a Life” in the comments). For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers or our Light Up a Life offering, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org). * **Christmas gift bags** are being prepared by Meals Ministry staff and volunteers for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers. Donations toward purchasing the items for the bags—which will include a food gift card, gloves, hygiene items, and a mask—can be made at www.bit.ly/giftbags2020 * **Fulfilling Christmas wishes for our Chicago Lights Tutoring students** continues this year, with each student receiving a gift card, a book, and a mask. The selected books can be ordered online at www.bit.ly/christmaswishes20; contributions toward gift cards can be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (choose “Congregational Life” as your designation, and write “Christmas Wishes” in the comments). * Although we will not have our annual Cookies-and-Cocoa reception this year, Women at Fourth is still **inviting individuals to bake cookies, brownies, and other sturdy sweets** to share with our Sunday Night Supper guests on December 20. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Fourth Church Youth

The Music Today

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

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

Katy Sinclair, Associate Music Director for Children's and Youth Music

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Members of the Morning Choir: *Beena David, Todd DeStigter, Kimberly Gunderson, Brett Potts*

Members of the Youth Choir: *Sara Thomas, Addison Morley*

Carol Carpenter, Soloist

Worship Notes

LAURA BOTTEI, a senior at Loyola University, is the Fourth Church Organ Scholar, an intern position that provides training in the skills of worship service playing as well as opportunity to learn the many facets of a church music program.

IT IS THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF EACH OF US that Fourth Church is able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those God calls us to love and serve. You can **give online** at fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the **"To Make a Gift"** button at fourthchurch.org); **via Venmo** (@Fourth-Church); or via a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism and
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Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

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