

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** Children of the Heavenly Father *Aaron David Miller*  
Suite *Eric DeLamarter*  
Flourish  
Prelude on “Land of Rest” *Leo Sowerby*

**INTROIT** “Maker, in Whom We Live” *Morgan Simmons*  
Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory,  
power, and praise receive for thy creating love. Spirit of holiness,  
let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy and bless thine  
heart-renewing grace.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

\***HYMN 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy 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

**PSALTER**      Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15 (*responsively*)      (page 519, O.T.)

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      (The Hymnal, 579)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Mark 4:26–34      (page 36, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      by John M. Buchanan  
SEEDS, PLANTED

“The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground . . . like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all the seeds.” Mark 4:26, 31 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 333**      “Seek Ye First”      *Tune: LAFFERTY*

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**      (*unison*)  
**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.****

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

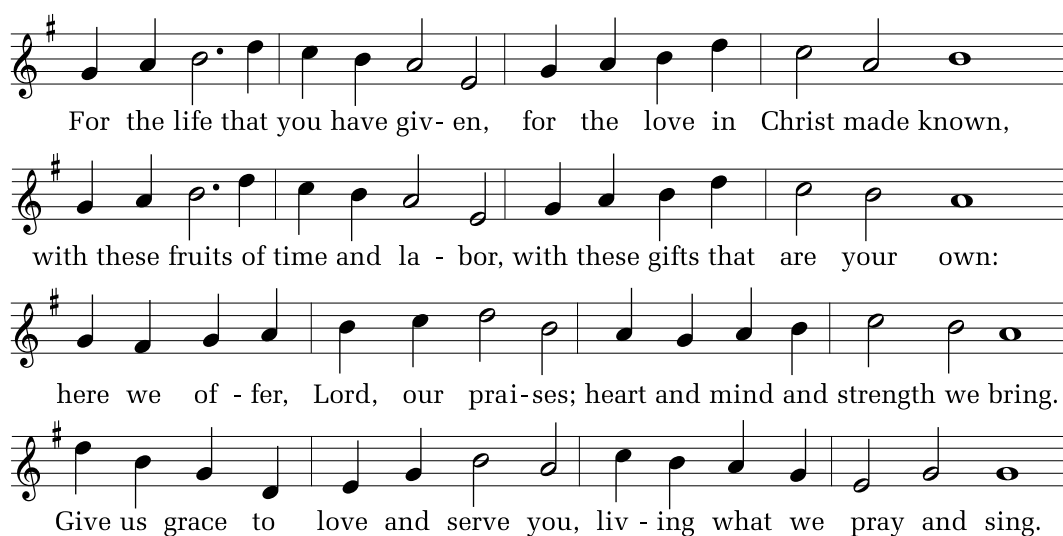
**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Hear the Prayers of Your Faithful People" *M. Simmons*  
Hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant us  
the presence of your Holy Spirit.

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Laudate Dominum" *A. D. Miller*  
Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol God, all you peoples!  
For great is God's steadfast love toward us and the faithfulness  
of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

### \*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.

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life,  
but above all, for your boundless love in the  
redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
by giving up ourselves to your service  
and by walking before you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 452**

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

*Tune: ST. MICHAEL*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

*A. D. Miller*

## BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”  
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

**E**ACH SECOND SUNDAY OF THE 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.

### **Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are**

*Alexander Dwight Finlayson, son of Craig and Courtney Finlayson  
Cooper Bryte Jackson, son of Jonathan and Kate Jackson  
Annabelle Clare MacLean, daughter of Michael MacLean and Moyra Knight  
Kendall Frances Douglas Sorenson,  
daughter of Matthew Sorenson and Dana Douglas  
Blake Adams Van Osdol, son of David and Carrie Van Osdol  
Luke Alexander Wilkey, son of Keith and Florence Wilkey  
Margaux Ava Wilkey, daughter of Keith and Florence Wilkey*

### **Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are**

*Jackson Carl Cortese, son of Adam and Krista Cortese  
Daniel Peter Ellis, son of Peter and Anne Ellis  
Camryn Katie Perratt, daughter of Craig and Heather Perratt  
Christopher Brown Rider, son of Harold and Kristin Rider  
Harold DeWitt Rider III, son of Harold and Kristin Rider  
Sarah Adams Rider, daughter of Harold and Kristin Rider  
Matthew James Sinclair, son of David and Renata Sinclair  
Stephanie Amber Sinclair, daughter of David and Renata Sinclair*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Composers of music heard in today's worship service**—Aaron David Miller, Eric DeLamarter, Leo Sowerby, and Morgan Simmons—were all former organists at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Their music continues to inspire worshipers here and in settings around the world. The offertory anthem was written for the Morning Choir.

**The textile banners and pulpit parament**, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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