MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude Trio Sonata in G Minor Antonio Vivaldi

Finale

Suite No. 2 in D Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Sarabande

Concerto in D Minor J. S. Bach

Vivace

Precious Lord Thomas Dorsey

We've Come This Far by Faith Albert A. Goodson

Introit "Behold, the Lamb of God" Stephen Sturk

Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 371 "Lift High the Cross" Tune: Crucifer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ

to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained

and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

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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 "Lord, Remember Not" Felix Mendelssohn

Lord, remember not all our wickednesses, but in mercy, Lord, look thou upon us. Lord, since thou hast redeemed us, send salvation. Deliver us and forgive us all our transgressions

for the majesty of thy glorious name's sake. Hosanna.

PSALTER Psalm 32 (responsively) (page 479, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

Scripture Lesson John 12:1–11 (page 100, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon John Buchanan

Holy Waste: Extravagant Intimacy with Dearest Friends

"Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard,

anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

John 12:3 (NRSV)

*HYMN 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Tune: Hamburg

*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

"Amen"

Thomas Morley

OFFERING

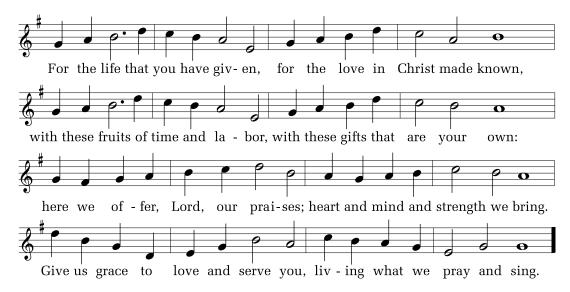
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Miserere Mei"

William Byrd

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



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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 compassion,

we praise you that you look upon our frail lives

with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.

We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us,

endures the grave,

and leads us to new life.

By your Spirit,

strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service.

Take our offerings and use them,

and us, for your purposes, In the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.

Amen.

*Hymn 76 "My Song Is Love Unknown" Tune: Love Unknown

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Marcia Celtica Eric H. Thiman

"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

Each 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

Tate William Glendinning, son of Brent and Paige Glendinning Olivia Emerson Hartley, daughter of Ryan and Katie Hartley Gavin Christopher Heck, son of Mark Heck and Gina Louis Gennings Grace Luban, daughter of Jeff Luban and Melonie Collmann Sara Jane Wallace, daughter of Joseph and Susan Wallace Carter Benjamin York, son of Benjamin and Claire York

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Charles Edward Bugielski, son of Michael and Tracy Bugielski Aurelia Mae Corsello, daughter of Kevin and Beth Corsello Eleanor B. Detlefsen, daughter of Hans Detlefsen and Emily Bradley Braden Blair Eklund, son of Blair and Kristina Eklund Georgia Camille Gordon, daughter of Brodie and Jennifer Gordon Bennett Robert Miller, son of Eric and Christine Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, John Buchanan 11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, John Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sugar Strings; the Morning Choir11:00 a.m. Sugar Strings; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Director

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's prelude is played by the string trio SugarStrings. Fourth Church welcomes to worship this talented trio of cousins: Adé Williams (age 12, violin), Mira Williams (age 12, violin and viola), and Ayanna Williams (age 18, cello).

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make a gift to this offering, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

John Buchanan's current sermon series is based on incidents in the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John and inspired by Frances Taylor Gench's book *Encounters with Jesus* (copies of which are available during Coffee Hour). Previous sermons in the series are available in the literature racks and in both audio and transcript formats at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

March 21: New Commandment

March 28: On Trial: Who Is Your King? April 4: A New World at First Light

The prayer by Walter Brueggemann that appears on the bulletin cover is reprinted from *Awed to Heaven*, *Rooted in Earth*.

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