

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Lied (Song)	<i>Louis Vierne</i>
	Scherzetto	<i>L. Vierne</i>
	How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou	<i>Marcel Dupré</i>

<b>INTROIT</b>	“O Come, All You Weary!”	<i>Patrick Matsikenyiri</i>
	O come, all you weary! O come, hear the voice of Jesus.	
	“Take my yoke for it is easy; take my burden, never heavy.”	

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* <b>HYMN 476</b>	“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”	<i>Tune: LYONS</i>
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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God,  
we humbly confess our inclination to forget  
that all we are and all we have come from you.  
We confess our inclination to forget that  
we live in community and are dependent on  
the work and responsibility of others,  
many of whom we do not know and never see.  
We confess our insensitivity to the poor in our midst,  
particularly those out of work and  
those who cannot find work to do.  
Forgive us, open our eyes, and make us newly aware  
of our interdependence with others in this world you love:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS

(11:00)

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 8 (*responsively*) (page 466, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “Prayer to Jesus” *George Oldroyd*  
Jesu, since thou me made and bought, be thou my love and all  
my thought; and help that I may to thee be brought; withouten thee,  
I may do naught. Jesu, since thou must do thy will and nothing is that  
thee may let, with thy grace my heart fulfill; my love and my liking in  
thee is set. Jesu, at thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfill  
with perfect love to thee. That I have done ill, Jesu, forgive thou me;  
and suffer me never to spill, Jesu for pity. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON** Luke 16:1–13 (page 74, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Philemon 1:1–21 (page 203, N.T.)

**SERMON** JOHN BUCHANAN

The Help

*“No longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother.”*

Philemon 1:16 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 415** “Come, Labor On” *Tune: ORA LABORA*

**\*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** "Alleluia, Amen"

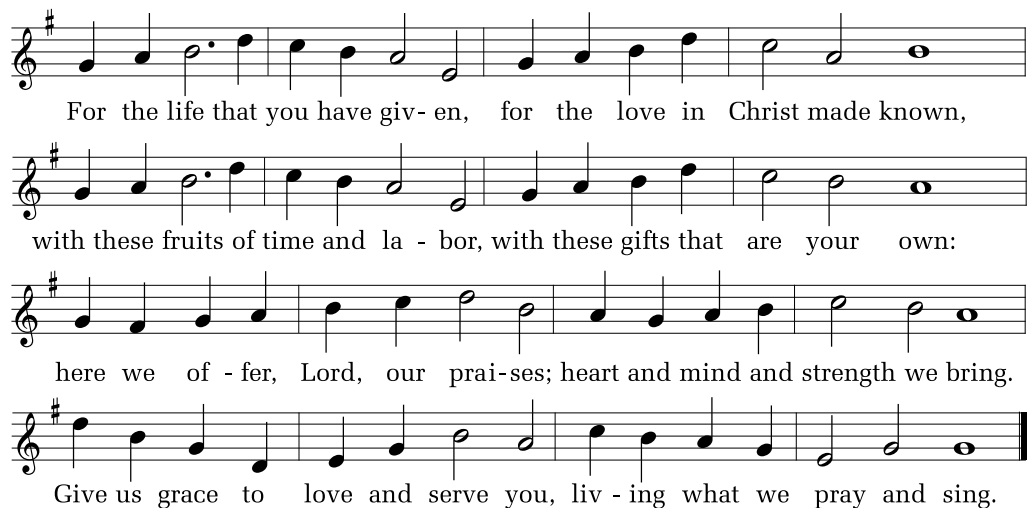
*Parke S. Barnard*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "I Was Glad When They Said unto Me" *C. Hubert H. Parry*

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

**\*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: **Gracious God, we remember before you  
those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Guide the people of this land  
so to use our wealth and resources  
that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment  
and receive just payment for their labor.  
And we here present,  
in gratitude for your goodness and kind providence,  
our gifts, the product of our labor.  
Receive them; bless them; and use them  
for the work of your kingdom:  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 414**

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

*Tune: FOREST GREEN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Carillon

*Herbert Murrill*

## **What the Bible Says, and What We Believe, about God**

“We are talking too much about God these days,” writes Karen Armstrong in *The Case for God*, her response to the new atheism and best sellers by popular atheist authors, “and what we say is often facile. In our democratic society we think that the concept of God ought to be easy and that religion ought to be readily accessible to anybody.”

The biblical idea of God is profound and rigorous, and the religion based on it is demanding and challenging. Critics of the new atheism, like Armstrong, argue that the God that the new atheists don’t believe in is not the God of the Bible, nor is the religion they deplore the religion of the Bible.

Join us in the weeks ahead as we explore what it is that the Bible says, and what we believe, about God.

### **“The God Who Is”**

September 12 | Exodus 3:1–15

### **“Giants Ahead and We Are Merely Grasshoppers”**

September 19 | Numbers 13

### **“The God Who Hides”**

October 10 | Exodus 33:1–23

### **“The God Who Creates”**

October 17 | Genesis 1–2:4

### **“The God Who Hopes and Expects and Can’t Stop Caring”**

October 24 | Genesis 2:15–3:13, 20–24

### **“Always Reforming”**

October 31 | Luke 5:33–39

### **“The God Who Calls”**

November 7 | Genesis 12:1–9; Mark 1:16–20

### **“The God Who Hears Every Baby Cry”**

November 14 | Genesis 16:1–4, 16; 21:1–3, 8–20

### **“The God Who Gives”**

November 21 | Psalm 65; Luke 9:10–17

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

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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

**The Chancel and Morning Choirs** are being commissioned today during the 8:00 and 11:00 services respectively. Through their varied repertoire, the choirs unite us with the church around the world and throughout the ages, bringing their music to this time and place. With them we lift our voices in singing praise to God.

**A special Disaster Relief Offering** is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by the flooding in Pakistan. 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 [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**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).

**The bulletin cover** photo depicts the carved canopy over the preacher’s chair as viewed from the choir loft. The quote is reprinted from *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life* (Dorothy C. Bass and Susan R. Briebl, editors).

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