

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude on a Melody by Sowerby *Morgan Simmons*

INTROIT “Praise Ye the Lord” *Donald Cashmore*
Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 396** “O for a Closer Walk with God” *Tune: CAITHNESS*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, you have given us
the Law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus Christ
to direct us on the way of life.
You offer us your Holy Spirit
as our constant companion and advocate.
Yet, O God, we wander in the desert
of our own making, worship false gods,
and ignore the needs of those around us.
We have become lost.
We confess we have become unfaithful
and have sinned against others.
Give us the vision and courage
to choose and nurture life,
that we may be receive your grace and blessing.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 51:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 492, O.T.)

ANTHEM “We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God”
William McKie

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia. O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 32:1–14 (page 75, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 15:1–10 (page 73, N.T.)

SERMON A Bunch of Stiff-Necked People JO PREUNINGER

***HYMN 276** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *Tune: FAITHFULNESS*

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

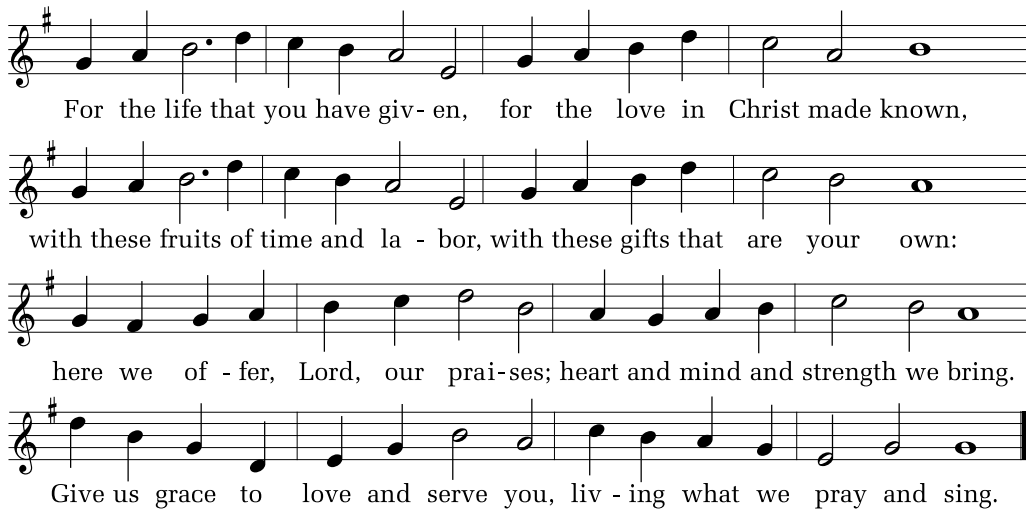
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY “Steal Away” *African American spiritual*

Steal away to Jesus! Steal away home, I ain't got long
to stay here! My Lord, he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within my soul. Green trees
are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling.

*OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high- est.

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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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "May the Lord, Mighty God" *I-to Loh*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, God's grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything
we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

“Do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

“I am the bread of life.”
John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sarah A. Johnson, John H. Boyle, Jo Preuninger

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes two new Pastoral Residents to the pastoral staff this fall. Kerri N. Allen and Matthew J. Helms, who are being commissioned today, will be with the congregation for the next two years, participating in the Pastoral Residency program, which was begun in 2000. This program provides these recent seminary graduates with the opportunity to work in a congregational setting while being mentored—by congregation and staff—in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. For the two years that they participate in the program, Fourth Church will be privileged to have them as part of the staff, using their pastoral gifts and skills among us while they each continue in their formation as practicing Presbyterian ministers. As their second year in the program draws to a close, each will then pursue a call to ministry elsewhere, sharing their gifts and leadership with others in the Presbyterian Church.

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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