

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 19 (*responsively*) (page 472, O.T.)

ANTHEM “The Baptism of Jesus” *Peter Hallock*

Jesus came to the Jordan today. When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father’s voice was heard in the place: “This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased.” There were three persons and one Lord; the Son baptized with one accord; the Father said the blessed word: “This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man and were baptized in the Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: “This is my son, with whom I am well pleased.”

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:1–9 (page 630, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 3:13–17 (page 3, N.T.)

SERMON JOYCE SHIN

Purpose and Personhood

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Matthew 3:17 (NRSV)

***HYMN 353** “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”
Tune: DAS NEUGEBOERNE KINDELEIN

***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"

Philip Baker

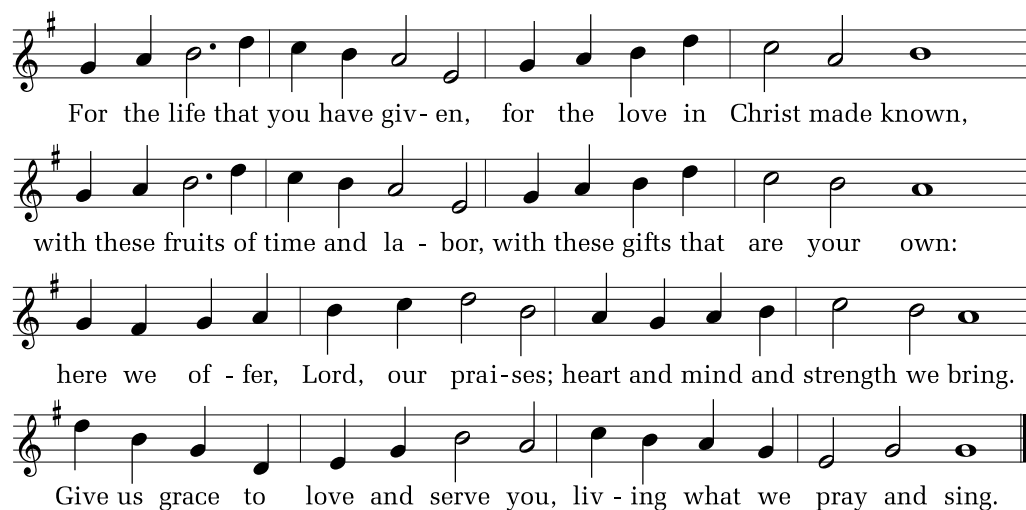
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Father in Heaven"

David Hurd

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*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, we praise you.**

**Through your wisdom and word
you created all things.**

**In Jesus Christ, your word was made flesh
for the sake of this world.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,
you have given us work to do,
people to love, and the kingdom to serve.**

With all the company of heaven, we glorify you, O God.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

***HYMN 435**

“We All Are One in Mission”

Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

I've Just Come from the Fountain *African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham*

**“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

Drew Thomas Bowman, son of Jeremy and Jennifer Bowman
Jack James Gewargis, son of Jim and Jill Gewargis
Blake William Lindemann, son of Craig and Lisa Lindemann
Wesley Reid Lopez, son of Derek and Kim Lopez
Grace Elizabeth McLaughlin, daughter of Christopher and Dana McLaughlin
Nina Tamlyn Yoo, daughter of Charles and Sandra Yoo

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Isabella Brooke Angara, daughter of Troy and Monique Angara
Preston Troy Angara, son of Troy and Monique Angara
Briggs Read Borchardt, son of Randy and Whitney Borchardt
Lily Frances Brewster, daughter of Phil and Susan Brewster
Elder Donald Chipman, son of Andrew and Alicia Chipman
James Tysseling Mattiace, son of Colin Mattiace and Vicki Tysseling-Mattiace
William Levi Perry, son of Don Perry and Julie Cuadros-Perry

WORSHIP LEADERS

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's offertory anthem, "Father in Heaven," was composed by David Hurd who was born in Brooklyn in 1950. He is now Organist and Director of Music at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church and teaches at General Theological Seminary, both in Manhattan. The anthem was written in 1985 for the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An afternoon jazz service that includes Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. sermons in text and various audio formats. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

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