

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Prelude on an Introit                      *Maurice Duruflé*  
   Choral III in A Minor                      *César Franck*

**INTROIT**                      “Sana, Sananina”                      *Tanzanian melody*  
   Hosanna.                      *arr. Patrick Matsikenyiri*

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

**\*HYMN 229**                      “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”  
   *Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

### 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.**

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER**                      Psalm 112:1–9 *(responsively)*                      (page 532, O.T.)

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      Matthew 5:1–10                      (page 4, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                      Blessed Are You                      JOHN BUCHANAN

*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*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 ANTHEM

“The Beatitudes”

Vasily Sergeyevich Kalinnikov

O Lord, remember us when thou comest into thy kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be fulfilled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. O blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

\*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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Minister: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

### 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 ANTHEMS “O Sacrum Convivium”

*Dan Locklair*

O sacred banquet, in which Christ as food is taken, revived is the memory of his passion; the mind is filled with grace; and of future glory, a pledge is given us.

“Behold, the Tabernacle of God”

*William H. Harris*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. For the love of whom you do this day, celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

### PSALM 23 *(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in  
the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 339

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Tune: SLANE*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

*Louis Vierne*

# The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)*

**T**HE 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 last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

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 the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. 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

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, John 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 and Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Printed copies of sermons recently preached** at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**The Fourth Church website**, [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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.

**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.

**The bulletin cover quote** is from William Placher’s book *Jesus the Savior: The Meaning of Jesus Christ for Christian Faith*.

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