Morning Worship

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

Prelude

Lied (Song)  
Scherzetto  
How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Louis Vierne  
L. Vierne  
Marcel Dupré

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”  
Stralsund Gesangbuch  
arr. Norman J. Clayton

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration.

*Doxology and Invocation  
(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 488  
“The God of Abraham Praise”  
Tune: Leoni

Prayer of Confession  
(unison)

Merciful God,  
I confess that too often I live my life  
with a scarcity mindset,  
as if I do not have enough time,  
enough money, enough love, enough talent,  
enough connections, or enough impact.  
Rather than rejoice in gratitude for your abundant gifts,  
I am anxious over what I have not done or do not have.  
Free us all from our drivenness  
and restore us to our true selves,  
so we may rest and give you praise as the source of life.  
Amen.

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

Concerns of the Church

Psalter  
Psalm 145:10–21 (responsively)  
(page 549, O.T.)

*Stand as you are able.
ANTHEM

“I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills”  
Paul Bouman

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you  
will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall  
neither slumber nor sleep; the Lord himself watches over you,  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand so that sun shall not strike  
you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from  
all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over  
your going out and your coming in from this time forth forevermore.

FIRST LESSON  
Deuteronomy 5:12–15  
(page 156 O.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI  
(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON  
Matthew 11:28–30  
(page 11 N.T.)

SERMON  
Breaks and Brakes  
VICTORIA G. CURTISS

*HYMN 283  
“God Marked a Line and Told the Sea”  
Tune: KEDRON

*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**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*John B. Dykes*

arr. N. J. Clayton

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Forth in Thy Name”

*Richard Shepherd*

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.
The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence feel and prove thine acceptable will.
Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance
see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.
Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day. For
thee delightfully employ whatever bounteous grace hath given, and
run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE*

**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,

you provide for all your creatures,
great and small, and give us all that we need.

Open our eyes to recognize your abundant blessings,
and hearts to share generously all we have and are.

Keep us from looking for life other than from you,
our Shepherd and our Friend. Amen.

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**Hymn 167**

“God’s Law Is Perfect and Gives Life”        *Tune: HALIFAX*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude** Carillon        *Herbert Murrill*
Guest Preachers in September

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that K.C. Ptomey and Susan Andrews will be sharing the Word with us this September.

**K.C. Ptomey Jr.**

**September 16 and 23 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

K.C. Ptomey Jr. is the Zbinden Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His courses cover preaching, spiritual disciplines for preachers, worship, equipping laypersons for creating and leading liturgy, and stewardship. Prior to his appointment at Austin Seminary in 2009, Dr. Ptomey was for twenty-seven years the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville. During his forty-one years of parish ministry, he also served churches in Collierville, Tennessee, and Henderson and Arlington, Texas. Upon retirement, he served as Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York City. Dr. Ptomey has also been preacher and keynote speaker for youth conferences and worship conferences.

**Susan Andrews**

**September 30 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Presently General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Hudson River, Susan Andrews was also Moderator of the 215th General Assembly (2003–2004) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Named Preacher of the Year by *Lectionary Homiletics* in 2000, Dr. Andrews has served Presbyterian congregations in Allentown, Pennsylvania; East Hanover, New Jersey; and Bethesda, Maryland. She has been part of several PCUSA committees and task forces and written for a variety of publications, including the *Christian Century, Interpretation, Presbyterians Being Reformed: Reflections on What the Church Needs Today, Feasting on the Word,* and *Feasting on the Gospel.*

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Worship Leaders
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11:00 a.m.  John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today
9:30 a.m.  Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs
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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Fourth Church thanks the women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for their music leadership these past weeks. The full choirs will return next Sunday. Anyone interested in joining the Chancel Choir is encouraged to attend rehearsal this Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary choir loft.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Today that service will be held outdoors in the Garth. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), and a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

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 images, 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 photograph depicts one of the tulips in the Fourth Church Garth after a spring rain.

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