

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Jesus Came to the Jordan River                      *Johann Pachelbel*  
   Children of the Heavenly Father                      *James Biery*

**INTROIT**                      “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”                      *Scottish Psalter*  
   Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,  
   as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame. Baptize us with  
   your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in  
   God’s service, we may perfect freedom find.

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

**\*HYMN 461**                      “God Is Here!”                      *Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Merciful God,  
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.  
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.  
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;  
we allow the past to hold us hostage.  
In your loving-kindness  
have mercy on us and free us from sin.  
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism  
so that we may rise to new life  
and live together in grace. Amen.

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

(11:00)

**UNISON PRAYER**                      Holy God, remind us of the promises given  
(11:00)                      in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.  
   Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
   for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 29 (*responsively*) (page 477, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “Down to the River to Pray” *American folk song*  
*arr. Robert Lee*

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about the good old way  
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.  
O sisters, let's go down to the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down  
to the river to pray. O fathers, let's go down to the river to pray.  
O mothers, let's go down to the river to pray. O sinners, let's go  
down to the river to pray.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 43:1–7 (page 631, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SERMON** by Tony Campolo

**\*HYMN 356** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Tune: NETTLETON*

**\*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"

*Richard Warner*

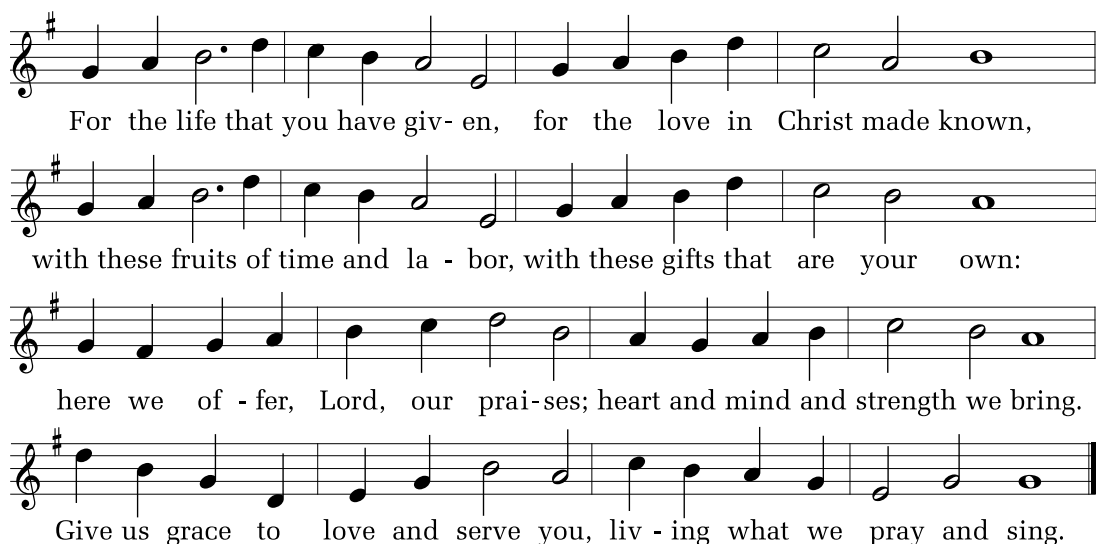
### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM "At the River"

*Aaron Copland*

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll  
gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the  
river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining  
river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will  
quiver with the melody of peace.

### \*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: **Merciful Father,**

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving**

**what you have first given us—**

**our selves, our time, and our possessions—**

**signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him**

**who offered himself for us—**

**Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 481**

“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”

*Tune: LLANFAIR*

**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**

On the second Sunday of each 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 11:00 worship service are**

Avery Marie Leslie, daughter of Barry and Jennifer Leslie

Evan Alexander Martin, son of Steven and Jennifer Martin

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek, Judith L. Watt, Tony Campolo

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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

**Fourth Church welcomes to the pulpit** today Tony Campolo, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, having worked to create and support programs for “at-risk” children in cities across North America. The author of more than thirty-five books, Dr. Campolo blogs regularly at his website, [redletterchristians.org](http://redletterchristians.org), and is a media commentator on religious, social, and political matters. Dr. Campolo, who has served American Baptist churches, speaks about 350 times a year around the world for churches, colleges, youth groups, and the business community.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary 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 next Taizé service will be Friday, January 25.

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