

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Symphony VI in G Minor *Charles Marie Widor*
 Allegro
 Cantabile

INTROIT “Transfiguration Day” *Morgan Simmons*
Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia! This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets
sing before him, first and last and only one.
All creation shall adore him! Alleluia!

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

***HYMN 476** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” *Tune: LYONS*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Creator God,
you asked for our hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.
We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.
You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.
We closed them, for we did not want to see.
You asked for our lives, that you might work through us.
We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient for us to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Father, forgive us, renew us,
send us out as a usable instrument,
that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00)

UNISON PRAYER

(11:00)

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given
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

ANTHEM

“God Is Seen”

*American folk song
arr. Alice Parker*

Through all the world below God is seen all around;
search hills and valleys through, there he's found.
The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn,
the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there.
In meadows dressed in green, God is seen.
See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run;
the mist that veils the sky hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean it doth roar
and beat upon the shore, and all praise in their ways
the God who never declines his designs.
The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies;
the comet in her blaze, “God” she cries.
The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears,
his awful name declares; see them fly through the sky,
and join the solemn sound all around.

PSALTER

Psalm 99 (*responsively*)

(page 522, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28–43

(page 65, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Adam H. Fronczek

*HYMN 413

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Tune: CHARLESTOWN

*** 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 "Amén"

M. Simmons

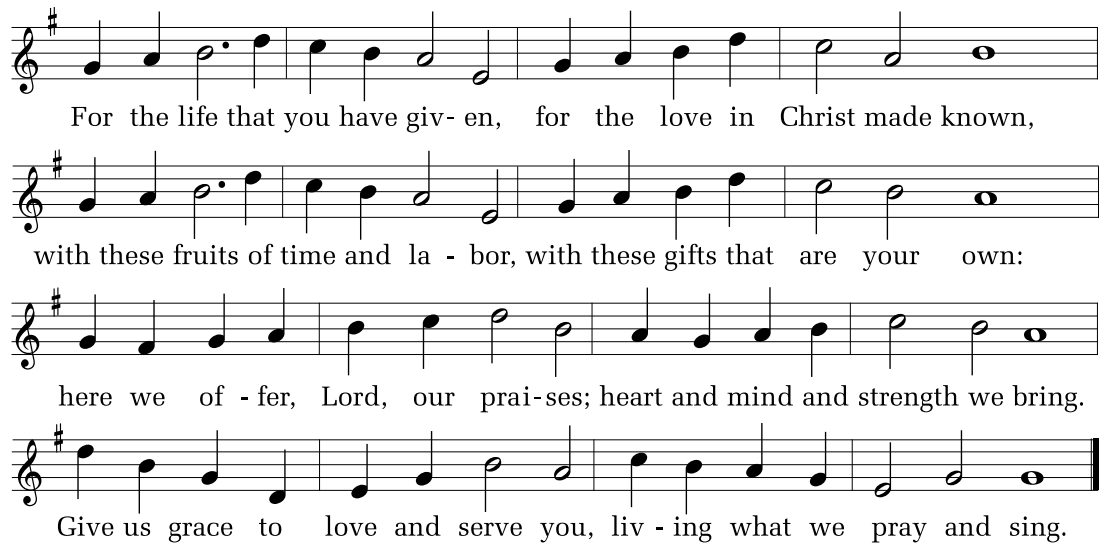
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Best of Rooms"

Randall Thompson

Christ, he requires still, wheresoever he comes, to feed or lodge,
to have the best of rooms: give him the choice; grant him the nobler
part of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

***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 of extravagant mercy,
with hands outstretched you have poured out
wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.
So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest
against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—
and thus may we and others
know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.**

***HYMN 419**

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Tune: REPTON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

**“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

Warren Dudley Luzadder, son of Matthew and Turiya Luzadder

William Tolley Mertes, son of William and Catherine Mertes

Emerson Elizabeth Schmidt, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Schmidt

Willa Ryan Schmidt, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Schmidt

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam H. Fronczek

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Prayer of Confession is by Joe Seremane of South Africa and is reprinted from the anthology *A Forgiving Heart: Prayers for Blessing and Reconciliation*.

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.

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, February 22.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the Fourth Church steeple as photographed from the Hancock after Monday's snowfall. (The white background is the roof of the Sanctuary.)

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