

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Baroques

Seth Bingham

Overture

Rondo ostinato

Sarabande

Rhythmic Trumpet

Voluntary

INTROIT

“Father, Who the Light This Day”

Curt Oliver

Father, who the light this day out of darkness did create,
shine upon us now, we pray, while within thy courts we wait.

Wean us from the works of night; make us children of the light.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 229

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, whose very being is love,
we know that we are imperfect in loving;
we fall short of your call to do justice;
we struggle to be good neighbors to the least of your children.
Forgive us, merciful God, and renew us
that we might more fully be bearers
of your love and justice in the world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER

**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

“Surge Illuminare” *William Byrd*
Arise, shine forth in splendor Jerusalem, for thy light hath now appeared;
the glory of God the Lord hath arisen over thee. Alleluia.

PSALTER

Psalm 112:1–6 (responsively) (page 532, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13–20 (page 4, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Spendsavour Salt CALUM I. MACLEOD
“*But if salt has lost its taste . . .*” Matthew 5:13 (NRSV)

*HYMN 492

“Baptized in Water” Tune: BUNESSAN

*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

“God Is Light”

Eric H. Thiman

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“True Light”

Keith Hampton

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light. In the beginning out of darkness, God created true light. Almighty God is light. Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. He lives in us as true light. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world true light. Hold onto the true light.

***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: **We give you thanks, God of the universe,
that in Jesus the Christ you came to us
as love in its most complete form.**

**Forgiven, loved, and freed, we dedicate ourselves
to be a people of patience, kindness, and endurance,
living and working for your will for the city and the world.
Through your Son, Jesus, who calls us
to love you and our neighbor. Amen.**

***HYMN 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

“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.

The child being baptized at the 9:30 worship service is

John Carlisle Hooper, son of Jarrod and Genevieve Hooper

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Edward Porter Arnolds, son of David and Marin Arnolds
Avery Lynne Chapman, daughter of Tripp and Dina Chapman
Juliette Louise Paul, daughter of Michael and Laura Paul
Vivian Megan Trost, daughter of Paul and Meredith Trost

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. John W. Vest, Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod

11:00 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Sarah Van der Ploeg, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The sermon title “Spendsavour Salt” is from Gerard Manley Hopkins’ poem “The Candle Indoors.”

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, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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 photo depicts hardy little plants in the Michigan Avenue courtyard persevering during a recent snowstorm.

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