

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Tu es Petrus” *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

PSALTER Psalm 19 (*responsively*) (page 472, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 16:13–20 (page 17, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON JOHN M. BUCHANAN

Does It Matter What Church You Belong To? . . .

Why Am I a Presbyterian after All These Years?

“On this rock I will build my church.” Matthew 16:18 (NRSV)

***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

“Amen”

Michael Praetorius

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God”

from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of his works displays the firmament. Today, that is coming, speaks it the day, the night, that is gone, to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

***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: **Eternal God, creator of the world
and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth,
our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.
Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God, forever.
Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages,
we thank you for your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 457**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” *Tune: TOULON*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Thou Art Peter, the Rock

Henri Mulet

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

EACH SECOND SUNDAY OF THE 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 9:30 worship service are

*Jonah Grant Berman, son of Kevin and Jill Berman
Lyla Grace Berman, daughter of Kevin and Jill Berman
Graham Whitman Mertzlufft, son of Tim Mertzlufft and Dawn Sellstrom
Andrew Nicholas Phelps, son of Greg and Josie Phelps
Claire Kennedy Sigmund, daughter of Scott and Courtney Sigmund
Evan Michael Tax, son of Michael and Amy Tax
Phoebe Georgia Welch, daughter of Michael and Shayne Welch*

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Charles Melvon Marquez, son of Albert and Megan Marquez
Ella Jacquelyn Pawluk, daughter of John and Jan Pawluk
Benjamin David Rattin, son of Mark and Ann Rattin
Kairos Minseo Suh, son of Sandy Suh
Zachary Michael Zubel, son of Christopher and Alison Zubel*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

Mark Eldred, Jerry Johnson, and Andrea Pokrefke, soloists

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

Mark Eldred, Jerry Johnson, and Andrea Pokrefke, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, humanist scholar, lawyer, theologian, religious and political reformer, and father of the Reformed/ Presbyterian Churches, with 80 million adherents worldwide. In observance of this anniversary, this fall and early next year John Buchanan will preach a series of sermons on John Calvin—his life and thought and his relevance for the church and world in the twenty-first century. Morning worship services will incorporate music and liturgies from the time of the Reformation as well. On October 15 and 17 there will also be a series of lectures on John Calvin, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life (for details, see the “News and Opportunities” insert and Academy for Faith and Life brochure).

UPCOMING CALVIN SERMONS BY JOHN M. BUCHANAN

September 13: Does It Matter What Church You Belong To? . . .

Why Am I a Presbyterian after All These Years?

September 20: The First (One of the First, at Least) Christian Revolutionary:
Religion and Politics

October 11: Surely You Don't Believe in Predestination, Do You?
Who's Really in Charge Here?

October 18: Sausages on Ash Wednesday: A New Piety and Practice

January 10: Totally Depraved? (Calvin Himself Was) When Religion Turns Violent

January 17: The Divider Was a Unifier

January 24: Calvin Was Not a Calvinist: Continuing Reformation

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