It seems to me that a simple and proper definition is that a sacrament is an outward sign by which the Lord seals on our consciences the promises of his goodwill towards us in order to sustain the weakness of our faith; and by which we in turn bear witness to our piety toward him in the presence of the Lord and before human beings.

John Calvin *Institutes*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.

During Today's Worship

- Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.
- If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.
- Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.
- **During the Concerns of the Church,** please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

- We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.
- Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, February 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

Prelude

Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan River

J. S. Bach

(8:00)

Prelude (9:30 and 11:00)

All Who Believe and Are Baptized Richard Proulx
When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known Mark Sedio
Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan River J. S. Bach
Shall We Gather at the River John Ferguson

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)

God of all mercy,

give us grace to make a fresh start today.

We know we have not loved you with our whole heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. As we hope to be forgiven, teach us also to forgive,

and lead us forward in a new life

where neither grudges nor resentment have a part;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF **P**ARDON

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30 and 11:00)

Unison Prayer (9:30 and 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.

^{*}Stand as you are able.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Anthem "The Baptism of Jesus" Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. (Jesus went to the Jordan today.) When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place, "Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende." ("This is my Son with whom I am well pleased.") There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord; the Father said this blessed word, "Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende." ("This is my Son with whom I am well pleased.") Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man and were baptized from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then, "Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende." ("This is my Son with whom I am well pleased.")

First Lesson Isaiah 42:5–9 (page 630, O.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

Second Lesson Matthew 3:13–17 (page 3, N.T.)

SERMON by Calum I. MacLeod

THE WATER OF LIFE

*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

"Amen"

Philip Baker

OFFERING

Offertory Solo

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Leo Sowerby

(8:00)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even forevermore. Amen.

OFFERTORY **A**NTHEM

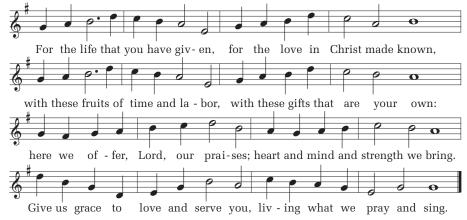
"Father in Heaven"

David Hurd

(9:30 and 11:00)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



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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 our hearts and minds,

we give you thanks and praise for your goodness to us

and dedicate to you our thoughts, our words,

our gifts, our deeds,

the working of our hands, the thinking of our minds,

the loving of our hearts.

Shield us this day, keep us from offense,

and surround us with your love, now and forevermore.

Amen.

*Hymn **495** "We Know That Christ Is Raised" *Tune*: Engelberg

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Postlude Dialogue Jean François Dandrieu

(8:00)

POSTLUDE In Thee Is Joy J. S. Bach

(9:30 and 11:00)

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)

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 children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Winifred Eleanor Alford, daughter of Robert and Amanda Alford
Eve Lauren Daniels, daughter of Ranjan and Kalen Daniels
Georgia Marguerite Philip, daughter of Stephen and Karen Philip
Ethan Benjamin Sarbaugh, son of Tom and Shirley Sarbaugh
Stuart James Timmerman, son of Mark and Brooke Timmerman

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Sebastian Paul Cuadros, son of David and Susana Cuadros

David Hugo Perry, son of Don Perry and Julie Cuadros-Perry

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod
9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka and Carol Carpenter,

alto soloists

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

"Shall We Gather at the River," played during today's 9:30 and 11:00 prelude, is an early American hymn written originally by Robert Lowry. The arrangement heard this morning was composed by John Ferguson, who is organist at St. Olaf College.

Offering gifts made using the envelopes in the pew racks support congregational programs, including worship and music, education and fellowship opportunities for children and adults, and mission and outreach programs.

John Buchanan is in San Diego, where this morning he is baptizing granddaughter Eliza Sue Buchanan.

On the cover: This architectural detail shows the stone and tile ceiling vault sixty feet above the chancel and choir loft. Sculpted by Italian stone cutters during construction of Fourth Church in 1913, the carvings represent various branches of the Reformed family of churches. For Reformed Christians, spirituality, as the practice of faith, finds its roots in scripture and in the historic and contemporary confessions—church-recognized, valid expressions of a reformed, scripture-based faith. Beginning Sunday, January 20, Calum MacLeod will teach an Academy for Faith and Life class on "Spirituality and the Reformed Confessions." For details about this and other Academy classes beginning January 20, see the "News and Opportunities" insert in the worship bulletin.

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