

2010-2011 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HANDBOOK



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Dear Families:

We are so glad that you are part of the Children's Ministry at Third Presbyterian Church! Our children are important to us and we want their experiences here to be positive. This booklet has been prepared to give you some basic information on the many programs for children that are offered at Third Presbyterian Church.

We hope that this handbook will help you feel informed about your child's participation in our programs. Please feel free to contact any member of the children's ministry committee or staff with any questions or concerns.

As you most likely are aware, we are currently in the final stages of the construction phase of our capital campaign. Construction is expected to be completed by the early winter. Because of this, for the fall, we will continue on the adjusted Sunday morning schedule of 10am Junior Choir, 11:15am worship, and 11:30am Sunday School, with dismissal happening sometime around 12:20pm. 2010 has been a year of flexibility and adjustments in our programming, but the excitement is that 2011 will bring us back to a facility that is not only "prettier" but also more functional, welcoming and accessible. We will work very hard to keep you informed of changes to our schedule and programming.

Thank you,

The Children's Ministry Committee

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Griff Vinton (Chair),

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** Additional teachers for these classes are still being sought as of printing of this brochure. Please contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or Griff Vinton if you are interested in helping in these classes. Parent helpers will be utilized in classes where we have gaps.*

MISSION STATEMENT FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

To fulfill the congregational promise made at baptism:

- ✦ To tell the Good News of the gospel, to help children know all that Christ commands.
- ✦ By our fellowship, strengthen the family ties with the household of God.
- ✦ To provide an environment that allows children to explore the meaning of faith so that they may grow and be nurtured in their own faith journeys as they grow with the church family.
- ✦ To allow every child through the program and beyond to seriously think about his or her own faith.

The program will be set up to support, teach and strengthen our understanding of God by providing the following:

- ✦ Teaching the fundamental principles of our faith and encouraging the spiritual growth and development of our children;
- ✦ Strengthening the partnership between church and home;
- ✦ Developing the program so that children are included and welcomed as part of the whole church family;
- ✦ Planning and promoting more intergenerational events (i.e. Qabats, Fellowship events, children's participation in worship)
- ✦ Relating the church school program with the worship service so the family unit may strengthen its understanding of God;
- ✦ Structuring the program for children so they want to attend and understand the Sunday service when they complete the program; and
- ✦ Providing opportunities for children to become involved in all aspects of church life.

The Children's Ministry committee has come up with **behavior guidelines** for those involved the children's ministry program—the 5 C's—

Cooperative—with teachers and peers

Careful—with the bodies, feelings and resources of ourselves and others

Considerate—of all God's children

Contributing—by sharing your gifts by participating in class

Curious—willing to learn new things!

About the Children's Ministry Committee

The Children's Ministry committee oversees all children's programming (birth through 6th grade) including Church School, Qabats and many special events. Membership is open to all Third Presbyterian Church members. The Children's Ministry Committee currently meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Any questions should be directed to committee chair, Elder Griff Vinton.

Opportunities for Children at Third Presbyterian Church

Sunday Mornings (Construction times in parenthesis)

8:15am-12:15pm—Nursery care is available

8:30am—Worship in the Chapel (9am)

9:30am—Junior Choir for children in 3rd through 6th grade (10am)

10:45am—Worship in the sanctuary (11:15am)

11:00am—Church School for 3 year olds through 6th grade (11:30)

12:00 noon—Sunday School is dismissed (12:20)

Please note—on Sunday mornings (except during Jr. choir rehearsal) any child involved in Third Presbyterian Church programming must have at least one parent or other responsible adult on the premises.

Wednesday Evenings (at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word)

5:00pm—Children's Bell Choir (selected from older junior choir aged children)

5:30-7:30pm—Qabats Program for children in 1st through 6th grade (includes: Junior Choir, The Glorious Voices, workshops & dinner).

Special Events

Special events are planned by the Children's Ministry committee periodically throughout the year and have included ice skating, swimming, picnics, dinner and folk dancing at church, a fall festival, and others. Watch the newsletters and bulletins for information about upcoming events. If you have ideas for events, please be in touch with any member of the Children's Ministry Committee.

About Church School at Third Presbyterian Church

Our church school begins after the children's message in the worship service. During the fall, while construction is going on, all children will proceed to the Incarnate Word Library where they will meet with their class to walk to the TPC education building. Once we resume our usual schedule, Children in Junior Choir will leave with the choir and then proceed on to their classrooms, and younger children may be escorted to their classroom by adults who are with them in the sanctuary. Children in the nursery may be picked up at any time.

With the approval of Session, we are using *We Believe*, the Presbyterian denominational Curriculum.



Special events that occur during the church school year

Children in communion *(the first Sunday of selected even numbered months)*

In order to help our children to experience this important expression and practice of our faith, we have made the decision to alter our church school schedule for certain communion Sundays to allow the children to be included in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. All baptized persons are welcome to partake of communion. We encourage families to talk with their children and make the decision together about sharing communion. Families may speak to any member of the program staff if they have questions or concerns about children and communion. ***There will be two family communion breakfasts at Bruegger's Bagels on Monroe Ave. and Goodman St. on September 26 and October 3 from 10-10:50am.***

Church School Chapel *(Twice per year—fall, and spring)*

Just as we invite children into worship on communion Sundays to help them experience that important aspect of our worship, so we also hold church school chapel services to help our children to better understand and experience a worship service. For church school chapel, each class takes responsibility for a prayer, litany, reading, or other aspect of the worship service. Themes are based on our curriculum. Family members are very welcome to join us for church school chapel services. Our services are currently scheduled for November 21 and June 13.

Palm Sunday Event. This event has taken place of the March Church school chapel, and involves children doing crafts, games, stories and songs in celebration of Palm Sunday and preparation for Holy Week.

Large Group Sunday School (offered certain Holiday Weekends during the program year, and weekly in the summer for children age 3 through 1st grade.) At times when many people travel and attendance is low, families are encouraged to worship together. For younger children, we offer large group Sunday School. Parents of children in this age range are asked to assist with leadership at least one time during the year.

Guidelines for Sunday School Enrollment

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in Sunday School at Third Presbyterian Church. For our program to run smoothly, and to best meet our children's needs, we have established the following guidelines:

- Anyone attending Sunday School must fill out a registration form (**now available online!**) For occasional visitors, there is an abbreviated form.
- Children should attend the class that correlates with their grade in school.
- For our pre-school class we ask that you do not move children up from the nursery mid-year, but rather at the start of the program year.

Expectations of parents or other caregivers

At Third Presbyterian Church, we are blessed to have a thriving program which simply could not exist without the assistance and support of parents and other members of the congregation. *Did you know that it takes nearly 700 volunteer hours per program year to keep the Church School alone running?* To help with our important charge of educating our children in the faith, we ask for parents or other care givers to be available to help in the following ways:

- *As a Sunday School Teacher.* Each grade is taught by a team of teachers and there is always room for more teachers on each team. **This year, we especially need teachers to fill out our 2nd and 5th grade teams.** Please consider teaching at some point if you believe you have gifts to share with our children.
- *As a classroom helper.* It is expected that all children will have a parent or other adult available to help out in the classroom as needed (a good guideline would be to help in the classroom 3-4 times each year). Our child protection policy dictates that two adults be present in each class.
- *By providing snack.* Although we always have a simple snack of juice and crackers available, it is often a nice treat to have snacks brought in. Healthy snacks such as fruit, cheese & crackers, raisins and other dried fruit, granola bars, etc. are particularly appreciated.
- *As a designated classroom substitute.* There are times in the year when our teachers are unavailable to teach, whether due to travel, illness or last minute emergency. We ask each class to have a “designated sub” who can be available to help out on short notice in case of teacher absence.

A note about pick-up and drop-off: Families may wonder what the appropriate age is to let children go to church school on their own. We know that families may have individual preferences and situations, but we offer this as a guideline—we suggest that children in second grade and younger be escorted to and from church school each week once we return to our building*.

In the spirit of fostering good communication between teachers and care givers, we also add that for children who are not picked up and dropped off, it is good practice to be in touch with your child’s teacher at least monthly so that they can share any important information, and also so that they can be sure that they have adequate support for volunteers and snack.

*Please note—while we are worshipping at Incarnate Word, all children (except nursery) will be brought to coffee hour for pick-up.

Children and Stewardship

We encourage families to take time to talk about how we share what we have with others as an action of our faith. Just as adults are asked to make a monetary pledge to the church and a commitment of their time and talents, we also ask our children to share their time, treasures and talents. Sunday School teachers have envelopes available for children who would like to use them.

If parents would like additional resources to help them explore stewardship with their children, they may check out the Stu Bear books (Available in the Children's Library) or see Children's Ministry Coordinator Becky D'Angelo-Veitch for additional suggestions.

Communication—Where to find information and who to contact

Because Third Presbyterian Church is such a large church with so much going on, we strive to communicate with our members in a variety of ways including:

- Sunday Bulletin announcement pages (in the back of the bulletin)
- Our monthly newsletter, "The Messenger"
- Our website, www.thirdpresbyterian.org
- Our weekly e-mail congregational update which includes limited information about events coming up in the week ahead (If you do not receive this update, you may send an e-mail requesting to be added to the distribution list to Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org).
- The Children's Ministry newsletter, a monthly newsletter e-mailed to all households with children registered for church school (If you do not receive this newsletter, please check with your child's teacher to make sure that you have filled out a registration form, and be sure that we have your current, preferred e-mail address)

How to contact us. . .

- If you have any questions about the church school of Third Presbyterian Church, you may contact Children's Ministry coordinator Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or your child's Sunday School teacher.

NURSERY

At the Third Church nursery, we have a simple goal: to provide a safe, secure, happy and loving environment for both our children and their parents. To do this, we have a three level system of care which includes staff, regular volunteers (shepherds), and parents. This portion of the handbook is designed to help parents understand what we provide for the children in our nursery, and share our expectations of parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Children's Ministry Coordinator Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or the Nursery Coordinator, Suzanne Woodring. We look forward to a wonderful year with you and your child!

The Nursery is available each Sunday morning from 8:15am-12:00 noon for children not yet in the three year old room. (8:30am-12:30pm—construction)

With parent OK, a snack of apple juice and animal or graham crackers is provided.

Parent responsibilities

We want to give your child the best possible care so that you can have a worry-free worship experience. To help us do that, we ask parents to:

- Sign up to be a parent volunteer as needed.
- Provide diapers, bottles (if used) and a change of clothes in case of accidents.
- Alert coordinator of any food allergies or any other special needs or conditions.
- Sign your child in and out every week (parents with cell phones are invited to set their phone to vibrate, and leave their number with the staff for emergency contact).
- Upon arrival, label your diaper bag and pin your child's name tag onto the back of his/her shirt.
- Please do not bring your child if (s)he has had any of the following in the past 24 hours: rash, fever, vomiting, or cold symptoms.



A note about the three year old class. . .

Parents are often unsure of when to start their child in the three year old class. We offer these guidelines:

- Children should remain in the Nursery until they are out of diapers.
- To make the transition to the 3 yr. old room easier, we suggest that children move to the preschool class in September only, rather than at their birthday mid-year.

The nursery is staffed by the following individuals each week:

Nursery Coordinator

Our nursery coordinator, Suzanne Woodring, is in the nursery every week and oversees the shepherds and other volunteers and coordinates all aspects of the nursery. Any questions or concerns about the nursery should be directed to her.

Nursery Shepherds

Our nursery shepherds provide consistency as regular volunteers once a month. Shepherds are there to assist the Nursery Coordinator. Please introduce yourselves to them!

Shepherd duties:

- wear a name tag to identify yourself
- arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of service
- make sure parents sign children in and out
- make sure name tags are pinned onto children and removed when they leave
- change diapers when necessary (with gloves and a washable changing pad)
- help clean up toys
- assist Nursery Coordinator
- play with the children

Parent Volunteers

In order for the nursery to run smoothly, we ask that you volunteer every 6-8 weeks or as needed.

Parent Volunteer Duties:

- help clean up toys
- assist nursery coordinators and shepherds
- play with the children

QABATS

Mission Statement of Qabats

As children of God, we will fulfill our promise made to children at the sacrament of baptism.

We will do this by creating a program that provides integrated Bible learning through choir, mission activities, games, stories, and the breaking of bread.

Qabats is a midweek, intergenerational, Christian-based, cooperative program with music and fellowship for Third Presbyterian Church families with children in first through sixth grades.

What is Qabats?

Qabats, pronounced “kubbots,” is a Hebrew word that means “to be gathered together.” On Wednesday nights, children in grades 1–6 and volunteers gather together for an evening of Christian fellowship, study and fun.

Like the LOGOS system on which our program is based, Qabats is a mid-week gathering of children and adults that celebrates the Word of God among us. (“Logos” is Greek for “Word”).

Our Qabats program is an opportunity for children and adults to practice building Christian relationships. *Qabats is not a substitute or replacement for Sunday church school.* We hope that our Qabats program will be a time to focus on building relationships and nurturing our children into Christian discipleship.

What is the purpose of Qabats?

- To learn how to develop richer relationships between each other and between each person and God;
- To create an understanding and desire for accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
- To develop intelligent, active and loyal membership and leadership in the church;
- To give worthwhile study, wholesome recreation and opportunity for service and Christian fellowship;
- To help young people and adults to develop into Christians who are able and willing to communicate their faith and to assume personal responsibility in assisting in the building of God’s kingdom on earth.

Qabats and the Workshop Rotation Model

The Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM) started in a Chicago-area Presbyterian Church in 1990 and has spread through the denomination and beyond since then. It is an exciting program that uses centers to help kids get an in-depth understanding of Bible stories by exploring them for a more extended time than Sunday school or mid-week programming usually offers.

We continue to be excited about the Workshop Rotation Model and its role in Qabats. Workshop center topics include (but are not limited to): arts & crafts, drama, Bible skills & games, computers/A-V, world religions, cooking, science, woodworking. . . the sky's the limit! There is one center for each week of the theme with groups rotating through them so that at the end of each theme, all students will have done each center.

Wednesday Night Qabats Schedule for 2010-2011:

<u>Time</u>	<u>1st & 2nd Grade</u>	<u>3-6th grade</u>
5:30-6:15	Centers	Junior Choir
6:20-6:50	←----- Dinner -----→	
6:50-7:30	Glorious Voices	Centers

2010-2011 Qabats Themes:

Theme A: The Call of Samuel—1 Samuel 3 (10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3)

Theme B: Light—John 1 (11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15)

Theme C: Garden: the Parable of the Sower (1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2)

Theme D: Bible Basics (2/9, 2/16, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30) *3/2 will be a fun nite!

Qabats Picnic: 4/13

Expectations of Participants

We ask that children participate every week and that their caregivers volunteer regularly. We believe education for their faith is as important as any other commitment our children may have. Sporadic attendance lessens the importance of Qabats. Participants are expected to take part regularly and fully in all aspects of the program.

****A call to the church office (271-6537) by 4:00 PM is expected when your child cannot participate on any given Wednesday. You may leave a message on the Qabats voice mail (ext. 203). If you need to speak directly with someone, you may call Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, (ext. 118).****

Regular weekly participation in Sunday worship remains important. Participants share the gifts and skills they develop in Qabats and enjoy showing their parents and friends what they are learning.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

In order to help the program run smoothly and make sure children are in the right place at the right time, we have established the following guidelines:

- Drop off at Incarnate Word will be at the 2nd set of doors (near their sanctuary).
- From 5:00-5:30, “The Early Show” is available. The Early Show offers supervised activities in the fireplace end of the celebration center for children who need to arrive early (children of volunteers or siblings of bell choir members). Your child should bring something to keep him or herself occupied (homework, a book, etc.) **Please note: due to limited space at Incarnate Word, The Early Show will resume when we return to TPC.**
- At the end of the evening all children must be signed out as they are picked up. This is very important for the safety & security of all children.

Emergency Cancellations

In the event that Qabats needs to be cancelled on any given Wednesday, we will send out an e-mail and make phone calls no later than 3:00pm as per the information on your registration form. ***Please be sure that we have an e-mail address or phone number where you can be reached on Wednesday afternoons so that we can notify you if we need to cancel Qabats for any reason.*** On questionable days, please call the Qabats hotline (271-6537 ext. 203) or the church office after 3:00pm to check.

Rules & Discipline Policy

In Qabats, we have one guiding rule:

We are children of God and we will treat each other that way!

This is the basis of discipline in the Qabats program. We also follow the 5C’s of behavior (see page 3 of the handbook) set out by the Children’s Ministry Committee. Being a child of God entitles each of us to a place in God’s house. Please remember – no one has the right to treat anyone else as if he or she does not matter. At home, parents should stress cooperation with all members of the staff. General demeanor during Qabats should reflect Christian thought and concern for others. Courtesy is expected at all times, whether in study or at play. Disciplinary concerns will be handled in a positive and loving way, promptly and as consistently as possible. Questions about disciplinary procedures should be addressed to one of the Program Directors or the Children’s Ministry Coordinator.

Congregation Participation

At its inception, our Session voted to make the Qabats program a priority program of Third Church. Therefore, it is not simply a children's program. Caring and concerned adult members are called to serve in a variety of ways as part of Qabats. The ways adults (parents and non-parents alike!) can show their care are: being a table parent, working in the kitchen, being a workshop leader or helper, or sponsoring a child through a donation to the scholarship fund. Invite a friend to volunteer--we love to have non-parent adults involved!

Parent Participation

Parental and general adult involvement is an important component of Qabats. Active participation (defined as 50% of program time) by at least one adult is required of each family. We expect that if your child is enrolled in Qabats, an adult will be involved in some way in the program. We ask that parents volunteer for three themes during the year or at least every other week. It is our experience that children and adults alike discover a deepened faith and stronger connections to the congregation by participating in this program. Nursery care is available for children whose adult caregivers are volunteering at Qabats.

The ways in which a parent or other adult can volunteer include—

Workshop Center leader/helper (4 weeks at a time, 2 of 4 themes/ year)

Table Parent (every week commitment from 6-7pm)

Nursery Care Provider (every week or every other week)

Choir Parent (every week commitment)

***Due to construction, and the Qabats program being displaced for the fall, we currently are not recruiting for the following positions, however, come spring, we will need the following volunteers:*

“The Early Show” leader (weekly commitment)

Kitchen Crew (flexible—weekly or bi-weekly)

Registration and Fees

ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 – 6 ARE WELCOME! Completed registration forms along with payment should be returned to the Church office (checks marked with “Qabats” and your child's name). Please remember to send or bring your payment to church if you utilize online registration. Fees include supplies and meals.

The fee for Qabats is:	One child	\$ 75/year
	Two children	\$135/year
	Three or more children	\$185/year

Families with one child in the Qabats program and one child in the youth program may deduct \$5 from the registration fee for each child.

There is a minimum deposit of \$35.00 per family due with the registration form by the fall parent meeting (9/19). The balance is due at the end of November. Adult volunteers are not required to pay for their meals—we value your gift of time! However, if you do eat with us and would like to make a contribution towards the cost of your meal, donations are gratefully accepted.

Qabats is a self-sustaining program that is financed primarily by the tuition paid by the families involved. The majority of the fee goes towards food. All of us are responsible for the prompt payment of fees. This program depends on it!

No one will be excluded from Qabats because of financial need. If you need scholarship money, or if the time deadlines listed above are a problem, please contact the Children’s Ministry Coordinator. All requests will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Questions parents or caregivers may have about Qabats

My child has too much homework. How can Qabats fit into his/her schedule?

We usually take time for programs that are important to us. Teaching children that their faith is an important part of who they are is a lesson we take seriously. Work with your children’s teachers so that they might be able to do some work ahead of time to leave Wednesdays open.

My son or daughter is involved in after-school activities. Can he/she come to only part of the program?

Since most school activities do not run the whole year, it is suggested that the Qabats participant come to the program as soon as possible after the school activity and resume full participation after the “season” ends. For special situations, please talk to one of the Program Directors.

What are the expectations for the adults involved in this program?

Each adult must take on at least one job in the Qabats program. Attendance is required at the parents’ meeting in September. Jobs and time involved vary.

Is financial aid available?

Yes! If you do need scholarship aid, please call the Children’s Ministry Coordinator.

Children's Choir's Information

The children of Third Church have the opportunity to participate in a graded choir program beginning in preschool and continuing through 6th grade. In choir the children learn the joy of singing hymns and anthems with sacred texts that instruct, challenge, inspire and deepen their faith experience. By participating regularly in worship, the children understand the responsibility and satisfaction of leadership in the church community. The choir also provides friendship opportunities for the children within a Christian context.

The Children's Choirs of Third Church

JUNIOR CHOIR is for children grades 3 – 6. The choir rehearses every Sunday and Wednesday during the program year. Wednesday rehearsals are held from 5:30–6:15 P.M. Beginning in October, Wednesday rehearsals will be held during the Qabats program and remain at 5:30 P.M. Sunday rehearsals are at 10 A.M. The Junior Choir sings each Sunday in church at the 11:15 A.M. worship service through the program year (***please note—at the end of construction, these times will resume to 9:30/10:45am***). As well as weekly participation in worship, the Junior Choir presents several special programs, including the Nativity on Christmas Eve and a Spring Musical in even numbered years. The choir occasionally travels to other churches to sing and participates each year in a 4-day summer Choir Retreat at Camp Cory on Keuka Lake.

Junior Choir Goals for the Year

1. Learn to sing to the best of our ability
2. Joyfully lead God's people in worship
3. Grow in love for God and each other
4. Support each other as we learn together
5. Create "Something Beautiful for God"
6. Let our singing be a reflection of God's love in the world

THE CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR rehearses at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, before Junior Choir and Qabats. The choir is open to all children grades 3-6, however preference will be given to 5th and 6th graders. This choir learns the fundamentals of note reading and handbell ringing. The choir is limited to 11 ringers.

GLORIOUS VOICES (1st and 2nd grades) meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:50- 7:30 p.m. as part of the *Qabats* program. The choir features a multi-activity program designed to introduce early-elementary children to basic musical ideas through games and songs. Emphasis is on exploring the voice, pitch matching, developing musical sensitivity, and having fun with music. The choir sings in worship about 4 times a year including at the Nativity on Christmas Eve.

CAROL CHOIR (Preschool and Kindergarten) meets on Sunday mornings during the later part of Church School . The children learn simple songs, play rhythm instruments, and explore musical ideas using movement and games. The Carol Choir traditionally sings in worship at the Nativity on Christmas Eve and Mothers' Day.

Procedures

ATTENDANCE—A choir is a team effort in every sense of the word. An individual absence affects the whole group. Likewise, with our limited rehearsal time, punctuality at rehearsals and on Sunday mornings is a vital part of a successful choir experience for the children. The vocal warm-ups at the beginning of each rehearsal are crucial to the development of the choir's sound and musical excellence.

Of course, some absences are unavoidable. In case of an absence, please contact the director (see contact information below) directly by voice mail or e-mail. Attendance on anthem Sunday's are particularly important, as the children have invested great time and effort into the preparation of the anthem and want very much to participate on that given Sunday.

ATTIRE ON SUNDAYS Junior Choir children wear vestments each Sunday that they sing. Parents are asked to assist with robing the children twice a year. A schedule for robing is sent to parents in September. The Glorious Voices and Carol Choir should wear appropriate church attire on the Sundays they sing. Please avoid jeans or shorts. Clean sneakers are appropriate. ****Please note: The Jr. Choir will resume robing in January when we return to TPC.**

CANCELLATION OF REHEARSALS Occasionally severe weather will make it necessary to cancel a rehearsal. Please call the director's voicemail for updates about rehearsals. Every attempt will be made to contact all parents by email or voicemail. Please note that Junior Choir may meet on days that public schools are closed due to weather.

“Out of the mouths of infants and children, God’s name is praised above the heavens.” From Psalm 8

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