
We have all certainly had the experience that the demands of a seemingly ordinary, everyday morality are not so easy after all. . . . Everyday life as it is already asks a lot of a person. To keep on through dull, tedious, everyday existence can often be more difficult than a unique deed whose heroism makes us run the risk of pride and self-satisfaction. . . . A life spent in duties, in the constantly renewed will to be just and good to others, a life of good spirits is a divine gift. Just where we are, living quite ordinarily, carrying on patiently—it is here precisely that we can experience the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Karl Rahner
Meditations on Hope and Love

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.
- A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.
- Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, November 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Sunday, December 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and New Members, at 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 Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).
- The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.8425.
- Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Stephens in the Children and Family Ministry office at 640.2578 (jstephens@fourthchurch.org).

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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 (8:00) Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven
Johann Sebastian Bach

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Duo Seraphim *Jacob Handl*
arr. Erich Peterson
Lord Jesus Christ, Abide with Us *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Sangerbund *Anton Bruckner*
arr. E. Peterson
Prelude on a Gregorian Theme *Marcel Dupré*
Praise the Lord Eternal *Joseph Schuetky*
arr. Donald Frederick

INTROIT "Halle, Halle, Halle" *Caribbean melody*
Halle, halle, hallelujah. *arr. John Bell*

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 229 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 148 (*responsively*) (page 582, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite”
from *Samson* George Frideric Handel
Let their celestial concerts all unite, ever to sound his praise in
endless morn of light.

FIRST LESSON Hebrews 10:19–25 (page 224, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)
(9:30 and 11:00) *Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.*

SECOND LESSON Ruth 1:1–18 (page 241, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
HOLD TO THE GOOD
“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and
good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24 (NRSV)

*HYMN 372 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" *Traditional*

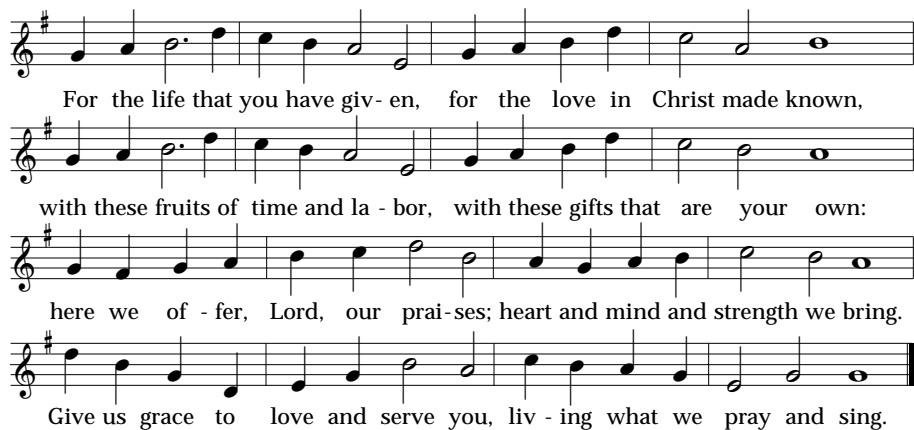
OFFERING

OFFERTORY DUET "Jerusalem, convertere as Cominum Deum tuum"
(8:00) from *Leçons de Tenebres* *François Couperin*
Jerusalem, turn back to the Lord thy God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune"
(9:30 and 11:00) *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful
voice. Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before
him and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our
aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his
sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his
name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? The Lord our
God is good: his mercy is forever sure, his truth at all times firmly
stood, and shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from us and from
the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*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: Almighty and merciful God,

from whom comes all that is good,

we praise you for your mercies,

for your goodness that has created us,

your grace that has sustained us,

your discipline that has cor rected us,

your patience that has borne with us,

and your love that has redeemed us.

Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts

by serving you and delighting to do your will,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 375

“Lord of All Good”

Tune: TOULON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro from *Concerto No. 2 in A Minor* *Antonio Vivaldi*

(8:00)

POSTLUDE

Allegro from *Suite for Double Brass Choir*

(9:30 and 11:00)

Hans Leo Hassler
arr. Bernard Fitzgerald

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Gospelfest

Sunday, November 23 at 3:30 p.m.

at St. Matthew Methodist Church (1000 N. Orleans)

This service is sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, a community of faith made up of churches, including Fourth Church, and other institutions serving Cabrini-Green. Members of Fourth Church choirs will join other choirs in this service of celebration.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m.

at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware)

Calum MacLeod will be preaching as part of this service.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Thursday, November 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Joanna Adams will be preaching at this service.

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served after Thanksgiving worship on Thursday, November 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

Gifts to the Thanksgiving offering are being received throughout November. The offering supports various mission programs of Fourth Church, including the Center for Older Adults, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Deacons Youth Tennis Program, and the Partners in Education City Lights Summer Day Program. Gifts can be made using the special envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Thanksgiving offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir;
Marnie Pomeroy and Ann Marie Boyle, sopranos
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir; Tower Brass
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Today's second hymn, the African American spiritual "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," has been traced to what some have described as a "Presbyterian environment" in Virginia during the ministry of Samuel Davies (1748–1759).
Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Directed by Matthew Comerford, Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month from September through May.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, November 28.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today's sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday.

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.