

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing that we do is complete. . . . No prayer fully expresses the fullness of our faith. No confession brings perfection. No program accomplishes all the church's mission. . . . We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. . . . We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders. . . . We are prophets of a future not our own.

Archbishop Oscar Romero

## 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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Jean Langlais*

PRELUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Jean Langlais*

INTROIT

"The Preces"

*Richard Webster*

O Lord, open thou our lips and our mouth shall show forth thy  
praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help  
us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be  
praised.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Tune: DIADEMATA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

All-seeing and all-knowing God, you search us and  
know us. Look upon us now, we pray. When lured by  
other gods we turn from you, forgive and restore us.  
When in professing faith we tolerate wrong, forgive and  
restore us. When in providing more than enough  
for ourselves, we deprive those who will follow  
after us tomorrow; when attempting all with our own  
hand we forget the work of your all-powerful hands,  
forgive and restore us.

Forgiven and restored, O loving God,  
may we worship you in truth and offer to you  
fruitful lives, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER                      Psalm 100 (*responsively*)                      (page 552, O.T.)

ANTHEM                      “Praise Him”                      *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
Praise him, praise the great Creator, for his goodness, for his bounty, showered upon us throughout the year. Praise him, snow and wind and rain. Praise him, buds and blossoms fair, fruits and fields of golden grain. Beasts of earth and birds of air, praise the Lord. Ye heavens adore him, praise him, angels in the height. Sun and moon rejoice before him, praise him, all ye stars of light.

FIRST LESSON              1 Samuel 23:1–7                      (page 267, O.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              Revelation 1:4–8                      (page 245, N.T.)

SERMON                      by Joanna M. Adams  
THE HOPE FACTOR  
“‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”  
Revelation 1:8 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 306                      “Fairest Lord Jesus”                      *Tune: CRUSADER’S HYMN*

\*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"

*Danish*

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"Eye Hath Not Seen"  
from *The Holy City*

*Alfred Robert Gaul*


Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into  
the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them  
that love him. For he hath prepared for them a city whose builder  
and maker is God. There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the  
people of God; therefore fear lest and come short of it!

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Sermon on the Mount" (9:30 and 11:00)

*Dave Brubeck*

(Anthem text based on Matthew 5.)

### \*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 praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ's rule in every heart. Accept our gifts as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN 555**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*Tune:* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE  
(8:00)

Sinfonia

*Henry Purcell*

POSTLUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Percy Whitlock*

# THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

## Thanksgiving Gospelfest

*Today 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. David Aja-Sigmon, Pastoral Resident  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
and New Members  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music

### Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of the Capital Campaign.

Today's second hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," has a tune of uncertain origin. Some think "Crusader's Hymn" was sung in the twelfth century as crusaders made their long trek to the holy land. It was not published until 1842 when it appeared in a Leipzig collection of folk songs. In the preface of the collection, its editor Hofmann stated, "In the summer of 1836 I visited a friend in Westphalia. Toward evening I heard the haymakers singing—I made inquiries. They sang folk songs which seemed to me worthy of being collected."

### 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 this Friday, November 28.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Today's sermon will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) by this Friday.

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

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