

The leading thinkers [once] hoped that life in a modern democratic order would shift the focus of Christianity from a faith-based reality to a reality-based faith. American religion is moving in the opposite direction today, back toward the ecstatic, literalist, and credulous spirit of the Great Awakenings. Its most disturbing manifestations are not political, at least not yet. They are cultural. The fascination with the “end times,” the belief in personal (and self-serving) miracles, the ignorance of basic science and history, the demonization of popular culture, the censoring of textbooks, the separatist instincts of the home-schooling movement—all these developments are far more worrying in the long term than the loss of a few Congressional seats.

Mark Lilla

## 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.

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.

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 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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 312.640.5398 (callen@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) Adagio in E Major *Frank Bridge*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria *Benjamin Britten*  
Siciliano *Herbert Howells*  
Adagio in E Major *Frank Bridge*

INTROIT "Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord" *Thomas Weelkes*  
Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants, and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 477 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"  
*Tune: HANOVER*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, our Savior 's life was a journey of tears and joy. He knew the numbing agony of grief and the small frustrations that beset us. He plumbed the depths of sorrows and the abyss of death. But he also beheld the joyful smile of those with sight restored and felt the joy of feeding the hungry in spirit. We confess that we have failed to live in the hope that our Redeemer sets before us. We view frustration and suffering as permanent features of our lives. We have ceased to expect great things from you; we no longer wait patiently for the dawn of promise when joy will fill our hearts to overflowing. O God, forgive our lack of trust. Restore us to the hope that can accompany us through all our days. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH



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"

*Eric DeLamarter*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Ride on, King Jesus"  
(8:00)

*African American spiritual  
arr. Hall Johnson*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Greater Love Hath No Man"  
(9:30 and 11:00)

*John Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.  
Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that  
a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare  
our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,  
should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,  
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen  
generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation that ye should  
show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of  
darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by  
the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,  
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

\*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: God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

\*HYMN 275

“God of Our Life”

*Tune: SANDON*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
(8:00)

Fanfare in D Major

*Jean-Joseph Mouret*

POSTLUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Carillon

*William Mathias*

## **Pastoral Residency at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

**T**HROUGH A GRANT FROM THE LILLY ENDOWMENT, in 2000 Fourth Church became a participant in the endowment's "Transitions into Ministry" program. This program allows recent seminary graduates to work in a congregational setting while being mentored in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. These pastoral "residents" spend two years at Fourth Church, with concentrated time focused on pastoral care, evangelism, mission, congregational life, Christian education, and administration. They also have regular opportunities to participate in worship leadership. Since 2000, Fourth Church has been privileged to have ten seminary graduates begin their ministry in the midst of this congregation.

New pastoral residents Patrick Daymond, Catherine Knott, and Erica Schemper are being commissioned today. They join Richard Williams, who is in the second year of the two-year residency program. Below is a summary of what the earlier pastoral residents are doing now. We welcome these residents to worship leadership today.

### CLASS OF 2000–2002

Laurie Armstrong works with personnel relations at the Presbyterian Church International Volunteer Office in Louisville, Kentucky.

Paulo França is currently seeking a call in the Chicago area.

Steve Runholt is the Pastor at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

### CLASS OF 2001–2003

Victoria Decker Millar is the Interim Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette.

Alice M. Trowbridge is the Associate Pastor for Congregational Life at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

### CLASS OF 2002–2004

Tamara Leonard Lara is an Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church in Darnestown, Maryland.

Wendy Matthewson is serving as the Associate Pastor for Mission and Pastoral Care at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Evanston, Illinois.

### CLASS OF 2003–2005

David Aja-Sigmon (unable to attend) is the new Pastor of Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Julie Kim is pursuing a call in northern California.

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Richard Williams, Laurie Armstrong, Alice M. Trowbridge,  
John M. Buchanan, John A. Cairns
- 9:30 a.m. Tamara Leonard Lara, Paulo França, Victoria Decker Millar,  
John M. Buchanan, John A. Cairns
- 11:00 a.m. Julie Kim, Wendy Matthewson, Steve Runholt,  
John M. Buchanan, John A. Cairns

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Libby Harrison, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir, Callie Thompson, soprano soloist;  
Jerry Johnson, bass soloist
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir, Callie Thompson, soprano soloist;  
Jerry Johnson, bass soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

### Worship Notes

Those assisting John Buchanan and John Cairns in worship leadership this morning are current or past participants in the Pastoral Residents program at Fourth Church, a Lilly Foundation-funded program begun during John Cairns' tenure here.

Today's Prayer of Confession is from *All the Seasons of Mercy*, a book written by Diane Karay, one-time student of John Cairns. Today's closing hymn, "God of Our Life," is the class hymn of the Princeton Seminary class of 1964, of which John Cairns was a member.

A special Disaster Relief Offering is being received today to help those in the Southern states who have been affected by the hurricane. For information about how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is actively engaged in ministering to those in need, visit [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda). Disaster Relief Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks; gifts to this offering can also be made by writing "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day. More information about these hangings can be found in the literature racks.

### Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care  
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life  
Patrick Daymond, Pastoral Resident  
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families  
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor for Community Ministry  
Catherine Knott, Pastoral Resident  
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for New Members and Young Adult Ministry  
Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate  
Erica Schemper, Pastoral Resident  
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
Richard Williams, Pastoral Resident  
David A. Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus