

Our love and concern for the church are deeply connected to our love and concern for the world. . . . The world, like the church, has experienced intense conflict.

In a world of divisiveness and violence, it is essential for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord to show the reason for the hope that is within us by dealing differently with one another. The church has been called to a transformed way of living. Today, especially, as Jews, Christians, and Muslims--the children of Abraham--are as much enmeshed as any other people in ongoing conflict in the world, our prayer to the God of Abraham is to hasten the day of messianic peace and to enable the Presbyterian Church to be an instrument to that end.

The Report of the Theological Task Force
on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church
The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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 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. 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

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, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, February 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, March 6 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 Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@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) How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou *Marcel Dupré*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Suite on the Second Tone *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

INTROIT “Cantate Domino” *Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni*
Sing ye to the Lord your God, sing ye a new song,
O praise him in the company of his saints. Let
all the world be joyful in him that made all and let
all the people be joyful and sing to their King.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” *Tune: AURELIA*
The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her
oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up:
“How long?”
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

(hymn continues on next page with stanza 4)

*Stand as you are able.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest
is won:

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent
and turn to you. We humbly confess
our sins and ask your mercy .
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore us to the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-4, 10-17

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
CHURCH

“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ that all of you be in agreement
and that there be no divisions among you, but that you
be united in the same mind and the same purpose.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NRSV)

*HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Tune: DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

*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 "Alleluia, Amen"

Morgan Simmons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Precious Lord"
(8:00)

Thomas Dorsey

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Witness"
(9:30 and 11:00)

*African American spiritual
arr. Alice Parker*

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for
my Lord. You read in the Bible and you understand,
Methus'lah was the oldest man. He lived to nine hundred
and sixty-nine and he died and went to heaven, Lord, in
a due time. O Methus'lah was a witness for my Lord.
You read in the Bible and you understand, Samson was
the strongest man. Samson went out at a one time and he
killed about a thousand of the Philistine. Deliah fooled
Samson, this we know because for the Holy Bible tells
us so; she shaved off his head just as clean as your hand,
and his strength became the same as any natural man.
O Samson was a witness for my Lord. Who'll be a witness
for my Lord? Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went
to pray to hide God awhile; the king at once for Daniel
did send, and he put him right down in the lion's den.
God sent his angels, the lions, for to keep and Daniel laid
down and went to sleep. Now Daniel was a witness
for my Lord. Who'll be a witness for my Lord. My soul
is a witness for my Lord. I'll be a witness for my Lord!

*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 corrected 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

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Tune: KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on a Gregorian Theme

Marcel Dupré

Fourth Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Improvements

The sanctuary enhancements being undertaken as part of Project Light are underway. This past week, floor preparation work continued. Next week pews will begin to be installed in the balconies.

The sanctuary improvement project includes the installation of a new sound system, new flooring under the pews, and new pews, which will be exact replicas of the pews that were installed in 1914, down to the detailed end carvings. The new pews also will provide improved ergonomics as well as greater access for those with disabilities.

During this construction phase, the pipe organ has been wrapped and sealed to protect it from dust. A temporarily installed electronic organ is being used in its place.

Bids can be placed during Coffee Hour on the thirteen original pews available by auction. The auction of the ten pews in as-is condition will conclude next Sunday. The auction of the three pews in quality condition and the pew ends will conclude the night of February 24 at the Mission Benefit. Small wooden crosses, made from the wood from the original pews, can be presordered through March 15. Order forms are available during Coffee Hour and in the literature racks.

For more information about the sanctuary improvements project, stop by the Project Light table during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org, or watch for information posted throughout the building.

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 child being baptized at the 9:30 worship service is
Ella Bohnet Patterson, daughter of Rick and Sarah Patterson

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Benjamin Hanmin Cesario, son of Brad and Esther Cesario
Benjamin Paul Finnane, son of Sean and Gina Finnane
Katharine Grace Garr, daughter of John and Jennifer Garr
Hayden Michael Mixon, son of Mark and Stephanie Mixon
Haylee Eleanor Tripi, daughter of Sam Tripi and Nancy Fry

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Richard Williams, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Libby Harrison, soprano soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Libby Harrison, soprano soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Libby Harrison, soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

Offering envelopes for the Fourth Presbyterian Church general fund are available in the pew information pads, which are passed during the Concerns of the Church.

The text of this morning's closing hymn, "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples," was written in 1985 by H. Ken Carmichael, a Presbyterian pastor. He wrote this text for the Support Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as part of the 1986 Stewardship Campaign entitled "Called to Be Disciples."

The bulletin cover image is of "The Great Teacher," which was sculpted by Abbott Pattison and given to Fourth Presbyterian Church by the Center for Older Adults in 1991. It is now displayed at the Delaware Place entrance to the church. It is one of the many pieces of religious art in the Fourth Church collection. Representative pieces from that collection are currently on display in the Loggia.

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