

The problem with miracles is that it is hard to witness them without wanting one of your own. Every one of us knows someone who could use a miracle, but miracles are hard to come by. Not everyone who prays for one gets one. . . . Jesus' miracles remind us that the way things are is not the way they always will be. . . . Every healing, every banishment of evil is like a hole poked in the opaque fabric of time and space. The kingdom breaks through and for a moment or two we see how things will be—or how they really are right now in the mind of God—and then it is over. The disciples go back to their rowing, the once-blind beggar walks off to look for work, the little girl stretches her arms and takes the bread her stunned mother holds out to her.

Barbara Brown Taylor
Bread of Angels: The Problem with Miracles

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 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.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

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 Monday, July 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 23 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 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) Adagio *Tommaso Albinoni*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Adagio *Tommaso Albinoni*
Vocalise *Sergei Rachmaninoff*

INTROIT “Call to Remembrance, O Lord” *Eric DeLamarter*
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and
thy loving-kindness, which have been ever of old. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 481** “Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show” *Tune: LLANFAIR*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and
strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of
our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought
to have done; and we have done those things which
we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God,
for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and
humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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

ANTHEM "My Lord, What a Morning" *African American spiritual*
arr. R. Lee Gilliam

My Lord, what a morning; when the stars begin to fall, you'll
hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the sinners mourn to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

PSALTER Psalm 130 (*responsively*) (page 542, O.T.)

*GLORIA PARTI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 5:21–43 (page 37, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

THE REAL MIRACLE

"He took her by the hand and said to her, . . .

'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the
little girl got up and began to walk about."

Mark 5:41–42 (NRSV)

*HYMN 404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" *Tune: PRECIOUS LORD*

*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

“Amen”

Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

(8:00)

“If with All Your Hearts” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Come Sing to Me of Heaven” *J. Aaron McDermid*

Come sing to me of heaven when I am called to die. Sing songs of holy ecstasy to waft my soul on high. When the last moment comes, let one sweet song begin. Let music cheer me last on earth, to greet me first in heaven.

***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, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Tune: GERMANY*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Allegro Vivace from *Water Music* *George Frideric Handel*

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Tuba Tune in D Major

C. S. Lang

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 children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Elizabeth Ann Arnquist, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Arnquist
Anna Brady Calkins, daughter of Timothy Calkins and Carol Saltoun
Zara Grace Campbell, daughter of Shegan Campbell and Celeste Thomas
Catherine Elizabeth Cupps, daughter of Andrew and Danielle Cupps
Rocque Edward Lipford, son of Rocque and Anne Lipford
Parker Ann Matthews, daughter of Byron and Jennifer Matthews
Rose Elizabeth McGrath, daughter of William and Laura McGrath
Elijah James Welsh, son of Jay and Corey Welsh*

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Nathan Bruce Canning, son of Greg and Rachel Canning
Bradley Stockton Crawford, son of Colin and Kathleen Crawford
Caroline Shortridge Crawford, daughter of Colin and Kathleen Crawford
Dylan Gregory Forrest, son of Don and Tricia Forrest
Delia Grace Marianetti, daughter of Steve and Becky Marianetti
Scarlett Engel Smith, daughter of Jeremy and Shannon Smith*

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Men of the Morning Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Men of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.	The Men of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

Each gift of \$100 to the Summer Day offering makes it possible for one student from Cabrini-Green or another economically disadvantaged neighborhood to participate in the full-day academic and fine arts Summer Day program, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Held at Fourth Church from July 10 to August 4 Summer Day, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, serves 120 children each year. Special Summer Day offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Information about the Summer Day Birthday Party at Ravinia is available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

The men of the Morning Choir will be assisting in morning worship services during the month of July. The women of the Morning Choir will sing in August. Anyone interested in participating in an adult or children's choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

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 is available in the literature racks.

The bulletin cover: As they leave the sanctuary, worshipers at Fourth Church have long enjoyed the rich blue east window, with its depiction of the four evangelists and Saints Peter and Paul. Lighting the window after dark, however, reveals the delicate stone traceries, intended to be reminiscent of the Jesse tree. This window, like all of the stained glass in the sanctuary, was designed by Charles J. Connick of Boston. It was given in honor of Nettie Fowler McCormick, widow of Cyrus McCormick, by her children after her death in 1923. Details from this window are featured on page 7 of this worship bulletin.

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