

Within the theological system there are several places where semantic questions must be asked and answered. Man's rational structure cannot be understood without the word in which he grasps the rational structure of reality. Revelation cannot be understood without the word as a medium of revelation. The knowledge of God cannot be described except through semantic analysis of the symbolic word.

Paul Tillich
The Living God:
Systematic Theology, Volume One

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. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

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 today, November 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 9 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@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)

“Christ, Have Mercy” from *Messe du Deuxieme Ton*
André Raison

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Christ, Have Mercy” from *Messe du Deuxieme Ton*
André Raison
Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus” *Thomas Tallis*
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light,
look unto me; thy morn shall rise and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun, and
in that light of life I’ll walk ’til traveling days are done.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 151**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” *Tune: DIADEMATA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying
the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 47 (*responsively*)

(page 490, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 8:1–22

(page 239, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

John 18:33-37

(page 106, N.T.)

SERMON

by John W. Vest

MIND YOUR METAPHORS

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world.’”

John 18:36 (NRSV)

***HYMN 371**

“Lift High the Cross”

Tune: CRUCIFER

***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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

“Blessing”

Richard Proulx

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *Ancient Irish melody*
Text: Hymn 171 *arr. Edward C. Bairstow*

***OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .

. . . dedicated to your service.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” *Johann Crüger*

PSALM 23

(recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 155**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(8:00)

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

POSTLUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

Toccata in D Minor

Max Reger

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 14:19 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the

worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

At our morning communion services, the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers first take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church also celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at evening worship.

*"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35 (NRSV)*

Portions of the text adapted from
The Book of Order

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John W. Vest
9:30 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Alice M. Trowbridge, John W. Vest
11:00 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge, John W. Vest

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

Today's prelude was composed by André Raison (1650–1719), a French organist and composer who published the *Messe du Deuxieme Ton* in 1688 in Paris. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) must have been aware of this music because he borrowed the melody of the movement entitled “Christ, Have Mercy” for his monumental work, *Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor*.

The Thanksgiving Offering, being received throughout November, supports programs addressing matters of aging and health. In particular, it helps fund the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, the Center for Older Adults, and the Center for Whole Health. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing Thanksgiving Offering on the memo line of a check made out 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 is available in the literature racks.

The bulletin cover depicts the seeds of new life, in the form of acorns. This hand carved stone on the north wall of the chancel dates from 1914, the year of Fourth Church's construction. During this Stewardship season, we are mindful that the gifts we pledge as “letters of Christ” plant seeds of new life in this congregation and the communities it serves.

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