

In the future, when all that is to be known about God will be known, when we no longer see, as we do now, only in part, I think many of us will be surprised by the capacious generosity of God. . . . Within the teachings of Jesus we have case after case of Jesus pointing to a God who is larger than the conventional wisdom, who is not downsized by the petty pieties of those who would constrain him by their own limited knowledge and experience.

Peter J. Gomes
The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus

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

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

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.

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, September 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 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 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)

Concerto in F Major
Allegro

George Frideric Handel

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Concerto in F Major
Allegro–Andante–Adagio–Allegro

George Frideric Handel

INTROIT

“Search Me, O God”

Eric DeLamarter

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know
my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me
and lead me into the life everlasting. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 263**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Tune: ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 71:1–6 (*responsively*)

(page 503, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

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 VOLUNTARY Offertoire
(8:00)

André Fleury

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Ain't-a That Good News!" *African American spiritual*
arr. William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
I'm going to lay down this world, going to shoulder
up my cross, going to take it home-a to my Jesus. I got
a harp up in-a the kingdom, ain't-a that good news! I got
a robe up in-a the kingdom, ain't-a that good news!

***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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home,
and for the gift of life.**

**We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.**

Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.

**Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you;**

**and with the church through all ages we thank you
for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 380**

“O Christ, the Healer”

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Allegro from *Symphony No. 2*

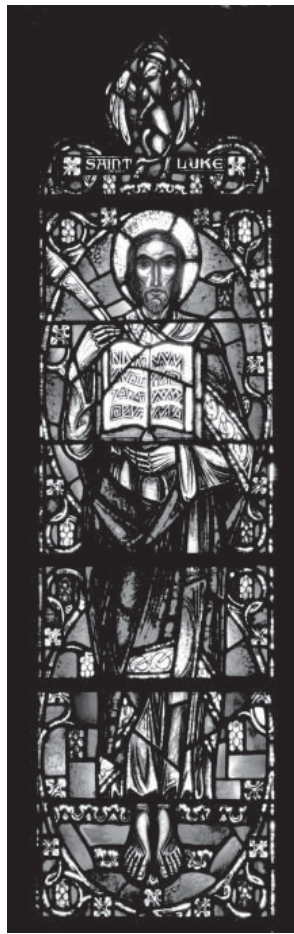
William Boyce

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Fugue in D Major

G. F. Handel

IN THE DETAILS



The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed by Charles J. Connick and installed in 1930. In 1937, Fourth Church gave the east window that had been installed at the time the sanctuary was built (1914) to the Roseland Presbyterian Church at 11200 S. State Street. That original window, done in the style of the grisaille windows along the aisles of the sanctuary and containing identical diamonds with symbols in them, can still be seen at the church, which is today known as Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

Shown on this page is the fourth window panel from the left, in which Saint Luke is depicted at the top of the panel, with an ox (the symbol for Luke and his portrayal of the sacrificial character of Christ) and the identification "Saint Luke" above his head. The central scene (*upper right*) is a representation of the New Testament parable of the house built on a rock (Luke 6:47–49). Below that sits the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, shown as a prototype of Luke.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. John W. Vest, Donna Gray, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

Fourth Church extends its thanks to the men of the Morning Choir, who assisted in morning worship services during the month of August. The full choir will return in September. Anyone interested in participating in an adult or children's choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Peter Gomes, who is quoted on the bulletin cover, will be preaching at Fourth Church on Sunday, September 23 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The four seven-foot handcarved angels depicted on the bulletin cover grace the tops of the piers in the nave of the sanctuary. Many hold musical instruments mentioned in the hymn of praise, Psalm 150 (page 551, O.T.). They serve as a reminder of the invitation to praise God, in word and song, in thought and deed, in the sanctuary and, indeed, in all of life.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor
Elizabeth B. Andrews, Parish Associate
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
Hardy Kim, Pastoral Resident
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