

When I think of the future, when I think of heaven, when I think of the end of the age as we know it, I think of the loving, gracious, generous God in whose hands it all rests and I am glad, even delighted, that this God is far more generous than many of his most ardent worshipers and preachers. We Christians need a bigger God that goes against the conventional wisdom of our faith. With such a God we need fear nothing that the future has to offer, and before that time comes and ends, we might emulate that generosity of God in our own affairs.

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, October 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 20 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)

Prelude

John Knowles Paine

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Prelude
Variations on the Austrian Hymn

John Knowles Paine
J. K. Paine

INTROIT

“Sing Praise to God”

Swedish hymn
arr. Leland B. Sateren

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God
of all creation, the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation. With healing balm
my soul he fills and every faithless murmur stills.
To God all praise and glory!

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 455**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not
loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM (8:00) “We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God” *William McKie*
 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia. O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00) “Locus Iste a Deo Factus Est” *Anton Bruckner*
 This place was made by God a priceless mystery; it is without reproof.

PSALTER Psalm 113 (*responsively*) (page 532, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:1–13 (page 74, N.T.)
 Minister: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON (8:00) by John W. Vest
 FLIRTING WITH DIRTY SEXY MONEY

SERMON (9:30 and 11:00) by Peter J. Gomes
 A WORD TO THE SHREWD
 “And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.” Luke 16:9 (NRSV)

***HYMN 430** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” *Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH*

***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”

Frank Bohnhorst

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

(8:00)

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

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our
God. O, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might even come before his presence.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Os Justi Meditabitur Sapientiam”

A. Bruckner

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom and
their tongues speak justice. The law of their God
is in their hearts; their steps do not slip. Alleluia.

***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 most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.
Your goodness has created us,
your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us,
your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.
Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service and
cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN 442**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Tune: AURELIA

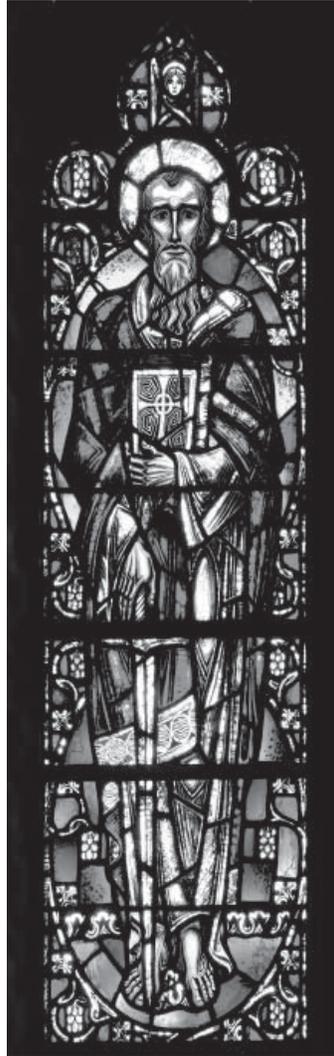
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor

Gordon Balch Nevin

IN THE DETAILS



The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed and made by renowned stained glass artist Charles J. Connick of Boston and dedicated in 1930. Also known as the Nettie Fowler McCormick Memorial Window, it illustrates the growth of Christianity from the four major prophets through the four evangelists, accompanied by the commanding figures of Peter and Paul.

Shown on this page is the fifth window panel from the left, in which Paul stands atop a representation (upper right above) of the New Testament parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–27) and the Old Testament story of the eagle and the noble vine (Ezekiel 17).

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Hardy Kim, John W. Vest
9:30 a.m.	Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan, Peter J. Gomes
11:00 a.m.	Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan, Peter J. Gomes

The Music Today

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

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

Fourth Church welcomes to its pulpit this morning Peter J. Gomes, who has served in the Memorial Church of Harvard University since 1970. Dr. Gomes is also a member of the Harvard faculty, where he is Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. Widely regarded as one of America's most distinguished preachers, Dr. Gomes is also the author of several best-selling books, including *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*; *The Good Life: Truths that Last in Times of Need*; and *Strength for the Journey: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living*.

Today's prelude was composed by John Knowles Paine (1839–1906), who began teaching music at Harvard University in 1862 and was appointed organist of Appleton Chapel on the Harvard campus. In 1875, while still at Harvard, Paine became the first full professor of music at any American university. Paine was one of the finest American organists of his time and was among the first organists able to play the complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, not then widely known.

The steeple of Fourth Presbyterian Church, shown on the bulletin cover, was one of the tallest structures on Michigan Avenue when the church was built in 1913. The tower was renovated and reinforced in the 1980s.

Pastoral Staff

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