

October 28, 2007

*Reformation Sunday*

Religion took over the legacy of Paul as it did that of Jesus—because they both opposed it. They said that the worship of God is a matter of interior love, not based on external observances, on temples or churches, on hierarchies or priesthoods. Both were at odds with those who impose the burdens of “religion” and punish those who try to escape them. They were radical egalitarians, though in ways that delved below and soared above conventional politics. They were on the side of the poor and saw through the rich. They saw only two basic moral duties, love of God and love of the neighbor. Both were liberators, not prisoners—so they were imprisoned. So they were killed. Paul meant what Jesus meant, that love is the only law.

Garry Wills, *What Paul Meant*

## **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, November 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 17 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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#### **The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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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.*

<b>PRELUDE</b> (8:00)	Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness <i>Johannes Brahms</i>
<b>PRELUDE</b> (9:30 and 11:00)	Salvation Has Come to Us <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> A Mighty Fortress Is Our God <i>Johann Nicolaus Hanff</i> Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow <i>Johann Gottfried Walther</i> If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee <i>Sigfrid Karg-Elert</i> Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness <i>Johannes Brahms</i>
<b>INTROIT</b>	“God Be in My Head” <i>H. Walford Davies</i> God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end and at my departing.
<b>*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION</b>	(The Hymnal, 592)
<b>*HYMN 260</b>	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” <i>Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG</i>
<b>PRAYER OF CONFESSION</b> (unison)	Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

*\*Stand as you are able.*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

#### PSALTER

Psalm 46 (*responsively*)

(page 489, O.T.)

#### ANTHEM (8:00)

“How Firm a Foundation”  
Text: The Hymnal, 361

*American folk melody*  
*arr. Paul Louis Anderson*

#### ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)

“Tune Me, O Lord”

*Joel Martinson*

Tune me, O Lord, into one harmony with thee, one full responsive vibrant chord; unto thy praise, all love and melody. Thus need I flee not death, nor fire, nor sword, a little while these be, then cease to be; and sent by thee, not these should be abhorred. Devil and world, gird me with strength to flee the flesh, and arm me with thy word; as thy heart is to my heart, unto thee tune me, O Lord.

#### FIRST LESSON

Luke 18:9–14

(page 76, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

#### SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

(page 194, N.T.)

#### SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

WORTHY

“To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call.”

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NRSV)

#### \*HYMN 421

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*Tune: WAREHAM*

#### \*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"

*Richard Warner*

#### OFFERING

*Please place your 2008 pledge card in the offering plate  
along with your offering.*

##### OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"O for the Wings of a Dove"  
from *Hear My Prayer*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear! Thyself from  
my petition do not hide! Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer  
I mourn to thee! Without thee all is dark, I have no guide.

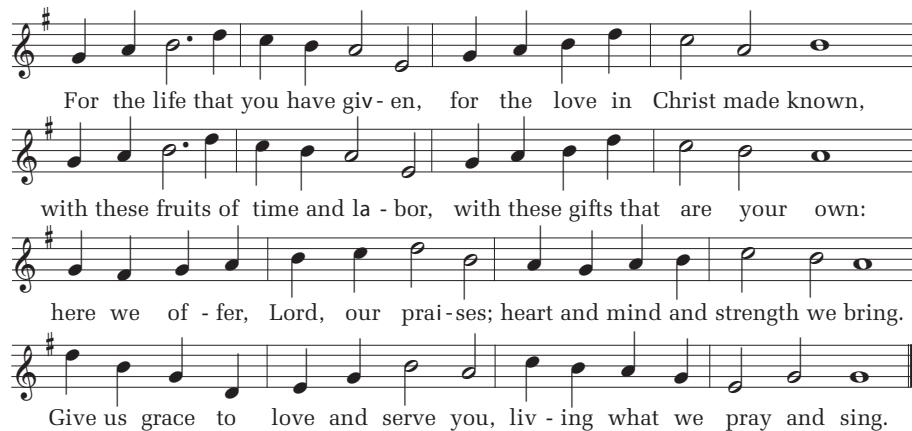
##### OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)

"Antiphon"

*Benjamin Britten*

Praised be the God of love, here below and here above, who  
hath dealt his mercies so to his friend and to his foe, that both  
grace and glory tend us of old, and us in the end. The great  
shepherd of the fold us did make, for us was sold. He our foes  
in pieces brake. Him we touch, and him we take. Wherefore  
since that he is such we adore and we do crouch. Lord,  
thy praise should be more. We have none and we no store.  
Praise be the God alone who hath made of two folds one.

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 2008 PLEDGES 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: **Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty.**

**Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand  
in all your works. Open our hearts to know your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Open our hands  
to return to you a portion of the bounty you have given us.  
We here bring to you our gifts and our pledges.  
Receive them. Bless them. Use them, and us,  
for the work of your kingdom on earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 414**

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

*Tune: FOREST GREEN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*Please remain seated as the bagpiper recesses down the center aisle.*

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE**  
(8:00)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Wilhelm Marpurg*

**POSTLUDE**  
(9:30 and 11:00)

In Thee Is Joy

*Johannes Matthias Michel*

# Reformation Sunday

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. The last Sunday in October has been chosen as Reformation Sunday because it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. Reformation Sunday is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

As part of our Reformation Sunday observances, we sing “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” as our opening hymn. Based on Psalm 46, the hymn was written and composed by Martin Luther in 1529 and soon became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. By 1900, the hymn had been translated into more than eighty languages, and today, nearly five hundred years later, more than two hundred versions of “A Mighty Fortress” are in common usage.

Also as part of our observance of Reformation Sunday, bagpiper Alison Gerlach will play a recessional, reminding us of the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian church.

### **Worship Leaders**

8:00 a.m.	Donna Gray, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

### **The Music Today**

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist; Alison Gerlach, bagpiper
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Jeanne Bishop, Alexia Kruger, and Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloists; Alison Gerlach, bagpiper
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Jeanne Bishop, Alexia Kruger, and Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloists; Alison Gerlach, bagpiper

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

### **Worship Notes**

**Today's Minute for Mission** is being presented by Allison Cochrane on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.

**Today is Commitment Sunday**, a day when we celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. The Psalm 116:12 text on the bulletin cover, the theme of the 2008 Stewardship Campaign, expresses this gratitude as well as calls us to respond in joyful giving. One way in which we give is through our pledged gifts to Fourth Presbyterian Church. As part of Commitment Sunday, the Stewardship Committee asks all who have not yet completed a 2008 pledge card to do so today. Cards for making these pledges are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. For more information about giving at Fourth Church, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.2280 ([lradetski@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lradetski@fourthchurch.org)).

**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.

### **Pastoral Staff**

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