
November 9, 2008

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WITH THE CURRENTS OF HISTORY threatening to carry before them everything we have loved, trusted, looked to for pleasure and support, we are called to live with enormous insecurity. The churches could be centers of creative and courageous thinking. They could also become sanctuaries for frightened Americans, recruiting grounds for authoritarian figures and movements. . . . Will we be scared to death or brought to life? It all depends on where we find our ultimate security. Will it be in our own fear and guilt or in God Almighty? . . . If it's hell to be guilty, it's certainly scarier to be responsible, able to respond to God's visionary, creative love.

William Sloane Coffin
The Courage to Love

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.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

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

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns and anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; 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

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE Solemn Melody *H. Walford Davies*
Prelude and Fugue in G Minor *Marcel Dupré*

INTROIT “Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh” *Claude Means*
Our King and Savior draweth nigh; O come let us adore him.

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

***HYMN 229** “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*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 you 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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER 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

PSALTER Psalm 72:1–4, 12–19 (page 504, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Confortamini et iam nolite timere” *Orlandus Lassus*
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear!”

FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–15 (page 205, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25:14–30 (page 27, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

IN CHARGE

“You have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things.” Matthew 25:21 (NRSV)

***HYMN 374** “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”
Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

***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"

Thomas Tallis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow" *Christopher Tye*

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go, his royal harbinger. Truth from
the earth, like a flower, shall bud and blossom then, and justice
from her heavenly bower look down on mortal men. Rise God,
judge thou the earth in might, this wicked earth redress; for thou
art he who shalt by right the nations all possess. The nations all
whom thou hast made shall come and all shall frame to bow them
low before thee Lord and glorify thy name.

***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 merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Carillon of Westminster

Louis Vierne

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.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Grant Oliver Bowman, son of Jeremy and Jennifer Bowman
Hardin Beverly Freberg, daughter of Christian and Christian Freberg
Colette Elizabeth Locsin, daughter of Matthew and Kim Locsin
Reagan Lee Militante, daughter of Garry and Debbie Militante
Graham Walker Snyder, son of Darren and Anne Snyder
Alexis Grace Unander, daughter of Matthew and Erin Unander*

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Sara Elizabeth Garr, daughter of John Erik and Jennifer Garr
Eva Caroline Kast, daughter of Mike and Emily Kast
Thomas Eliot Scott, son of Sean and Hilary Scott
Celeste Pritikin Smith, daughter of Jeremy and Shannon Smith
Gunnar Broman Smith, son of Robert Smith and Robin Broman
Charles Franklin Warner, son of Andrew and Kelly Warner*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Victoria G. Curtiss, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

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

This morning's postlude, Carillon of Westminster, was written by Louis Vierne in 1913 and inspired by the Westminster chime of Big Ben in London, England. Vierne, born blind in 1870, was the organist of Notre Dame in Paris from 1900 until his death in 1937; he also was among the first touring concert organists who came to America.

The "Light Up a Life" offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing "Light Up a Life" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The bulletin cover depicts 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 Annual Appeal season, we are mindful that the gifts we offer plant seeds of new life in this congregation and the communities it serves through worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.

PASTORAL STAFF

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
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