

PRAISE IS THE DUTY AND DELIGHT, the ultimate vocation of the human community. . . . All of life is aimed toward God and finally exists for the sake of God. Praise articulates and embodies our capacity to yield, submit, and abandon ourselves in trust and gratitude to the One whose we are. Praise is not only a human requirement and human need; it is also a human delight. We have a resilient hunger to move beyond self, to return our energy and worth to the One from whom it has been granted. In our return to that One, we find our deepest joy.

Walter Brueggemann
Israel's Praise

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 Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Monday, January 5, 2009, 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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spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee and the
cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me
cried, thou didst clear me, and alone, when they replied, thou didst
hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in
my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this
poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

FIRST LESSON Luke 6:1–5, 38 (page 59, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Deuteronomy 14:22–26 (page 165, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord . . . Enter his gates
with thanksgiving.” Psalm 100:1, 4 (NRSV)

***HYMN 220** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH*

***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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Inherit the Kingdom”

Lee Hoiby

When the Son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungered and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me. I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me.” Then shall the righteous answer him saying, “Lord, when saw we thee hungered and fed thee, or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in, or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick or in prison and came unto thee?” And the King shall answer and say unto them, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

*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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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
 People: **God’s love is everlasting.**
 Minister: Come, let us praise God joyfully.
 People: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

Minister: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

People: **thank you, God.**

Minister: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

People: **thank you, God.**

Minister: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People: **thank you, God.**

Minister: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

People: **thank you, God.**

Minister: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

People: **thank you, God.**

Minister: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

People: **thank you, God.**

Minister: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

People: **we praise you, God.**

Minister: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

People: **we thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: **God's love is everlasting.**

***HYMN 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Symphony VI
Intermezzo

C. M. Widor

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

THANKSGIVING GOSPELFEST

Sunday, November 23, 4:00 p.m.

At St. Matthew United Methodist Church

1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street)

Through this annual Gospelfest of choirs and messages of thanksgiving, Fourth Church, its neighbors, and fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance give thanks for the good news of the gospel within our community.

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.

At Fourth Church

Father Dan Mayall, Holy Name Cathedral, preaching

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Holy Name Cathedral, and the Islamic Downtown Center for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 27, 11:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary

John W. Vest preaching

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thursday, November 27, 12:30 p.m.

In Anderson Hall

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends at this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited, so purchase dinner tickets early (during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk).

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Handbell Choir; The Morning Choir;
Michael Swenson, baritone soloist

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Bryant Trimble, a student in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, on behalf of the Holiday Cards Committee.

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

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