

November 23, 2008

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

You may call God love,
You may call God goodness,
But the best name for God is compassion.

Meister Eckhart

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).

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 34:11–16 (page 756, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25:31–46 (page 27, N.T.)

SERMON by Joyce Shin
TO FEED WITH JUSTICE

***HYMN 408** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Tune: GERMANY*

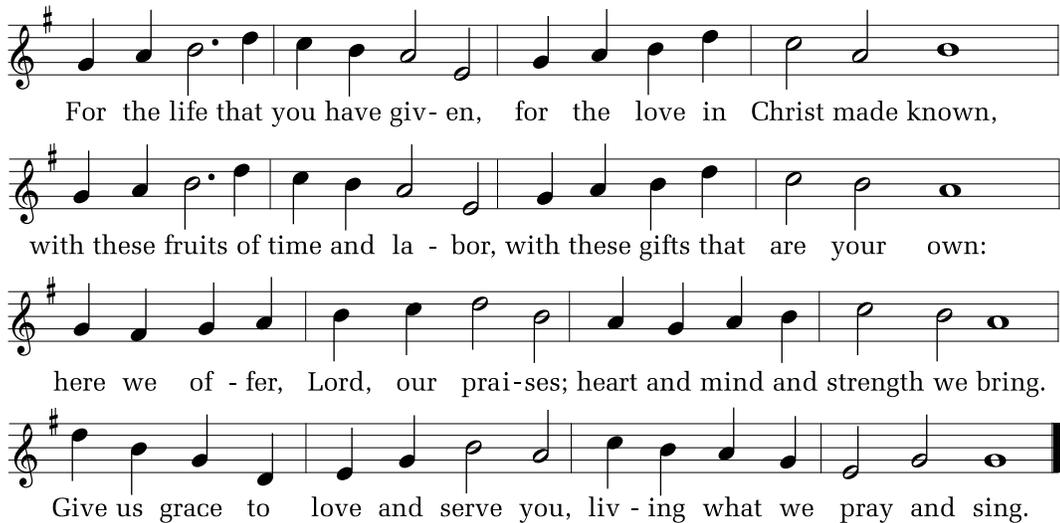
***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY DUET “Laudamus te” from *Gloria* *Antonio Vivaldi*
We praise thee, Lord. We give blessing to thee. We do worship thee.
We glorify thee.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

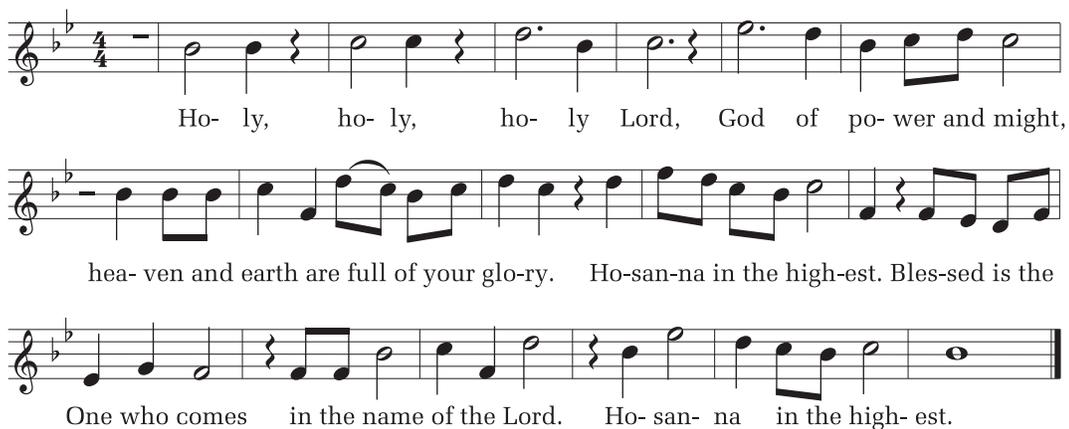
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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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.**

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM “Earth’s Scattered Isles and Contoured Hills”
(Anthem text: Hymn 152) *Walter Pelz*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

We give you thanks, merciful God, for the many ways in which you have made yourself known to us. We give you particular thanks for your gifts of bread and wine and for the gift of your Holy Spirit, which makes Christ known to us in the meal we have shared. Having been fed by you at this table and having met you in this place, give us the vision we need to see your presence in the people and situations around us. As we recognize you in the world, let our lives also reflect your glory so that others might know you as well. Amen.

***HYMN 515** “Now to Your Table Spread” *Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE The Lord Is King *Peter Hurford*

“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 Elizabeth B. Andrews, Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir
Elizabeth Anderson and Alexia Kruger, soprano soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Bryant Trimble on behalf of Chicago Lights Tutoring and their annual Holiday Cards project.

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.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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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