

**I**N THE NEW TESTAMENT JESUS INSPIRES LOVE, HATRED, AND FEAR but never boredom. The political and religious authorities conspire to kill him. He challenged some of his contemporaries' most basic assumptions about God and how to live one's life, and he continues to challenge many of the most pervasive assumptions of our culture. He particularly welcomed the outcasts and oppressed of his society into his company. He calls on those who would follow him to take risks. Many imagine the Bible a conservative book that comforts those who want to preserve the status quo. But the Jesus it presents shook up his society and would shake up ours.

William Placher, *Jesus the Savior*

## 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.

**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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

### **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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**The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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## MORNING WORSHIP

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	<i>Barbara Harbach</i>
	Be Thou My Vision	<i>Zsolt Gárdonyi</i>
	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	<i>Leo Sowerby</i>
	Be Thou My Vision	<i>Libby Larsen</i>

<b>INTROIT</b> (9:30)	“Response for Transfiguration Day”	<i>Morgan Simmons</i>
	Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia. This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him, first and last and only one. All creation shall adore him! Alleluia.	

<b>INTROIT</b> (11:00)	“Everywhere I Go”	<i>Natalie Sleeth</i>
	Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me. If I call upon him, he will hear me. Never will I fear, for the Lord is near everywhere I go. In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in his sight no ill may harm me. I will be of cheer for the Lord is near everywhere I go. He is with me day by day. He will be my strength and stay. From his path I will not stray but follow in his way. In the coming days of joy and sadness, I will praise his name with songs of gladness, for to me it’s clear that the Lord is near everywhere I go.	

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* <b>HYMN 75</b>	“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”	<i>Tune: DEO GRACIAS</i>
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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*unison*)

**Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith  
to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by  
his grace we may be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ  
you reveal the light of your glory,  
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.  
We confess that we speak when we should listen,  
and act when we should wait.  
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.  
Grant us wisdom to live in your light  
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PSALTER** Psalm 50:1–6 *(responsively)* (page 491, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “Resplenduit Facies Ejus” *Tomás Luis de Victoria*  
And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became  
dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them;  
and there appeared to them Elijah with Moses who were talking  
with Jesus. Alleluia.

**FIRST LESSON** Matthew 16:13–20 (page 17, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Mark 9:2–9 (page 41, N.T.)

**SERMON** by John M. Buchanan  
WHAT ABOUT JESUS?  
“This is my son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Mark 9:7 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 306** “Fairest Lord Jesus” *Tune: CRUSADERS’ HYMN*

**\*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)*

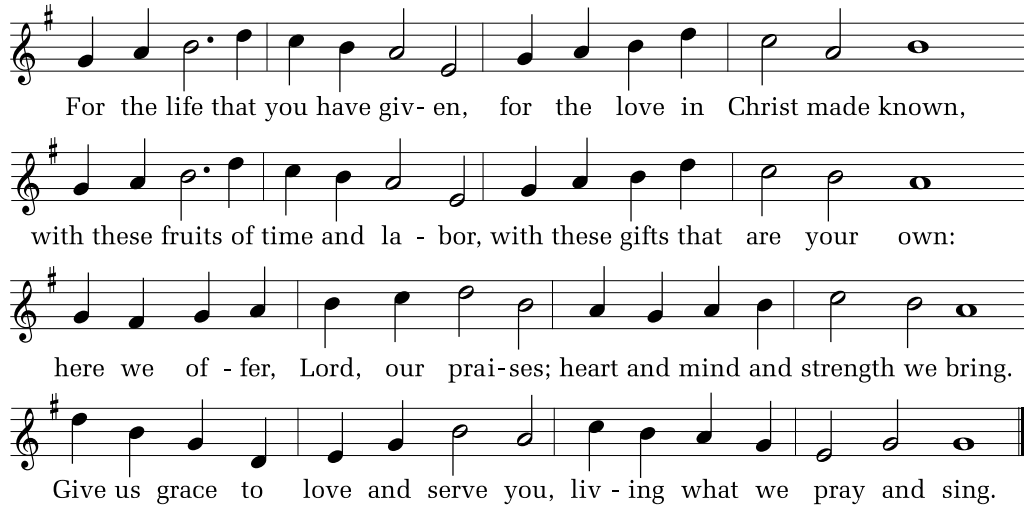
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "This Is My Beloved Son" *Knut Nystedt*  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "In Splendenti Nube" *Peter Philips*  
Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there  
came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

**\*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: **O Lord our God, you are great indeed.**

**You loved the world so much that you sent your beloved Son to dwell with us. He who bears your very image, the firstborn of all creation, through whom all things have been created, took our flesh and suffered death that we may be made whole. By his death he conquered death, and by his rising he gives eternal life. We praise you for your saving grace. Transfigure us by your Spirit, and let your love shine in all we do and say that all the world may see the radiant light of God guiding all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 302**

“I Danced in the Morning”

*Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God *Benedetto Marcello*

# **Lent**

## **at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

*This year our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, February 25. Along the way toward Palm Sunday (April 5), Holy Week, and Easter (April 12), Fourth Church offers a variety of opportunities for Lenten reflection.*

### **Ash Wednesday Services**

*Wednesday, February 25*

*12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary*

Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes will be a part of both services.

### **Lenten Devotions**

Written by Fourth Church members and staff, daily Lenten devotions will again be available by e-mail (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), on the website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and in a printed booklet available in the church literature racks beginning today.

### **Lenten Labyrinth Walk**

*Friday, February 27*

*Between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall*

The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

### **Lenten Taizé Service**

*Friday, February 27*

*7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel*

### **Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services**

*Beginning Wednesday, March 4*

Each Wednesday in Lent, members and friends are invited to a time of worship held in Blair Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Stephanie Pedretti, flutist

11:00 a.m. The Children's Choir; The Morning Choir; Stephanie Pedretti, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**This morning's Offertory Anthem, "In Splendenti Nube,"** with elaborate entrances cascading downward and the words "Hic est Filius meus" ("This is my Son"), dramatically reflects the voice of the Holy Spirit coming from the clouds. Composer Peter Philips was born in London in 1560, but being Catholic during the tumultuous years of reformation in England, fled to Paris and Madrid and eventually settled in Antwerp.

**The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings"** created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

**Bulletin cover:** Since Fourth Church was dedicated in May 1914, more than six million worshipers have passed under this twelve-foot-wide tympanum over the Michigan Avenue entrance. The carving depicts Aaron blessing the children of Israel, as he was instructed by God in Numbers 6:23–26.

## PASTORAL STAFF

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