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## The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago 2008 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

The year 2008 was an extraordinary one in the life of Fourth Presbyterian Church, and I am grateful, as I am every year, to read the record of what happened here on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Chestnut Street and throughout the community, nation, and world in the name of Jesus Christ. At a time when mainline Protestant churches continue to decline, the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago continues to grow in strength and deepen in faith and mission. The programs



of this church include caring for children, educating and nurturing the young, baptizing, marrying, counseling. The lives of young and old, men and women, are touched daily by the spirit of this amazing church. The mission programs reach into neighborhoods nearby and citywide: youngsters are tutored, the homeless sheltered and the hungry fed, the anxious comforted, the aging provided a caring community. Fourth Presbyterian Church members traveled to Cuba, Central America, Africa, New Orleans, South Dakota, and the South Side of Chicago to work, serve, and learn. This annual report tells an amazing story of which we all may be proud and for which I am deeply grateful.

The loss of our colleague Dana Ferguson during the year had a profound impact on all of us. Dana came to Fourth Church eleven years ago as Associate Pastor for Mission, and under her leadership the church's mission enterprise broadened and deepened. Dana led us into new relationships with our urban neighbors and into important conversations with city officials about the Mayor's Plan for Transformation for Cabrini-Green and the role we might play in the emerging new community. After battling serious illness five years ago, Dana returned to the staff as Executive Associate Pastor and served brilliantly as our chief operating officer, overseeing the staff, administrative processes, and strategic planning. When illness returned during the summer, she continued to work as long as she could, until she entered the hospital in September. Dana died on October 27. She was forty-two years old. She passionately loved this church and its mission. She loved being a Presbyterian minister, loved her husband and sons, loved her many, many friends and her colleagues. I loved working with Dana. I miss her every day. And I am grateful for the promise of the gospel, which she believed and embraced so completely, that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Dana's faith and vision and commitment to mission will be part of this church always.

A Dana Ferguson Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to support outstanding students in our Tutoring Program with tuition and other educational

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### The 139th Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, February 22, 2009 • In the sanctuary after 11:00 worship

*Intergenerational congregational dinner to follow in Anderson Hall*

**(February worship schedule and other monthly information is on pages 15–16.)**

*Each February throughout its history, the congregation of Fourth Church has gathered to elect new officers to the boards of Session, Trustees, and Deacons. Drawing on recommendations submitted by the congregation during the previous summer, the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates it presents at the meeting. Afterwards, all gather for a time of food and fellowship as the Congregational Life Committee hosts a dinner in Anderson Hall.*

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expenses. The scholarships will be targeted at students in that critical ninth grade year and will be awarded at an annual banquet. Donations may be made to the Dana Ferguson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will be administered by a committee commissioned by the Session Personnel Committee; details will be forthcoming.

Calum MacLeod filled in when Dana became ill and while I was recuperating from hip surgery, and he coordinated a Management Team composed of Ali Trowbridge, Rob Holben, Don Allerton, and Barbara Cleveland. The team did a superb job of managing and leading during the fall, and I am grateful to each one of them. This January, the Personnel Committee recommended and the Session and Trustees approved the appointment of Calum MacLeod as Executive Associate Pastor. Happily, Calum accepted the challenge and is doing a wonderful job of overseeing and managing.

Other additions to our staff include Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, who has served as a parish pastor, Presbytery Executive, and nonprofit executive director; Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, who served as Associate Pastor for Evangelism here from 1986 to 1995 and subsequently was Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Oakland and the House of Hope, St. Paul; and most recently, Marty Sherrod, who, after a distinguished career in marketing and advertising,

is our new Director of Resource Development and Communications. Marty is a longtime member of this congregation, an Elder, and recently Clerk of Session. With these additions our staff is now full and ready to move into the days ahead with energy, faithfulness, and a renewed commitment to our mission.

Members and friends of Fourth Presbyterian Church know that the difficult decision has been made to end both our attempt to sell our air rights and be part of a joint development on the western portion of our property. Now it is time to refocus our energy and move toward meeting space needs on our own for church programs. All of our programs have grown along with the size of our membership. It is no exaggeration to say that no current program has adequate space, and many programs, especially for children and youth, are seriously hampered by space constraints. A revisioning process involving hundreds of church members and thinking about every dimension of church life was undertaken in 2008 and recommendations will be made in spring 2009. Building and renovation designs and plans will follow.

The days ahead are full of promise and challenge to grow and build and continue to be a light in the city.

Faithfully,



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***During 2008, the following changes took place in the church records.***

Total membership at the conclusion of 2008: 6,041

Persons received into membership: 295

Members transferred to other churches: 72

Members requesting removal, apart from transfers: 44

Members removed after being inactive for two years: 28

***We regret to record the deaths of the following persons  
and wish to extend our sympathy to their families and friends.***

Eric Batterman	Marian Gifford	Rosemary Keller	Jean Nearing	Jack Stotts
Marie Carstensen	Jane Bachman Gordon	Marjorie Loop	William E. Peelor	Richard Temple
Carl Faust	Janis Gray	Joan Major	Zelna Robertz	Joan Underberg
Dana Ferguson Myers	Emmie Janick	Cynthia Montgomery	Sally Roos	Adele Wallace
Wilbert Gedonius	Elmer Johnson	Mary Myers	Evelyn M. Stewart	Sally Walters

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*We rejoice in the Sacrament of Baptism of the following children.*

Mary Sophia Lenore Abendroth  
Megan Marie Ahlm  
Seth Andorn Ahlm  
Winifred Eleanor Alford  
Adam Michael Alvarez  
Luke Daniel Alvarez  
Owen Ford Anderson  
Madison Whitney Angara  
Mari Choi Bahnfleth  
Luc David Baldwin  
Vail Geller Bayly  
Clara Elizabeth Bohutinsky  
Sydney Wilhelmina Boone  
Grant Oliver Bowman  
Beckham Thomas Brooks  
Tate Montgomery Brown  
Alex Joshua Butz  
Beatrice Clara Chen  
Noah Joseph Chen  
Nicholas Michael Chihoski  
William Theodore Chong  
Caroline Grace Cochrane  
Charlotte Elizabeth Corley  
Hailey Mendel Cornell  
Sebastian Paul Cuadros  
Christopher John Cupps  
Eve Lauren Daniels  
Jack Sutton Davis  
William Martin Daw  
Mack Henry DeLarber  
Jackson Ruff Demarest  
Samuel Elí Deverman  
Cassidy Shannon Donovan  
Rachel Petra Dosier  
Max Alan Downham  
Finnegan John Duzan  
William Lowell Duzan  
Anthony Finn Edmonds  
Nathaniel Owens Eslinger  
Mia Giselle Ferak  
Charles Philip Finnane  
Hardin Beverly Freberg  
Catherine McClain Gardner  
Sara Elizabeth Garr

George West Gault  
Joseph Grady George  
Annabel Windsor Gordon  
Francesca Celesia Gustafson  
Luke Donovan Hales  
Brett Taylor Hannafan  
Erin Meredith Hanzlik  
Benjamin Price Hardwood  
Caitlin Mulcahy Hays  
Jackson Lee Hutchison  
Eva Caroline Kast  
Samantha Lauren Kirr  
Alexander Robert Knight  
Kristel Megan Kouatchou  
Jacob Alan Kozlowski  
Kate Natasha Kozlowski  
Kollen Michael Kyle  
Ryan Henry Larsen  
Wallace Roberts Lawrence  
Aubrey Evelyn Leestma  
Ariane Farrell Lesterhuis  
Charles Hughes Lewis  
Olivia Grace Lindemann  
Blake Seabrook Lingenfelter  
Alton Henry Lipford  
Colette Elizabeth Locsin  
Nicholas Edward Lopez  
Wyatt Crawford Lopez  
Morrison Rose Luban  
Olivia Payton Mansfield  
John William Marier  
Kendall Lynne Marquardt  
Julia Tysseling Mattiace  
Paige Julia McConnell  
Owen Christopher McLaughlin  
James Ray McMillan  
Kyra Quinn Mergen  
Ryan Quinn Mergen  
Reagan Lee Militante  
Elisabeth Cady Morris  
Alejandro Joseph Mulder  
Jack Harris Mullman  
Rhys James Oldham  
Lauren Grace Panveno

David Hugo Perry  
Georgia Marguerite Philip  
Samantha McCarthy Pilgrim  
Olive Lisette Prisco  
Hayden George Rabe  
Jack Calvin Mehlhaff Ramsey  
Matthew John Van Ravenswaay  
Alexandria Jean Reidy  
Soren Edward Reisenbigler  
Anna Rickard-Bugel  
Grace Meghan Rickard-Bugel  
Lily Elizabeth Rickard-Bugel  
Merritt Stone Risher  
Alexander Gillen Robinson  
Isabella Sipay Rozwat  
Blake William Sandison  
Ethan Benjamin Sarbaugh  
Flynn Roper Scoggin  
Thomas Eliot Scott  
Celeste Pritikin Smith  
Gunnar Broman Smith  
Graham Walker Snyder  
Quinn Taylor Stratton  
Luke Duncan Tegel  
Greta Oy-Ling Temple  
Samuel William Tidmarsh  
Stuart James Timmerman  
Thomas Cormac Ullem  
Alexis Grace Unander  
Anna Elizabeth van Colen  
Charles Franklin Warner  
Addison Claire Weber  
Arthur James White  
Ella Wickman  
Lucille Frances Wood  
William Christopher Wood  
Emerson Grace Woods  
John George Wormley  
Evalena Grace Wynne  
Reese Irene Yoo  
Audrey Elizabeth Young  
Jonathan Putnam Zeiger  
Olivia Jacqueline Barbara Zinck  
William Herbert Zorzy

## The Boards

The belief that the people of God are called to be leaders is at the heart of the Presbyterian way. This commitment manifests itself in a style of “representative democracy” that is unique in the worldwide church. This representative democracy is embodied in the boards of the church: the Session, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Deacons. The officers who serve on these boards have been identified for their gifts of leadership and commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation and are elected to three-year terms by the congregation. These elections are held each February. Officers are then ordained and installed in May, when they begin their term of service. This report gratefully acknowledges all those who served as officers during 2008: those whose term ended in May, those whose term began then, and those whose term continued throughout the year.

### The Board of Deacons

“Turning God’s blessings into blessings for others” was the Deacons’ theme for 2008, a theme that provides the foundation for all of the Board’s serving and caring ministries. Outreach Care continued to serve at Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers (Fourth Church also serves a Friday Night Supper once a month) and to coordinate the Summer Tennis Camp. Care of Creation worked in all areas to educate and raise awareness on conservation and “going green.”

Highlights of the year included Dr. Anna Case Winters’ care-of-creation congregational program and the beginning of the Deacon Prayer Chain. In Congregational Care, Angels on Call, Bridge Teams, Care Teams, and Caring Connections ministry (which provides home communion and visits from Deacons) supported people in times of need. Deacons continued to enjoy offering hospitality on Sundays, connecting people with volunteer opportunities and providing church tours. Deacon Care also developed Deacon fellowship and spirituality by bringing in speakers and establishing small group discussion at the Board’s monthly meetings.

A primary Deacon focus for 2009 will be the development of “Deacon for Life” ministry, through which past officers can become more involved and continue to offer their gifts to the church.

*Ended their term of service in 2008:* John Bell, Gabrielle Boateng, Irene Bumpus, Esther Cesario, Akiko Cole, Todd DeStigter, William Fisher, Debbie Frisch, Ryan Gregory, Alice Hamilton, Karen Johnson, Arnie Lenters, Diane Meister, Don Outlaw, Andrew Shih, Mark Staublin, Terrance Stephens, Alison Thomas, Stephanette Walker, Nora Wiltse, Mary Kay Wysham, Sue Zalewski

*Continued their term of service:* Daniel Alvarez, Nicholette Andrews, Gayle Birdsong, Agnes Boateng, Stu Bradley, Ed Coke, Bennie Davis, Austin Garfield, Alison Gerlach, Roberta Hayes, Joe Jeffrey, Debbie Johnson, Chris Jones, Maggie Lewis, Barbara Maloof, Rebecca Ann Nilsson, Melanie Oh, Beverly Pace, Joe Pixler, Jo Preuninger, Gail Riggs, Leon Rinkenberger, Stanley Smith, Seth Tuscher, Kristi Walker, Roger D. Wilson

*Began their term in 2008:* Mark Agerton, Barbara Anderson, Lisa Armstrong, Annette Bacon, Mary Bartholomaeus, Rick Bogaard, Linda Bracken, Judi Braskamp, Chelsea Bumpus, Eloise Foster, Louise Gram, Michael Hires, Judah Howard, Kurt Kossen, Heather Major, Jeff McGuire, Zoa Norman, Cris Ohr, Brad Pierce, George Smith, Jean Sweer, Douglas Trapasso, Doris Yancey

*Staff liaison:* Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care



*The congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church gathers for the 138th Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 10, 2008.*

## The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees oversees the financial, legal and property affairs of the church. The standing committees of the Trustees include

- **Joint Finance**, composed of members of Trustees, Session, and Deacons, which ensures the church is functioning on a sound financial basis
- **Investment**, which develops investment strategy and appoints managers and advisers to manage the church's invested funds
- **Audit**, which ensures compliance with sound financial controls and laws; it reviews audit results with church-appointed independent auditors
- **Development**, which studies and recommends appropriate action on all proposals for fund-raising and development
- **Legal Affairs**, which provides oversight and assistance regarding all legal affairs affecting the church, including Chicago Lights
- **Property**, which ensures systems and procedures are in place to adequately maintain all church property in proper working order; it monitors maintenance needs and expenditures

*Ended their term in 2008:* Nancy Brown, Juli Crabtree, Lloyd Culbertson, Joan M. Hall, Elinor Hite, Andy McGaan, Linda Valentine, S. L. Van Der Zanden

*Continued their term of service:* Clyde O. Bowles Jr., Deborah Bricker, Rebecca Dixon, Elizabeth Foster, Susan M. Hill, R. Thomas Howell Jr., Marc Miller, Sandra Nelson, Jeanne Olofson, Bob Parsons, Rick Sabol, Joseph Sifferlen, Dennis Thorn

*Began their term in 2008:* John Berghoff, David Crawford, Melanie Ehrhart, Douglas Grissom, Roger Nelson, Elizabeth Patterson, Sara Pfaff, Charlotte Wager

*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Dana Ferguson+, Executive Associate Pastor; Calum MacLeod, Acting Executive Associate Pastor; Robert Holben, Director of Business Administration; Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries

## The Session

The Session is the primary governing body and designated authority on almost every important element related to the operation and ministry of a Presbyterian church. Fourth Church's Session is specifically responsible for receiving new members, setting a vision for outreach and mission, providing for worship and the administration of the sacraments, and for approving budgets and helping lead fund-raising programs in support of those budgets. Its overall focus is to sustain and enhance Fourth Church's historic mission as a great beacon for the acceptance and sharing of God's love, for uplifting "the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely," and for inclusivity and hospitality.

In 2009, the Session's main emphasis will continue to be on the two key enablers that have allowed Fourth Church to consistently achieve that mission: (1) supporting and encouraging the church's remarkable staff and ensuring that they continue to have the resources available to do the important work that God has called them to do and (2) tending rigorously and astutely to both sides of the financial equation: fund-raising and cost management.

Though these current times of unusual economic stress are daunting, the leadership remains ever confident that, through God's grace, the congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will continue in 2009 to do God's work at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Chestnut Street, throughout Chicago, and in the world beyond.

*Ended their term in 2008:* Bill Becker, Betty Bergstrom, Fred Chisolm, Allison Cochrane, Beth Davis, Jay Frey, Carl Lingenfelter, Carol Lobbes, Larry McCracken, Ann Mellott, Ed Miller, Doug Pond, Sue Schemper, Bob Unglaub, Allison Youngblood

*Continued their term of service:* Mark Bereyso, C. Andrew Brickman, Linda Crane, Allison Pay Crawford, Lisa Doak, Sam Evans, Arlene Faulk, Kim Grady, Ann Kingstrom, Elizabeth Kurman, Lars Lofgren, David Miller, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Janet Reed, Kathleen Rodak, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaafsma, John Shorney, Rob Sinclair, Evadney Stephens, Len Tomaka, Claudia Winkler

*Began their term in 2008:* LaDonna Black, Don Coe, Debbie Frisch, Lisa Garay, Fred Henry, Jerry Johnson, Carl Leigh, Gregory Lewis, Jeremy Lewis, Ross Lober, Mark Nelson, Llani O'Connor, Alison Thomas, Paul Vogel, Stephanette Walker

Martin Sherrod, Clerk of Session  
John M. Buchanan, Moderator

**The Session carries out its various responsibilities through the several committees that report to the Session. Those individual committee reports make up the remainder of this 2008 Annual Report and include a listing of those who so graciously gave of their time and talent in serving on these committees during 2008.**

## Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee provides for the education and spiritual growth of Fourth Church members and visitors through the Academy for Faith and Life, Bible study groups, officer training, Michigan Avenue Forums, the Borden Library, tape and transcript ministries, and educational collaboration with other church programs.

The most widely enjoyed programs in adult education at Fourth Church continued to be found in the Michigan Avenue Forum series, which brings special guest presenters to the church. In 2008, the committee welcomed *Sojourners* Editor Jim Wallis, music professor Stephen Alltop, Jewish theologian Yitz Greenberg, popular culture author AJ Jacobs, and Director of the Art Institute of Chicago James Cuno.

The committee continued to offer forums and short-term courses that provided thoughtful responses to particular issues facing church and society and sought to broaden its audience and share its resources by working with other Fourth Church programs and neighboring faith communities.

In 2008, a new men's group began gathering in the Loop twice a month for Bible study and fellowship, and the committee hopes to establish similar ongoing groups as the need arises. They look forward to continuing to serve the congregation and community in 2009 with courses that will enrich and enhance lives individually and as lived together in the Spirit.

*Committee members:* Annette Bacon, Michael Ban, Judy Barter, Larry Braskamp, Martha Brown, Allison Graham, Louise Gram, Jane Hunt, Jeff Lehn, Carol Lobbes, Ross Lober, Allison Pay Crawford, Jo Preuninger, Missy MacLeod, Dave Miller, Linda Vander Weele

*Staff liaison:* Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship

## Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

On Sunday, October 28, 2007, the congregation elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to search for a candidate for the newly constituted position of Associate Pastor for Mission. The responsibilities of this position were identified as working with the Mission Committee, Chicago Lights Board, and the Chicago Avenue Community Garden Committee and as well as involvement in interfaith initiatives and serving as an active presence in the community. On Sunday, July 6, 2008, the committee presented its recommended candidate to the congregation: Vicky Curtiss. Vicky was enthusiastically elected by the congregation and joined the staff in September.

*Mission Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:* Beth Rizer (chair), Betty Hutchison, Rick Mayer, Ken Ohr

*Staff liaison:* Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

## Chicago Lights

Chicago Lights ministries had an impact on many lives in 2008. The Tutoring and Summer Day Programs saw eleven of their students enroll in college. Summer Day presented a six-week summer program for 93 students in first through eighth grades. Thirty students completed the Job Training program and summer internships. In the Near North Magnet Cluster reading program, more than 600 students met their reading goals.

The Center for Life and Learning served more than 250 men and women sixty years and older through academic and exercise classes. The Center for Whole Health offered heart health education and support to low-income African American women and hosted a Community Health Fair. Through the Elam Davies Social Service Center, Sunday Night Supper guests took advantage of health and wellness drop-in services as well as a new social support group. In 2008, the Center served more than 1,000 additional meals than in 2007.

In December, the Session approved the Chicago Avenue Community Garden Committee's recommendation that the Chicago Avenue Program be incorporated into Chicago Lights. This will allow that program to increase collaboration with other Chicago Lights programs in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood, further ministry related to education and hunger, access outside funding sources, and increase involvement in and visibility of the Chicago Avenue Program.

The year 2008 also saw staff changes for Chicago Lights. Executive Director Beth Truett and David Murad, Director of the Social Service Center, both moved on to other nonprofit opportunities. Vicky Curtiss assumed the responsibilities of Acting Executive Director of Chicago Lights and Kathleen McKenzie joined the staff as Director of the Social Service Center.

*Members of the Board of Directors:* Jean Ban, Mark Beckmann, Mark Bereyso, Betty Bergstrom, Dianne Bowman, Delia Coleman, Bob Doak, Jay Frey, Francia Harrington, Larry McCracken, Alison Thomas, Nancy Unglaub, Sylvia Wynn

*Staff liaison:* Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission and Acting Executive Director of Chicago Lights

## Children and Family

The Children and Family Committee is responsible for the nurture and faith of children from birth through fifth grade. It oversees a monthly baptismal seminar and the Sunday morning nursery and is also responsible for the Sunday school program. In 2008, children attending summer Sunday school enjoyed using the computer lab for programs related to the Bible and reformers John Calvin and Martin Luther. Offerings received during Children's Chapel supported mission projects in Cuba and Mexico and the Heifer Project.

During the second annual "Kids Helping Kids" Benefit, children made care bags for the Sunday school children in Cuba and financially supported the spring trip of the Fourth Church Children and Youth Choir to Cuba, where the choir sang at seven churches. The Cherub, Children, and Youth choirs along with new handbell choirs enriched children's programming as well as Sunday worship, and this year's children's musical, *Once Upon a Parable*, was fun for all and wonderfully received.

The committee hosted several informal educational events for parents as well as the first-annual adoptive parents luncheon.

The Day School, Fourth Church's preschool, received the highly prestigious NAEYC accreditation; the Children's Center day care program will be coming up for its renewal in 2009.

*Committee members:* Dala Aavik, Steve Bumpus, Lisa Doak, Cary Donham, Elizabeth Foster, Claudia Garfield, Jim Garner, Laurie Garrett, Peyton Hutchison, Mira Lee, David Love, Brian McCrea, Maggie McGuire, Kathy Wilhelm, Jane Ottens, Paul Pieper, Hilary Scott, Catherine Sigmar, Evadney Stephens, Debbie Whitmore, Allison Youngblood

*Staff liaison:* Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families

## Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee seeks to provide and care for the contexts of fellowship in which congregants are nurtured in and enact their faith. Thus they oversee the work of various subcommittees, including

- Volunteer Ministry, which manages the recruitment and facilitates the work of volunteers in various ministries of the church and Chicago Lights and finds members to be liaisons for outside agencies whose mission the church shares
- L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, and Development) Ministry, which supports and engages the leadership talent of the congregation
- Common Connections Ministry, which supports the mission of fellowship groups seeking to inspire people, by their love of Christ and the church, to join the church's mission, to give what is most precious to them, to befriend one another, and to serve one another and the community
- The Oral History Committee, which preserves the voices and memories of those who have played a role in or observed firsthand the evolution of Fourth Church over the past century
- The Hospitality Committee, which provides hospitality and serves food at Coffee Hour and congregational meals
- The Muslim-Christian Fellowship, which plans opportunities for fellowship, community service, and interfaith dialogue between the congregations of the Downtown Islamic Center and Fourth Church

The committee also oversees all-church meals, holiday meals, retreats, the Coffee Hour Book Nook, and small group ministry. In 2008, the committee also developed a thriving small-group ministry for new moms and supported two baby showers for all new moms in the congregation.

*Committee members:* Annette Bacon, Betty Bergstrom, LaDonna Black, Dianne Bowman, Wydetta Carter, Don Coe, Linda Crane, Glenn Doering, Carol Gates, Elinor Hite, Melissa Litton, Sue Lopatka, Janet Love, Ed Miller, Zoa Norman, Doug Pond, Roger Wilson

*Staff liaison:* Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

## Ecclesiastical Relations

The Ecclesiastical Relations Committee maintains relationships with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Presbytery of Chicago, and constituent groups. It also has responsibility for Seminarian Care, which was formerly overseen by the Congregational Care Committee. In this past year, there were nine seminarians under care of this committee. In addition to being in relationship with Fourth Church members who are in seminary, Ecclesiastical Relations also has responsibility for the Pastoral Residency program, which brings seminary graduates to Fourth Church for a two-year opportunity to participate in pastoral leadership in the congregation. Currently there are three pastoral residents who are part of this program.

*Committee members:* Mark Bereyso, Sam Evans, Lars Lofgren, David Love, Diane Meister, Ann Petersen, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaafsma, Marty Sherrod, Paul Vogel, Gretchen Wahl, Stephanette Walker, Katie Whitmore

*Staff liaison:* Calum MacLeod, Acting Executive Associate Pastor

## Evangelism

Once a month, the Evangelism Committee helps to welcome the new members who are received during worship. The committee, with the help of volunteers, also greets visitors daily in the sanctuary and at open houses held on various Saturdays throughout the year, writes and phones guests who attended worship services, provides lay leadership in Inquirers' Class, welcomes everyone to Coffee Hour, and organizes brunches with new members. The committee devotes a great deal of time to identifying, training, and scheduling more than 150 volunteers to help with the work of evangelism. Additionally, the committee is constantly reviewing how it can improve these experiences for visitors, potential members, and faithful volunteers.

*Committee members:* Don Allerton, Bill Becker, Nan Birmingham, Fred Chisolm, Bob Day, Val Henry, Arnold Lenters, Lars Lofgren, Martha Payne, Kathi Rodak, Stanley Smith, Paul Vogel

Staff liaison: Calum I. MacLeod, Acting Executive Associate Pastor

## Mission

In 2008 the Mission Committee planned seven mission trips: to Cameroon, Cuba, Chicago (an urban plunge), Guatemala, New Orleans (two trips), and the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota. The committee also awarded \$150,000 in grants to agencies addressing issues of hunger and homelessness, education, advocacy, ecumenical and interfaith matters, and health and social services. A particular focus for the committee was immigration issues. It also offered a letter-writing campaign each Sunday during Coffee Hour to draw awareness to issues of hunger, housing, health and welfare, mental illness, domestic violence, immigration, and human rights.

The Mission Committee has been studying issues pertaining to returning veterans and in 2009 plans to provide educational opportunities concerning related problems and issues—opportunities available through seminars sponsored by the Mission Committee and through the Academy for Faith and Life—in hopes of soliciting congregational engagement.

Among the various mission and outreach programs at Fourth Church is the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, which serves as Fourth Church's response to the mental health needs of its congregation and the community. In addition to continuing to provide individual and couples counseling, support groups—including groups for those suffering grief and loss—premarital seminars, and educational seminars, the Center added resources for those seeking spiritual development and direction. In this vein, the Center's annual 2008 Midwinter Conference focused on spiritual practices.

*Committee members:* Lisa Armstrong, Dianne Bowman, Cynthia Borski, Michael Boyer, Crystal Bush, Sylvia Decker, Barbara Dillard, Sue Felty, Debbie Frisch, Kimberly Grady, Elizabeth Hand, Marty Hansen, Elaine Hierholzer, Betty Hutchison, Courtney Hye-Martin, Rafi Jafri, Peyton Randy Keller, Patricia Kendall, Judy Kerch, Janet Krehbiel-Pieracci, Gale Kryzak, Carl Leigh, Cheri Lundin, Barbara Maloof, Tony Mastroianni, Megan McAleer, Ann Mellott, Ed Miller, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Brad Pierce, Joe Pixler, Edna Schade, Mark Schimmelpfennig, Joan Sessions, Sherry Sherman, Anne Stelle, Jeanne Sullivan, Eran Wade, Roy Youngblood

*Staff liaisons:* Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission; Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission

## Nominating

The Nominating Committee is made up of representatives from the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees, plus members-at-large elected by the congregation at the February congregational meeting. The committee is responsible for nominating thirteen Elders (including one youth), eighteen Deacons (including two youth), seven Trustees, seven Nominating Committee members, and four Chicago Lights board members.

Soon after the newest class of officers was ordained and installed in May, the committee began its work gathering recommendations for candidates for the next class. After collecting names from Fourth Church members and staff of those felt to have gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of the church, the committee prepared to present its slate of candidates to the congregation for election at the February meeting. As always, the committee found its challenge to be distilling the slates from so many potential and proven leaders with which our congregation is blessed.

*Committee nominating 2008 candidates:* Phil Calian, Beth Davis, Bob Day, Jan Feldman, Lisa Garay, Arthur Martin, Ken Nicholson, Polly Peters-Bottrell, Mary Schaafsma, Dennis Thorn, Mary Kay Wysham

*Committee nominating 2009 candidates:* Rita Bennett, Gerry Bloomer, Martha Brown, Lisa Garay, Judy Kerch, Arnie Lenters, Carol Lobbes, Sue Lopatka, Sara Pfaff, Joe Pixler, Mary Schaafsma

*Staff liaison:* Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate

## Personnel

The Personnel Committee is committed to providing leadership and support to the staff of Fourth Church, from the Pastoral and Program staff who lead the worship and outreach programs, to the house staff who maintain the facilities, to the administrative support team who assures the smooth running of many of the programs. Fourth Church is blessed to have a strong and committed staff. The Personnel Committee works behind the scenes to assure that a positive work environment is fostered and maintained through the development and administration of policies, the creation of staffing plans, and the administration of an annual objective-setting and review process. In 2008, the committee completed a comprehensive comparative salary and benefits review. The committee also worked with the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and welcomed Vicky Curtiss as the Associate Pastor for Mission.

*Committee members:* Marilyn Cason, Arlene Faulk, Joan Hall, Hugh Halverstadt, Jerry Latherow, Carl Lingenfelter, Marc Miller, Chris Pfaff, Beth Rizer

*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Dana Ferguson+, Executive Associate Pastor; Calum MacLeod, Executive Associate Pastor

## Refreshing the Vision

Ten years ago, the congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church put together a long-range plan, one that addressed essentially all aspects of Fourth Church's goals and aspirations, including congregational in-reach programming, mission outreach, worship, education, and music. While ten years later the mission remains the same, much has changed. Thus it was determined that it was time to create a new long-range plan.

With the assistance of consultants from LatzBruni, a local consulting firm specializing in working with religious and other nonprofit organizations, the Session approved an approach called "Refreshing the Vision." In this process, Fourth Church undertook to review its current programs and activities and establish goals and aspirations for where the congregation would like to be in the next ten years.

This process began in early October 2008 with a series of vision sessions among clergy, staff, and officers. Throughout the fall, with plans to continue into the early part of 2009, task teams composed of a broad cross-section of the congregation met to brainstorm about the future. The results of these meetings will be augmented in 2009 with one-on-one interviews and a congregational survey. Comments were also solicited from members via e-mail and on Sunday mornings during Coffee Hour.

The "Refreshing the Vision" steering committee plans to present to the boards its recommendation for a new long-range plan in April 2009.

*Steering committee members:* Mark Bereyso, Debbie Bricker, Juli Crabtree, Delia Coleman, Doug Grissom, Elinor Hite, Marilee Hopkins, Maggie Lewis, Andy McGaan, Jeanne Olofson, Karen Otto, Martin Sherrod, Allison Youngblood

*Staff liaisons:* Don Allerton; Dana Ferguson+, Executive Associate Pastor; Calum MacLeod, Acting Executive Associate Pastor

## Resource Development

The Resource Development Committee is a new committee, which reports to Session and Trustees. Created by Trustee and Session approval in September, the Resource Development Committee brings together what had been the Stewardship and Giving Committee and the Development Cabinet, groups that had been working together from the beginning of 2008. This new committee develops, oversees, and implements all fund-raising efforts for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights.

In 2008 the committee planned and implemented the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, which was launched in September. Don Allerton and Sandra Nelson, co-leaders of the Planned Giving subcommittee, brought renewed attention to planned giving with a comprehensive communications effort, launching three new legacy societies, two seminars, and an appreciation event.

The 2009 appeal, "Together We Aspire to Be a Light in the City," highlights member and donor stories and outlines where Fourth Church and Chicago Lights funds come from and where they go. To achieve the appeal's \$6.3 million goal, an overall increase in giving of 13 percent will be needed. In 2009, the committee will continue this work as well as oversee the 2009 development calendar for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, which includes additional special and seasonal opportunities for giving throughout the year.

*Committee members:* Paul Astolfi, Betty Bergstrom, Gerry Bloomer, Debbie Bricker, Lloyd Culbertson, Rebecca Dixon, Sam Evans, Jay Frey, Frederick Henry, Susan Hill, Jerry Johnson, Ann Kingstrom, Jean Marie Koon, Liz Kurman, Marc Miller, Sandra Nelson, Llani O'Connor, Jeanne Olofson, Martin Sherrod, Beth Truett, Nancy Unglaub

*Staff liaison:* Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries

## Worship, Music, and the Arts

The coordination of the many worship opportunities at Fourth Church is at the heart of the work of the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee. The committee works with ushers and communion servers, musicians, lay participants and pastors to provide faithful worship in the Reformed tradition and a warm welcome for worshipers. The Fine Arts Council subcommittee provides for musical and artistic expressions that go beyond the worship services and that contribute to the life and work of the church.

Fourth Church continued to honor its commitment to relationships with other faith traditions through interfaith services with Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral. In 2008, Fourth Church also welcomed the Downtown Islamic Center to these celebrations and continued the tradition of hosting Chicago Sinai in their celebrations of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the Fourth Church sanctuary.

Fourth Church remained a destination for outside groups seeking a wonderful acoustical environment for concerts, groups such as the Choir of King's College, Cambridge and the Paul Winter Consort.

In 2008, an icon commissioned by the Fine Arts Council and written by iconographer Joseph Malham was completed and placed on permanent display in the Randolph Room. Fourth Acts offered a variety of programs, including a Good Friday presentation of Jesus' Passion according to Matthew.

*Committee members:* Geoff Anderson, Wydetta Carter, Jay Frey, Kerry Grady, Roberta Hayes, Barbara Joabson, Jerry Johnson, Janet Krehbiel, Rob Sinclair, Callie Thompson

*Staff liaisons:* Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship; John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

## Youth Ministry

The mission of Fourth Church Youth Ministry is spiritual development among youth in grades six through twelve through discipleship, service, fellowship, and worship. The Youth Ministry Committee seeks to create and nurture for the youth a community of love and acceptance grounded in faith that prophetically engages culture while living in it. The goal is youth who have discovered a deeper sense of wholeness by integrating God and spirituality into their lives and have developed a foundation for continuing spiritual growth as young adults and beyond.

In 2008, the new ministry structure and schedule, aimed at fuller participation and long-term sustainability, was a great success. There was also growth in depth of programming and the development of relationships vital to successful youth ministry. Milestones included another great confirmation class and meaningful mission trips to the Special Olympics, New Orleans, Presbyterian Camps, and eastern Iowa. This year also marked the growth of the staff with the addition of Kurt Esslinger as the first Youth Ministry Associate. The leadership team also benefited from Pastoral Resident Joann Lee's involvement.

Inspired by the vision for the future of youth ministry at Fourth Church, in 2009 the Committee will continue to focus on the goal of bringing youth ministry into the fuller life, mission, and ministry of this congregation. In addition to this broad goal, a major focus of 2009 will be the Senior High Work Camp to Northern Ireland in July.

*Committee members:* John R. Buchanan, Steve Bumpus, Alli Cochrane, June Dorn, Lies Garner, Suzanne Leonard, Greg Lewis, Jeremy Lewis, Mark Nelson, Janet Reed, Anne Rossley, Martha Sabol, Lauren Scheibe, Sue Schemper, John Shorney

*Staff liaison:* John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth

## Legacy Gifts

*Fourth Presbyterian Church legacy gifts from members—through wills, trusts, or other estate gifts—ensure the continued vitality and development of Fourth Church from one generation to the next. Such gifts recognize that stewardship of God’s creation is a lifelong endeavor. In making these gifts, individuals leave an extraordinary legacy to their loved ones and to the church community. We are deeply grateful to the following members and friends who have made provisions for Fourth Presbyterian Church in their estate plans.*

Gordon and Paula Addington	Shirley J. Henninger	Joann Pitcher
Carol Allen	Helen Hightower	Vernon and Jennifer Pitcher
Donald and Carol Allerton	Elinor K. Hite	Fred Popp and Pamela Church
Armando Almendarez	David and Laura Ho	William V. Porter
Geoffrey A. Anderson	Robert and Sandra Holben	Joleen Preuninger
Edith G. and Edward J. Andrew	James E. Houston	Lisa M. Radetski
Elizabeth Andrews	Mary Lunz Houston	Robert W. Rasmussen
Anonymous	Louise D. Howe	Janet S. Reed
Andrew P. Baker	Michael Hurtubise and Ann Murray	Mary Reid
William Becker	Barbara Joabson	Mrs. Edward L. Renno
Mark R. Beckmann	Eunice John	Betty B. Renth
John Lockwood Beem	Connie D. Johnson	Robert and Vicki Reynolds
Helen R. Beiser	Barbara Mair Jones	Frederic Rizzo
Julie Beringer	Anthony Ruger and Deborah Kapp	Betsy P. Rosenfield
Velma I. Berry	Andrew Keyt	Diann Smith Santschi
Susan Bigg	Phillip and Kathleen Kidder	Sydney Scarborough
Nan Birmingham	Sally Jo Knowles	Edward A. Schimmelpfennig
Mrs. Naomi Borwell	Jeanette Krenek	Lois K. Schmidt
Ronald G. Bottrell and Polly Peters-Bottrell	Wesley Kriebel and Marilynn Cason	Sammie Schneider
Dianne E. Bowman	Neva Krohn	Rosemary Schnell
Paul A. and Christine W. Branstad	Miss Gale Kryzak	Bonnie and Richard Schuessler
Beverly A. Brent	Carol A. Lane	Arnold L. Shafer
Deborah A. Bricker	Todd and Barbara Leland	Thomas and Ann Shannon
John H. Brill	Gregory M. Lewis and Mary E. Strek	Annette Shoemaker
Wesley W. Broquard	Rae Lewis-Thornton	Morrell Shoemaker Jr.
Mary Lou and Tom Brous	Carol S. Lobbes	Nancy and George Shorney
John and Sue Buchanan	Ross and Valerie Lober	Joyce Sigmon
Jane R. Buckwater	Susana B. G. Lopatka	Adrena Spaulding
Russell and Dorothy Burck	R. Bruce Lord	Anne Stelle
Muriel A. Burnet	Sherry Lynaugh	Evadney Laurie Stephens
Cynthia A. Campbell and J. Frederick Holper	Ron and Elise Magers	Miss Edith Stotler
Helen E. Carstensen	Bernice I. Magnuson	Richard and Ella Strubel
Barbara Champion	Shelly R. Maish	Dean Mary Sundberg
Gdavid Chappelle	Heather A. Major	Miriam B. Swanson
Fred and Alison Chisolm	Beth Stoneburg Malmquist	Tod Tappert
Fred Popp and Pamela Church	Karen and Larry McCracken	Herbert and Karen Tews
Barbara Cleveland	Mary M. and James K. McDermott	Larry and Alison Thomas
Catherine Clewlow	Thomas and Sue McDowell	Jennifer and Barton Tretheway
Bonnie L. Clyde	Richard D. and Elnora B. Metzger	Ronald Triplett
Dr. and Mrs. R. William Cornell	Gayle L. Michel	Susan C. Troyer
Sylvia Daniels	Ed Miller	Seth T. Tuscher
Philip Darling	Marcus Miller and Christopher Horsman	Robert and Nancy Unglaub
Robert M. Day and Marilyn C. Day	Richard and Margot Moening	Adriane Van Bergen
Rebecca R. Dixon	Michael and Elspeth Murphy	Charles Van Gorp and Louis Houkal
Mavis Erdmann	Don Nelson and Julie James	Kimberly Van Kampen
Julia B. and Carl F. Faust	Sandra H. Nelson	Ronald and Julie Vander Weele
Greta Wiley Flory	Thomas and Brooke Nelson	Thelma Venema
Lillian Friedeman	Lawrence Nicholson	Robert and Joan Volkert
Nancy A. Gardner	Mrs. Nancy Niemi	Jeanne Walker
Thomas Genley	Florence C. Norstrom	Mrs. Ann Dow Weinberg
Alison L. Gerlach	Robert and Glendora O’Brien	Gabriele Weissenberger
Ellen and Paul Gignilliat	Llani O’Connor	Lorie Westerman
Daniel Gilmour III	Karen E. Otto	Mark D. Widbin
Robert Glaze	Amy Pagliarella and Colm Foley	Doris Wilterding
Carl C. and Donna Gray	Martha Payne	Claudia Winkler
Kenneth and Anne Griffin	Michael Pease	Howard and Marilyn Witt
Margaret Griffiths	Ann Pehle	Martha Witwer
James R. Grimes	Susan Pellowe	Mary Kay Wysham
Hugh Halverstadt and Craig Endicott	Lorraine Perlman	Marty Yee
Terri Hanson	Alice Perry	Allison Youngblood
Thomas Hawkins	Alice Christina Perry	Carol Ann Zaha
Geoffrey Heekin	Kristine Peterson	Mary L. Zeltmann
	Judy Petty	Karen Anne Zupko

## Membership

The congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the Fourth Church community.

### New Members

The following new members were received on Sunday, December 14, 2008

Whitney Bercek  
Kyle Crane  
Rebekah Crane  
Wendy L. Cutka  
Harold S. Dahlstrand  
Patricia Y. DeAnda  
Kira Elert  
Leslie E. Emmert  
Daniel J. Eybergen  
Bradley R. Foss  
Marsha Jean Heizer  
Ross Kwasteniet  
Kelly C. Lewis  
Amy Whittimore Mahone  
Shay R. Mahone  
Jane Lash Meloy  
Monica C. Moody  
Alicia Nicholson  
Alden E. Orput  
Joanne M. Orput  
Adrienne Randle  
Ann Cain Rattin  
Jennifer L. Schutt  
Charlotte Mitchell Smith  
Michael M. Smith

### Baptisms

The following children were baptized on December 7, 2008

Owen Ford Anderson, son of Jason and Cindy Anderson  
Jackson Ruff Demarest, son of Hank and Stowe Demarest  
Finnegan John Duzan, son of Jason and Laura Duzan  
William Lowell Duzan, son of Jason and Laura Duzan  
Samantha McCarthy Pilgrim, daughter of Jeff Pilgrim and Jill Ladendorf  
Kyra Quinn Mergen, daughter of William and Catherine Mergen  
Ryan Quinn Mergen, son of William and Catherine Mergen  
Jack Harris Mullman, son of Jeremy and Jennifer Mullman  
Greta Oy-Ling Temple, daughter of Kevin Temple and Medora Lee  
Alexander Gillen Robinson, son of Walter and Mary Robinson

The following adult was baptized on December 14, 2008

Alden E Orput

### Births and Adoptions

Logan Wulff Balaz, son of Joseph and Dana Balaz, born December 1, 2008  
Lila Jane Borchardt, daughter of Randall and Whitney Borchardt, born September 19, 2008  
Caroline Elizabeth Kaspar, daughter of Scott and Beth Kaspar, born October 2, 2008  
Casey Jane McClellan, daughter of Andrew and Holly McClellan, born May 22, 2008  
Kate Elizabeth Retterer, daughter of Peter and Cindy Retterer, born October 6, 2008  
Colin Michael Ross, son of Don Ross and Elizabeth Amatangelo, born March 9, 2008  
Simon Peter Stevens, son of Josh and Ami Stevens, born October 18, 2008

### Weddings

On December 6, 2008

Whitney Sommers and Kevin Butler  
Susan Wiles and Hans Hinrichs

### Deaths

Eric Batterman, December 6, 2008  
Carl Faust, December 14, 2008  
Janis Gray, December 2, 2008  
Adele Wallace, December 10, 2008

A one-session Inquirers' Class for those interested in learning more about Fourth Church is offered on **Monday, March 2** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; **Saturday, March 14** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and **Sunday, March 22** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. These classes are generally held three times per month; a schedule of future class dates can be found in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html).

Information about the worship, education, fellowship, and mission life of Fourth Presbyterian Church is available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) and in the church literature racks. To subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

## Fast-Forward to These Events on Your Calendar

- ▶▶ Calum MacLeod will lead the **Community Book Group** in discussing *Home by Marilynne Robinson* on Tuesday, February 24. All are invited to this 7:00 p.m. conversation in the Page Smith Room.
- ▶▶ Upcoming **Friday Noonday Concerts** include performances by **guitarist Kristian Anderson** on Friday, February 27 and **flutist Joanna Turska** on Friday, March 6 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- ▶▶ A meditative **Lenten labyrinth walk** will be offered on Friday, February 27 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. (The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.)
- ▶▶ This year's annual **Midwinter Conference** sponsored by the **Lorene Replogle Counseling Center** is on "Living Mindfully." For details or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).
- ▶▶ On Tuesday, March 3 **Books by Women** will discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The topic on April 7 will be Peg Kingman Norton's *Not Yet Drown'd*.
- ▶▶ Three new **Academy for Faith and Life** classes begin Sunday, March 8: "**Who Was Jesus?**" by Tom Rook at 9:30 a.m.; "**Military Service People and Their Families**" led by guest lecturers at 9:30 a.m.; and "**Happiness**" by John Boyle. For details about these courses, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html).
- ▶▶ Applications for three Fourth Church mission trips are due this spring: the April 24–25 "**Urban Plunge: Chicago**" mission trip (due Wednesday, April 1); the June 22–27 **Lakota trip to Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations** (due Monday, March 16); the July 25–August 2 **Guatemala trip** (due Monday, March 16). Details about these trips as well as the application form are available in the literature racks, online at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html), and from Vicki Reynolds (312.981.3384; [vreynolds@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vreynolds@fourthchurch.org)).
- ▶▶ The world-renowned **Canterbury Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys** will be in concert at Fourth Church on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or by calling 866.468.3401

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### FEBRUARY 22

#### Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. *Communion*

Alice M. Trowbridge preaching

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

6:30 p.m. *Communion Vespers*

John W. Vest preaching

### MARCH 1

#### First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. *Communion*

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

6:30 p.m. *Communion Vespers*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Communion and the Opportunity  
for Imposition of Ashes

## MORNING PRAYER (In Stone Chapel)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.

## TAIZÉ SERVICE

Held at Fourth Church on the fourth Friday  
of the month. The next service will be Friday,  
February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

# Lent

## at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*This year our Lenten journey begins on 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), on the website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org),  
and in a printed booklet in the church literature racks.

## 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.

## Annual Lenten Retreat

*Praying the Song of Songs*  
**Friday evening and Saturday morning,  
March 27–28**

Led by Stephanie Paulsell, Professor of the Practice of  
Ministry Studies at Harvard University.

*Watch for details in the literature racks and  
at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) or  
contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org).*