

The more I reflect on the amazing conclusions of astrophysics and, like human beings from time immemorial, look up into the clear night sky, am I not to wonder what it all means, where it all comes from? To answer, "Out of nothing," is no explanation. Reason cannot be satisfied with that. The only serious alternative . . . is that the whole stems from that first creative cause of causes, which we call God and indeed the Creator God. Even if I cannot prove God I can affirm God. . . . God for me here and now, God at the beginning, God from all eternity.

Hans Küng
Does God Exist?

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 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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

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 until 2:00 p.m. 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 must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore 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, November 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

PRELUDE
(8:00)

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INTROIT

“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord” *Stephen Sturk*
All things come of thee, O Lord, and
of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 263**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Tune: ST. DENIO*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors and
refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world and
passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and
free us from selfishness, that we may
choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 104:1–9 (*responsively*)

(page 524, O.T.)

ANTHEM
(8:00)

“Let All Things Now Living”

Welsh folk melody
arr. Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days. His banners are over us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night. 'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light! His law he enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit obediently shine. The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise, 'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Sicut cervus”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

FIRST LESSON

Mark 10:35–45

(page 44, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Job 38:1–7; 42:1–6

(page 458, O.T.)

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

THE LAUGHTER OF THE ANGELS

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind.”

Job 38:1 (NRSV)

***HYMN 402**

“Now Praise the Hidden God of Love”

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" *Eric DeLamarter*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "The Wayfaring Stranger" *American folk melody*
 (8:00) *arr. John Jacob Niles*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Exultate Deo" *G. P. da Palestrina*
 (9:30 and 11:00)
 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the
 God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
 the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at
 the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

***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: **God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 275**

“God of Our Life ”

Tune: SANDON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

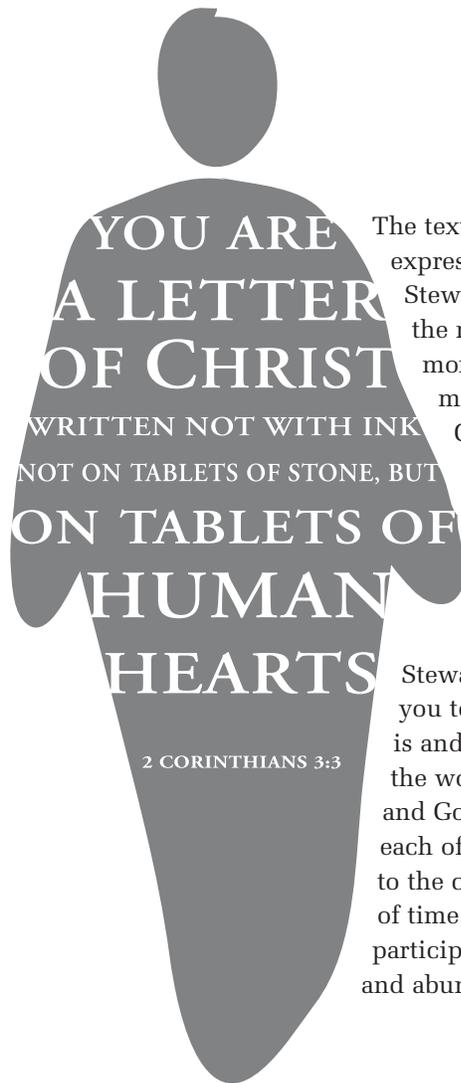
POSTLUDE

Postlude

Charles Ives

STEWARDSHIP 2007

“You are a letter of Christ . . .”



The text from 2 Corinthians 3:3 expresses the theme of the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. Throughout the month, during the Sunday morning “Minute for Mission,” members of Fourth Presbyterian Church will share their thoughts on being a letter of Christ. Today’s reflection is being presented by Steve Baker.

During this annual Stewardship season, the Stewardship Committee invites you too to consider how your life is and can be a letter of Christ to the world. How do you reflect God and God’s love? One way in which each of us does this is with our gifts to the church. Through our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we participate in God’s sharing of love and abundant life with all creation.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	John W. Vest, Martha Langford, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

“Comes Autumn Time,” today’s 9:30 and 11:00 prelude, was composed by Leo Sowerby in 1919 while he was Associate Organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church. This popular piece was transcribed for orchestra and performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day. More information about these hangings is available in the literature racks.

The bulletin cover depicts the 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 Stewardship season, we are mindful that the gifts we pledge as “letters of Christ” plant seeds of new life in this congregation and the communities it serves.

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