

To experience the goodness in life, therefore, is to be in touch with the gift of God. We all have memories of the goodness of creation. We have smelled the freshness of the earth after rain. We have known the delight of biting into a crisp autumn apple. We have gazed upon field after field of golden corn. We have touched the smoothness of a rock, sea-washed for millennia. The goodness is there. We are called into an awareness of it. . . . All ground is holy, for within it is the goodness of God.

J. Philip Newell
The Book of Creation

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.

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 Sunday, November 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 15 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@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)

“We Thank You, God” from *Cantata No. 29* J. S. Bach

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Deo Gratias (Thanks Be to God) Richard Proulx

“We Thank You, God” from *Cantata No. 29* J. S. Bach

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Crüger
arr. J. S. Bach

Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Praise His Glorious Name Louis Spohr
arr. Ronald C. Frederick

INTROIT
(8:00)

“The Lord Is Good” Christopher Tye

INTROIT
(9:30)

“Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Steven Rickards

INTROIT
(11:00)

“Come, Let Us Sing” Mark Patterson

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 551**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

**Almighty God, in love you spread good gifts before us,
more than we need or deserve.**

You feed, heal, teach, and save us.

**We confess that we always want more,
that we never share as freely as you give.**

We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors.

We misuse what you intend for joy.

God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness.

In mercy help us to take pleasure in your goodness,

**that we will always be thanking you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 65 (*responsively*) (page 499, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Let All Things Now Living"
(8:00) (Text: The Hymnal, 554) *Welsh folk melody*
arr. Katherine K. Davis

ANTHEM "Thou Visitest the Earth"
(9:30 and 11:00) *Maurice Greene*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:10–17 (page 65, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE
"And all ate and were filled. What was left over
was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces"
Luke 9:17 (NRSV)

***HYMN 473** "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Tune: Dix*

***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"

Orlando Gibbons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Simple Gifts"
(8:00)

*Shaker melody
arr. Aaron Copland*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Praise Him, the Great Creator" from *Cantata No. 207*
(9:30 and 11:00)

J. S. Bach

***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.**

(Litany continues on next page.)

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 GOT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Let All Together Praise Our God

J. S. Bach

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Canzon Francese

*Giovanni Cavaccio
arr. Erich Peterson*

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

THANKSGIVING GOSPELFEST

Sunday, November 18, 3:30 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.

A light supper is served free of charge afterwards.

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Tuesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

At Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior)

Members of Fourth Church choirs will be providing music leadership

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

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 22, 11:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary, Joyce Shin 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 22, 12:30 p.m.

In Anderson Hall

Join friends new and old for this traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Space is limited, so purchase dinner tickets early (during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk).

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Donna Gray, John W. Vest, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Shin, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Sandra Lin, soprano soloist
9:30 a.m.	Tower Brass; The Youth Choir; The Morning Choir; Michael Swenson, baritone soloist
11:00 a.m.	Tower Brass; The Children's Choir; The Morning Choir; Michael Swenson, baritone soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is being presented by LaFaye Garth, 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.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

The **Psalm 116:12 text on the bulletin cover** is the theme for the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. It also expresses our reflections as we approach the Thanksgiving season, a time of gratitude for the blessings in each of our lives as well as a time to see this gratitude as inspiring a generous response lived out in giving. One of the many ways in which we give is through our pledged gifts to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Those who have not yet made their pledge for 2008 can find pledge cards in the pew racks. For more information about giving at Fourth Church, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

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