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January 25, 2009

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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**G**ENESIS POINTS TO A MYSTERY. It says that we come from further away than space and longer ago than time. It says that evolution and genetics and environment explain a lot about us but they don't explain all about us or even the most important thing about us. It says that though we live in the world, we can never be entirely at home in the world. It says in short that not only were we created by God, but also that we were created in God's image and likeness. We have something of God within us the way we have something of the stars.

Frederick Buechner  
*Telling Secrets: A Memoir*

## 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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Executive 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).

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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.*

### PRELUDE

Mass in the Second Tone

*André Raison*

Christ Have Mercy

Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

### INTROIT

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

*Giovanni Croce*

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth;

O knit my heart unto thee that I may love thy name.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

### \*HYMN 486

“When the Morning Stars Together”

*Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN*

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY *(unison)*

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being: you have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing  
your will, no weakness keep us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
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 grace, love, and communion,  
we confess that we have failed to love you  
with all our heart, soul, and mind  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
We ignore your commandments,  
stray from your way, and follow other gods.  
Have mercy on us.  
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life,  
that we may serve you faithfully  
and give honor to your holy name.  
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 8 (*responsively*) (page 466, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “From the Rising of the Sun” *F. A. Gore Ouseley*  
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place  
incense shall be offered up unto my name: for my name shall  
be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord.

**FIRST LESSON** Matthew 1:18–23 (page 1, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31 (page 1, O.T.)

**SERMON** by John M. Buchanan  
ALMOST ANGELS  
“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image . . .  
and let them have dominion.’ Genesis 1:26 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 162** “O Lord, Our God, How Excellent” *Tune: WINCHESTER OLD*

**\*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"

*Philip Baker*

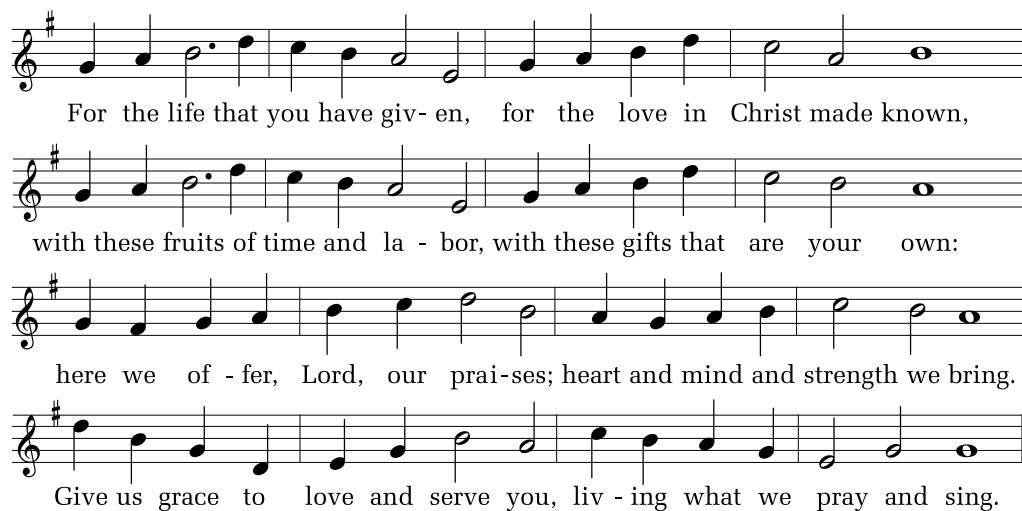
## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Proclaim the Lord"

*Dan Locklair*

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God. He is the holy one.  
Put your trust in the Lord and do good.

### **\*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, our maker, you hold the whole world in your hand.  
You have placed your image in us and called us to exercise  
dominion over your creation, beginning with our own lives.  
We thank you for that high calling. By your Spirit,  
may peace descend upon us that we may follow him  
with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful  
in your service, God of all nations, in the gracious name  
of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 285**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

*Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN*

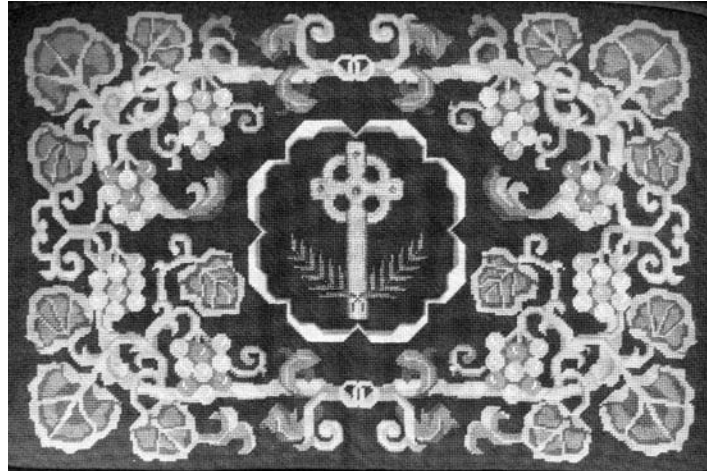
**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata in D Minor

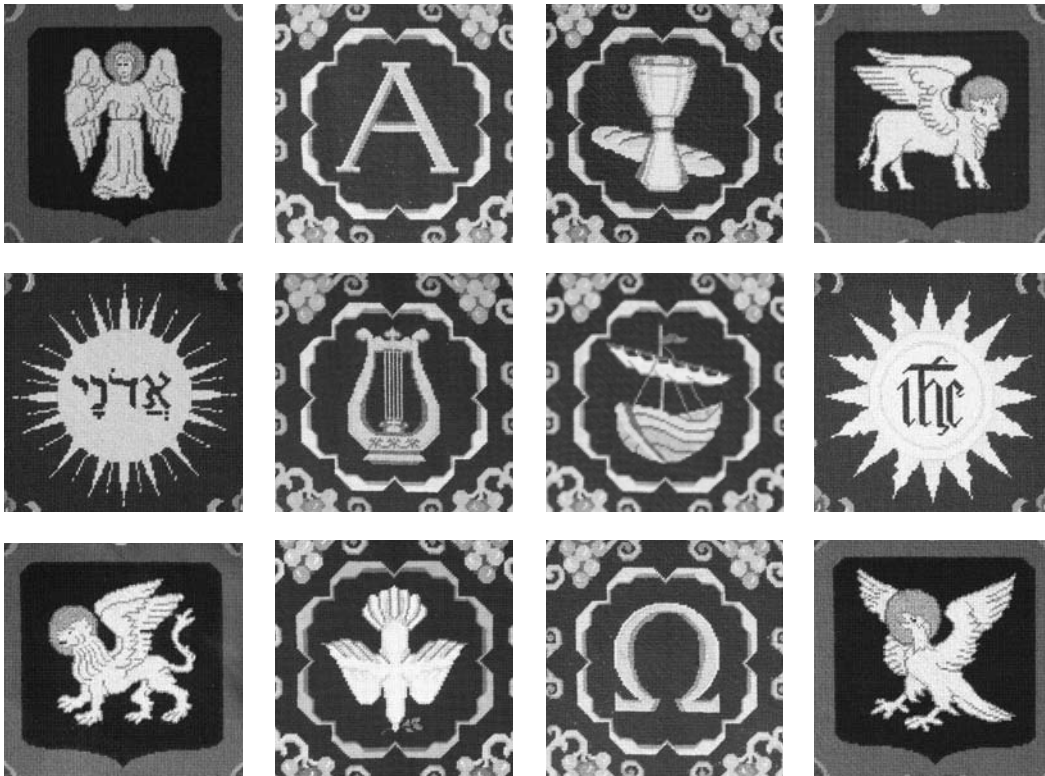
*Max Reger*

## IN THE DETAILS



The needlepoint cushions in the chancel, including thirteen cushions, faux carving, panels of wheat and grapes, and the gold cross, are the handiwork of Morgan Simmons, a member of this congregation and, from 1968 to 1996, organist and choirmaster of Fourth Church. The combined number of stitches for these works approaches 2 million, 169 per square inch.

Central to each of the upper and lower chancel cushions is a religious symbol (shown here), surrounded by clusters of grapes, which echo the motif found in many of the chancel and pulpit carvings and in the stained glass windows.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's Minute for Mission** is presented by James Sinclair on behalf of the youth and next Sunday's Souper Bowl of Caring.

**This morning's prelude, *Mass in the Second Tone***, was written by André Raison in the late seventeenth century. Johann Sebastian Bach borrowed the theme of the prelude's "Christ Have Mercy" section in the early eighteenth century to compose his monumental *Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor*. Such borrowing was not considered copyright infringement at the time but simply a gesture of praise. From this simple seed came a mighty masterpiece.

**This morning's sermon is the third of a four-part series** from the book of Genesis. It will be followed by "What Went Wrong?" on February 1.

**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: "Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.'"

## PASTORAL STAFF

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