

*A Service of Witness
to the Resurrection
in Celebration of the Life
of*

John McCormick Buchanan

JANUARY 30, 1938 – FEBRUARY 3, 2025



SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 ❖ 1:00 P.M.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

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Prelude

Sonate pian' e forte	Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness.	Johann Sebastian Bach
Air on the G String	J. S. Bach
Concerto in D Minor (Adagio).	Antonio Vivaldi/J. S. Bach
Aria, from the <i>Goldberg Variations</i>	J. S. Bach; arr. Maria Fuller
Sheep May Safely Graze	J. S. Bach; arr. Noel Rawsthorne
Largo, from "Winter".	A. Vivaldi; arr. Charles Schuchat
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.	J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

***Hymn 35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139:1–12
Romans 8:31–39

Words of Remembrance

Anthem

Do Not Be Afraid Philip Stopford

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28–31

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Life of John Buchanan

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.

*Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
 raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
 thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words of Promise

Anthem

Sing Me to Heaven Daniel Gawthrop

Unison Prayer

O God,
 you have designed this world
 and know all things good for us.
Give us such faith that,
 by day and by night,
 in all times and in all places,
 we may without fear
 entrust those who are dear to us to your never-failing love,
 in this life and in the life to come;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Benediction

Recessional Amazing Grace

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Linda C. Loving, *former Fourth Church Associate Pastor*

Tom Are Jr., *Interim Pastor*

Adam Fronczek, *former Fourth Church Associate Pastor*

John W. W. Sherer, *former Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music*

Douglas Cleveland, *Interim Organist and Director of Music*

Members of the Morning Choir

Tower Brass; *Charlie Schuchat, Artistic Director*

Luke McKee, *bagpiper*

READER

Leszek Pytka

REMEMBRANCES

William P. Buchanan

Diane E. Buchanan

John R. Buchanan

Andrew K. Buchanan



The family invites you to Anderson Hall for a reception after the service. You are also invited to greet the family in Buchanan Chapel on the second floor (for traffic flow reasons, please use the elevators, rather than the stairs, to go up).

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