

September 5, 2004

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**W**e flee, but God pursues. While we are on the lam, we think we are free. But all the while life is unraveling. Here is the real problem in all our running. When we refuse to be found by our Creator, we are in exile from who we were made to be. We strive to make a home in a foreign land, and it never quite works. But the longer we stay away, the less memory of our true homeland we have. The longer we run, the greater the chaos grows. As Francis Thompson wrote in *The Hound of Heaven*, “all things betray us, when we have betrayed our God.”

Gerrit Scott Dawson  
*Called by a New Name*

## 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.
- 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. Activity bags for children in worship are available outside the south transept doors.
- 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 \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. (validation is for three hours or less) and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, 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 Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).
- The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.8425.
- Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@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) Sonata III in A Major *Felix Mendelssohn*  
Andante tranquillo

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(9:30 and 11:00) Sonata III in A Major *Felix Mendelssohn*  
Con moto maestoso – Andante tranquillo

INTROIT “Day by Day” *Harold W. Friedell*  
Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to  
see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee  
more nearly, day by day.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *Tune: HYMN TO JOY*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 139:1–6, 13–18 (*responsively*) (page 577, O.T.)



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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Alleluia! Amen"

*Parke S. Barnard*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO  
(8:00)

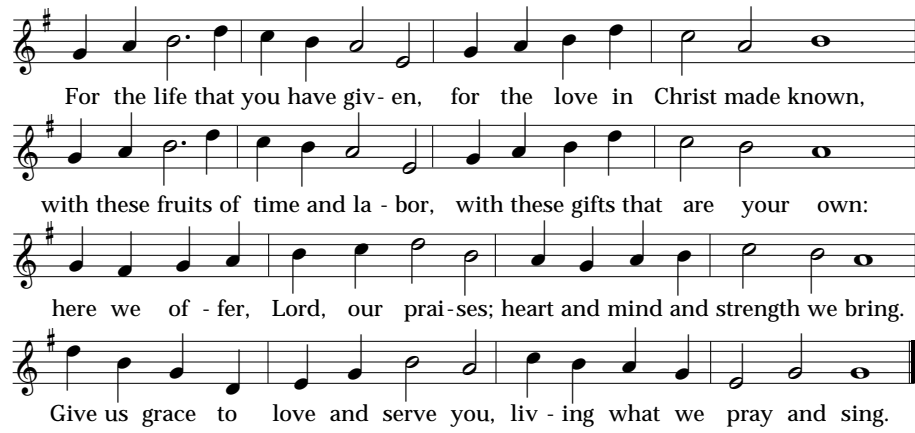
"The Bird's Song" *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth  
me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he  
leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's  
sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod  
and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"  
(9:30 and 11:00)

*C. Hubert H. Parry*

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the  
house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates,  
O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity  
in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall  
prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and  
plenteousness within thy palaces.

\*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 our hearts and minds, we give you thanks  
and praise for your goodness to us and dedicate to you  
our thoughts, our words, our gifts, our deeds, the working  
of our hands, the thinking of our minds, the loving of  
our hearts. Shield us this day, keep us from offense, and  
surround us with your love, now and for evermore. Amen

\*HYMN 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Tune:* ST. DENIO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

*William Boyce*

## IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels closest to the chancel.

**One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church**

## Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. David Aja-Sigmon, Pastoral Resident  
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families  
Nancy Enderle
- 9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate  
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families  
Nancy Enderle
- 11:00 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life  
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor  
Nancy Enderle

## The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Members of the Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock,  
soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

Fourth Church welcomes Nancy Enderle to the pulpit this morning. Nancy is a former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church and now works as a consultant and teacher in Madison, Wisconsin.

This Sunday's Minute for Mission is presented by Geoff Anderson on behalf of Music and the Arts.

A Tutoring 40th Anniversary Offering is being received today and throughout September in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Partners in Education Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts to this offering support the Tutoring Program, which each year serves more than 450 students from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. These students come to Fourth Church each week to work one-to-one with a volunteer. To learn more about becoming a tutor, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour. Special envelopes for making gifts to this offering are available in the pew racks.

The carving shown on the bulletin cover can be seen atop of the Children's Fountain. Located in the Garth, the fountain was the gift of Howard Van Doren Shaw, the Chicago-based architect who designed the Parish House, Manse, and Cloisters. Included in the carving is the verse "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

## Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, September 24.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).