

FOURTH  
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CHURCH



A LIGHT IN THE CITY

*Just as I am.* . . . Though the words sound lachrymose to many, for me they still convey a sense of comfort and assurance. Was I really acceptable to God “just as I am?” Was it really true that I needed no improvements, no alterations, that I could enter the presence of the Most High, the terrifying *mysterium tremendum* just as I am? If true, that was very good news to an adolescent who was always being reminded of my shortcomings and defects. But God accepted me just as I am? That was not judgment but good news. Years later when I read Paul Tillich’s famous sermon “You Are Accepted” I could hear the melody of the old hymn still humming on in the back of my mind.

Harvey Cox  
*Just as I Am*

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

## 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** O Lamb of God *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
Prelude and Fugue in C Minor *J. S. Bach*  
*arr. Ryohei Nakagawa*

**Introit** Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer,  
patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn did offer. Our sins  
by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken. Have mercy  
on us, O Jesu.

**\*Doxology and  
Invocation** (The Hymnal, 592)

**\*Hymn 261** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"  
*John J. Moment*

### A Litany of Repentance

Minister: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace  
upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and  
full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Minister: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken  
away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our  
transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Minister: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our  
life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Minister: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die  
for you, and joy of all the saints:

People: **Save us, Lord.**

Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: **grant us peace.**

### Declaration of Pardon

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### (11:00) Reception of New Members

### Concerns of the Church

**Psalter** Psalm 63:1-8 (responsively) (page 527, O.T.)

**Anthem** "To Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift Up My Soul"  
*Sergei Rachmaninoff*  
To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. My God, I trust in thee.

**First Lesson** Isaiah 55:1-9 (page 685, O.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)  
(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Church School classes.

**Second Lesson** Luke 14:15-24 (page 77, N.T.)

**Sermon** by John M. Buchanan

THE INVITATION

“Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” Luke 14:23 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 370** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *Charlotte Elliott*

**\*Apostles’ Creed** (traditional)

**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  
and 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.**

**Response** Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee. All things are passing; God never changeth. Patience gains all things. Who hath God wanteth not. Alone God sufficeth. Amen.

**Offering**

(8:00) **Offertory Solo** “Repent of All Your Sin” *J. S. Bach*  
Laura Kubelka, alto

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem** “Let This Mind Be in You” *Amy Beach*  
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things underneath the earth, and that every tongue should confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Cole Seaton, tenor  
Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano

**\*Presentation of the Offering and Response**

“For the Life That You Have Given”

*Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

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 - see; 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**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **God of mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, for the breaking of his body for our sakes, to seal us in the covenant of your love. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance, and guide us in ways of righteousness. Take our humble offerings as tokens of our commitment to follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*American folk hymn*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**

Canzon

*Giovanni Gabrieli  
arr. Philip Jones*

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\*Stand as you are able.

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## Today's Worship

**Ministers** 8:00: Donna Gray, Paulo França, and John M. Buchanan  
9:30: Steven Runholt, Carol J. Allen, and John M. Buchanan  
11:00: John A. Cairns, Carol J. Allen, and John M. Buchanan

**Vespers Leaders** 6:30: Calum I. MacLeod and Dana Ferguson

**The Music Today** 8:00: The Chancel Choir  
9:30: The Morning Choir, Children's and Youth Choirs,  
and Tower Brass  
11:00: The Morning Choir and Tower Brass  
6:30: The Vespers Choir

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, under the direction of Matthew Comerford, assists in the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services this morning, as they do each third Sunday of the month between September and June.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) wrote the text of this morning's hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" in 1834. In 1821, she had become a permanent invalid as the result of an illness. The following year, she heard Cesar Malan, an evangelist from Geneva, say, "Come as you are, a sinner, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." Elliott considered this moment as her spiritual birthday and celebrated it yearly. About this hymn, her brother wrote, "In the course of a long ministry, I hope I have been permitted to see some fruits of my labors, but I feel far more has been done by a single hymn of my sister's."

- > FOR LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SEE AN USHER.
- > Child care for infants and toddlers is available in Westminster 14.
- > Please pass the registration pads during the Concerns of the Church, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to register and greet one another following the service.
- > Individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex.

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## Directory

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|-------------------|---|
| John M. Buchanan  | Pastor                                  |
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| Donna Gray        | Interim Associate Pastor                |
| Calum I. MacLeod  | Interim Associate Pastor                |
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| Paulo França      | Pastoral Resident                       |
| Steven Runholt    | Pastoral Resident                       |
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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO  
**Vespers Service**

6:30 p.m.

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

**Prelude** Echo Fantasia in Dorian Mode *Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Where Christ walks,  
People: **we will follow.**  
Leader: Where Christ stumbles  
People: **we will stop.**

Leader: Where Christ cries,  
People: **we will listen.**  
Leader: Where Christ suffers,  
People: **we will hurt.**

Leader: When Christ dies,  
People: **we will bow our heads in sorrow.**  
Leader: When Christ rises again in glory,  
People: **we will share his endless joy.**

Leader: There is no other way;  
People: **he is the only way.**

**\*Hymn 76** "My Song Is Love Unknown" *Samuel Crossman*

**Litany for Lent**

Leader: Son of Mary,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Carpenter of Nazareth,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Healer of the sick,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Bringer of good news,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Savior of the poor,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Disturber of the mighty,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Contradictor of the smooth,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: Destroyer of false religion,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: You, who move towards Jerusalem, trailing hope and hell  
behind you,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**  
Leader: You, who call us sister, mother, brother, friend, and who  
ask us to come with you,  
All: **have mercy upon us.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Concerns of the Church**

**Psalter** Psalm 51 (The Hymnal, 196)

**Anthem** "Lamb of God" *F. Melius Christiansen*  
Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient,  
still, and lowly, thyself to scorn did offer. Our sins by thee  
were taken, or hope had us forsaken. Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

**Scripture Lesson** John 11:17-44 (page 105, N.T.)

**Communion Meditation** by Dana Ferguson

TRUSTING THE LENTEN JOURNEY

"They said to him, 'Lord, come and see [where we have  
laid him].' Jesus began to weep." John 11:34-35 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn 85** "What Wondrous Love Is This" *American folk hymn*  
**\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Offering**  
**Offertory Anthem**

"Wilt Thou Forgive" *Randall Giles*  
Wilt thou forgive the sin where I begun, which was my sin, though it were done before? Wilt thou forgive that sin through which I run and do run still though still I do deplore? When thou hast done, thou has not done, for I have more. Wilt thou forgive that sin with which I have won others to sin and made my sin their door? Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year, or two, but wallowed in a score? I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore. But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now and heretofore. And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

**\*Doxology**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
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.**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Communion**

**Closing Responses**

Leader: The cross,  
People: **we shall take it.**  
Leader: The bread,  
People: **we shall break it**  
Leader: The gospel,  
People: **we shall live it.**  
Leader: The love,  
People: **we shall give it.**  
Leader: The light,  
People: **we shall cherish it**  
Leader: The darkness,  
People: **God shall perish it. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 363** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" *African-American spiritual*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Echo Fantasia in Aeolian Mode

*J. P. Sweelinck*

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO  
**Coming Fourth**

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**IF YOU ARE NEW TO  
FOURTH CHURCH**

Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and ask you to register your name on the pew pad. We invite you to

- > identify yourself by wearing a Fourth Church lapel pin, located in the pew racks
- > attend Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall following the morning worship services for fellowship and conversation; visit the *Welcome Table* and the *Deacons' Information Table* to learn about church programs and volunteer opportunities
- > tour the church building at 12:15 p.m., beginning at the rear of the Sanctuary
- > attend an Inquirers' Class and explore Presbyterian history and beliefs either **Sunday, March 25**, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; **Monday, April 2**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or **Saturday, April 7**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon .

This class is a prerequisite for membership. No prior registration is necessary. For further information, contact Nan Birmingham at (312) 787-2729, ext. 210.

You are invited to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church. For more information, see an usher or minister, or visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**TODAY AT  
FOURTH CHURCH**

**The Advocacy Table** in Anderson Hall provides an opportunity to sign a petition urging Illinois state legislators to support full funding for three important programs serving immigrants and refugees in the state. The petition comes from the InterChurch Refugee and Immigration Ministries, the local Church World Service affiliate.

**Fourthlights** (40s and older) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room to learn simple chiropractic strategies to relieve pressure, reduce pain, and improve health. Steven Arculeo, a board certified chiropractic physician, will present the program. Next Sunday's meeting will provide

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**Albania Work Trip  
Meeting Today**

Fourth Church is planning a work trip to Lezhe, Albania, this August 3-12. Those interested in helping build a playground at a Lezhe school are invited to an informational meeting today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Come learn more about this opportunity to spend a week in the mission field. Applications for the trip are available in the literature racks.

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opportunity to discuss recent Fourthlights programs while getting to know one another better.

**Academy for Faith and Life** courses meeting at 9:30 a.m. are "New Testament Survey," taught by John Cairns; "The Future of Cabrini" (see below); and the John Knox Bible Study. The 11:00 a.m. courses are "Forgiveness and Reconciliation," taught by Jana French, and "Judaism and Islam," taught by Azam Nizamuddin.

**Sunday school classes** meet at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**The "Future of Cabrini-Green" series** continues at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall, South Balcony. Today's guest speakers will discuss the path to self-sufficiency.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room for a Lenten study of Barbara Brown Taylor's sermon series *God in Pain: Teaching Sermons on Suffering*.

**A storytelling party** for children and families takes place at 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room, with stories told by Denise Barry-Hanna. Lunch foods will be served.

**Venture Fourth** (30s and 40s) meets for its weekly Sunday spiritual reflection at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. Those interested in going for brunch in the area should meet in the Chestnut Street lobby at 12:30 p.m.



**The Junior High Youth**

Group meets in the Crow's Nest at 2:00 p.m. for lunch and games before attending the 3:00 p.m. concert by the Wooster Chorus.

**The Senior High Youth**

**Group** meets at 4:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for dinner and discussion of the question, What does it mean to live the Christian life?

**Fourthcomers** (20s and 30s) has an open house at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. Come make new friends or visit with old ones. For more information, including directions, call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385.

**During Lent**, Fourth Church will receive a One Great Hour of Sharing offering in support of the Center for Whole Life, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Special envelopes are available in the pew racks. Offerings also may be made by writing "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Chrysalis Circle**, for women emerging into the values and virtues of midlife, will participate in a special arts project on Monday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. To make a reservation for a light supper, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

**"Procrastination: The Thief of Time"** will be the topic of Judith Schneider's presentation at the Center for Older Adults on Tuesday, March 20 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

**Fourthcomers Book Group**

discusses *Portnoy's Complaint* by Philip Roth on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home. For directions, call the Fourthcomers Infoline at ext. 385.

**Young Adult Bible Study**

meets on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**Mothers Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Noonday Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, March 21 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**The Wednesday Lenten**

**worship service**, an opportunity to observe the season through song, prayer, and meditation, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on Wednesday, March 21.

**The Center for Older**

**Adults** has already met two of the three Lilly Residents. On Thursday, March 22 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room, they will meet the third: Steve Runholt.

**Venture Fourth** meets at Cru on Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. to "wind down after work." Look for the people wearing blue buttons!

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**Wooster Chorus in Concert Today**

The Wooster Chorus will sing a free concert at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. The choir represents the College of Wooster, in Wooster, Ohio, one of the country's oldest Presbyterian colleges. A freewill offering will be received.

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**Fourthnights** (40s and up)

meets for "Quantum Creativity: Transforming the Way You Work" on Friday, March 23 in Anderson Hall. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m. RSVP by March 20 to ext. 494.

**Fourthcomers Discernment**

**Dinner** meets at Pasha on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the meaning of temptation and Lent. RSVP to Anne Crow at ext. 369 no later than Thursday, March 22.

**Fourthlights** meets for a condo party and buffet dinner at a member's home on Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call the Fourthlights Infoline at ext. 494.

**Invite friends and visitors**

to learn more about Fourth Church at an open house to be held on Saturday, March 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be music in the Sanctuary, staff available to answer questions, and refreshments.

**Recent visitors to Fourth**

**Church** are invited to a brunch on Sunday, April 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to Anne Crow at ext. 369 by Wednesday, March 28.

**A prayer service** and the installation of blue bows on the trees outside the Cloisters will begin the observance of National Child Abuse Awareness month at Fourth Church. Join Presbyterian Women in Fourth Church on Monday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m. for the prayer service, held under the Cloisters. The bows will be tied on the trees immediately afterwards. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel on Tuesday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Fourth Church Men's Group** meets on Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Al Gini, author of *My Job, My Self*, will discuss how people's careers affect who they are. Make reservations for this breakfast gathering by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 6 by calling the church receptionist at (312) 787-4570.

#### **Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter**

>Contributions toward the Easter flowers that will decorate the Sanctuary this year can be made by using the "Easter Flowers" cards in the literature racks. The names of those honored or memorialized by these contributions will be printed in the Easter bulletin. For more information, call Carroll Cole at ext. 252.

>A Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, will be held at Sinai Congregation Temple, 15 W. Delaware, on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Michael Sternfield will lead participants through the Haggadah, the Jewish ritual for the seder, and a buffet supper will be included. A limited number of tickets are available during Coffee Hours and, during the week, at the Fourth Church reception desk. For more information, call Jeanette Krenek at ext. 256.

>Easter brunch tickets are available during Coffee Hour and, during the week, from the church receptionist. The brunch will be held after the 11:00 a.m. Easter service on Sunday, April 15.

**An event recognizing those who have included Fourth Church** in their estate plans will be held in May. Those who have Fourth Church listed in these plans are asked to call Marissa Montano at ext. 233.

**Travel to Egypt with John Buchanan and John Cairns** this October 14-28. Copies of the itinerary and enrollment form are available in the literature racks. For more information, call Jeanette Krenek at ext. 256.

**Devotions for Lent** are available in the literature racks or at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). To receive them by e-mail, send e-mail addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

#### **Volunteers needed:**

> Christopher House, which annually serves children and families at seven Chicago sites, needs volunteers to serve in ongoing capacities and at one-time

events. (Contact: Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.)

>The Deacons Youth Summer Tennis Camp, held June 18-July 26 this year, needs volunteers, with or without tennis experience, to work with inner-city youth. (Contact: Tennis Camp Infoline at ext. 394.)

To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at ext. 463.

**The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center**, a ministry of Fourth Church, is a mental health resource for the community. The Center offers individual, couples', and premarital counseling by professionals from a variety of disciplines. Information about the Center can be found in the brochure in the literature racks or by calling (312) 787-8425.

**Career Transitions Center**, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring member, offers weekly job search skill building seminars. On April 7 it also will hold the one-day workshop "Dragons and Dreams: What's Draggin' Your Dream about Your Career?" For more information or to enroll, call the Center at (312) 906-9908.

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## **McCormick Extends Invitation to Fourth Church**

Fourth Church members and friends are invited to take a McCormick Theological Seminary course that will meet at Fourth Church beginning Wednesday, March 28.

"History of the American Presbyterian Church," taught by Kenneth Sawyer, may be audited or taken for credit. For more information, contact John Cairns at ext. 289 or [jcairns@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jcairns@fourthchurch.org).

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#### **ABOUT THE COVER**

Carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the pulpit, an unfolding flower grows out of a crown of thorns, providing an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection.



## SONGS OF THE SPIRIT: The Poetic Vision of the Psalmist

Led by J. Barrie Shepherd

Friday and Saturday, March 23-24  
at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Each Lent, Fourth Church offers a retreat for reflection and renewal. This year we are pleased to welcome author and well-known Presbyterian pastor J. Barrie Shepherd as the leader of this time for spiritual exploration. Join him Friday evening for dinner and a worship service and on Saturday morning for continental breakfast followed by a close look at the psalms as poetry, prayer, and praise.

To register for the retreat, pick up a Lenten Retreat brochure from the literature racks or contact Sheila Cotter at (312) 787-2729, ext. 202 (scotter@fourthchurch.org).

*Mr. Shepherd also will be the guest preacher at next Sunday's 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.*

## Weekly Calendar

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| <b>Sunday, March 18</b>    |   |                              |
| 7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.    | Nursery   | Westminster 14               |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>           | <b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>       | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| 8:45 a.m.                  | Children's and Youth Choirs rehearsal               | Choir Room                   |
| 9:00 a.m.                  | Coffee Hour   | Anderson Hall                |
| 9:15 a.m.                  | Fourthlights  | Dining Room                  |
| 9:30 a.m.                  | "The Future of Cabrini-Green"                       | Anderson Hall, South Balcony |
| 9:30 a.m.                  | Fourth Forum  | Large Conference Room        |
| 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.        | Sunday school                                       | Westminster House            |
| 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.   | Academy for Faith and Life                          | Parish House                 |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>           | <b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>       | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Coffee Hour   | Anderson Hall                |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Cherub Choir rehearsal                              | Choir Room                   |
| 11:00 a.m.                 | Storytelling Party                                  | Dining Room                  |
| 11:00 a.m.                 | Venture Fourth                                      | Manse                        |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>          | <b>Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching</b>       | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| 12:15 p.m.                 | Coffee Hour   | Anderson Hall                |
| 12:15 p.m.                 | Albania Work Trip meeting                           | Randolph Room                |
| 12:15 p.m.                 | Church Tour begins                                  | Sanctuary                    |
| 12:15 p.m.                 | Intercessory Prayer                                 | Stone Chapel                 |
| 2:00 p.m.                  | Junior High Youth Group                             | Crow's Nest                  |
| 3:00 p.m.                  | Concert: Wooster Chorus                             | Sanctuary                    |
| 4:00 p.m.                  | Senior High Youth Group                             | Crow's Nest                  |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Night Community Supper                       | Dining Room                  |
| 5:30 p.m.                  | Vespers Choir rehearsal                             | Sanctuary                    |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>           | <b>Vespers Service Ms. Ferguson and Mr. MacLeod</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| 7:30 p.m.                  | Coffee Reception                                    | Loggia                       |
| 7:30 p.m.                  | Fourthcomers  | (see announcement)           |
| <b>Monday, March 19</b>    |   |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                  | Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday              | Blair Chapel                 |
| 9:00 a.m.                  | Center for Older Adults, Monday through Friday      | Chestnut Street Lobby        |
| 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.          | Tutoring, Monday through Thursday                   | Westminster House            |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Chrysalis Circle                                    | Activity Center              |
| <b>Tuesday, March 20</b>   |   |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                  | Fourthcomers Book Group                             | (see announcement)           |
| 7:00 p.m.                  | Chancel Choir rehearsal                             | Sanctuary                    |
| 7:30 p.m.                  | Young Adult Bible Study                             | Randolph Room                |
| <b>Wednesday, March 21</b> |   |                              |
| 9:30 a.m.                  | Mothers Bible Study                                 | Large Conference Room        |
| 12:10 p.m.                 | Noonday Bible Study                                 | Large Conference Room        |
| 1:00 p.m.                  | Prayer meeting                                      | Center for Whole Life        |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Community Supper                                    | Anderson Hall                |
| 7:30 p.m.                  | Lenten Worship                                      | Blair Chapel                 |
| <b>Thursday, March 22</b>  |   |                              |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Venture Fourth                                      | (see announcement)           |
| <b>Friday, March 23</b>    |   |                              |
| 12:10 p.m.                 | Concert: Susan Nigro, contrabassoon                 | Sanctuary                    |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Lenten Retreat                                      | Dining Room                  |
| 6:30 p.m.                  | Fourthlights  | Anderson Hall                |
| <b>Saturday, March 24</b>  |   |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                  | Lenten Retreat                                      | Anderson Hall                |
| <b>Sunday, March 25</b>    |   |                              |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>           | <b>Morning Worship Mr. Cairns preaching</b>         | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>           | <b>Morning Worship J. Barrie Shepherd preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>          | <b>Morning Worship J. Barrie Shepherd preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>           | <b>Vespers Service Mr. Franca and Dr. Boyle</b>     | <b>Sanctuary</b>             |

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