

September 14, 2003

*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

**S**o Socrates was mistaken: it's not the unexamined life that is not worth living; it's the uncommitted life. There is no smaller package in the world than that of a person all wrapped up in himself. Love is our business; if we can't love, we're out of business. And all this Christians learn primarily through the words and deeds of that "love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down." In short, love is the core value of Christian life.

William Sloane Coffin

## 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.

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 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, October 5, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, October 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and New Members, at 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 for Congregational Care, at 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 Stephens in the Children and Family Ministry office at 640.2578 (jstephens@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) Prelude and Fugue in E Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue in E Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
"Andante" from *Symphonie Gothique*  
*Charles Marie Widor*  
Trumpet Tune *Michael McCabe*

INTROIT "Praise Ye the Lord" *Donald Cashmore*  
Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30 and 11:00)

UNISON PRAYER      Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our  
(9:30 and 11:00)      own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us  
strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

COMMISSIONING OF CHOIR AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS  
(8:00 and 11:00)

ANTHEM      "God Be in My Head"      *John Rutter*  
God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine  
eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my  
speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine  
end and in my departing.

FIRST LESSON      Proverbs 1:20–23, 32–33      (page 584, O.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*GLORIA PATRI      (The Hymnal, 579)  
(9:30 and 11:00) *Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.*

SECOND LESSON      Mark 8:31–38      (page 44, N.T.)

SERMON      by Joanna M. Adams  
THE CHOICE OF A LIFETIME  
"He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,  
'If any want to become my followers, let them deny  
themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"  
Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 422      "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"  
Tune: BEACH SPRING

\*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.

##### CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

*Orlando Gibbons*

#### OFFERING

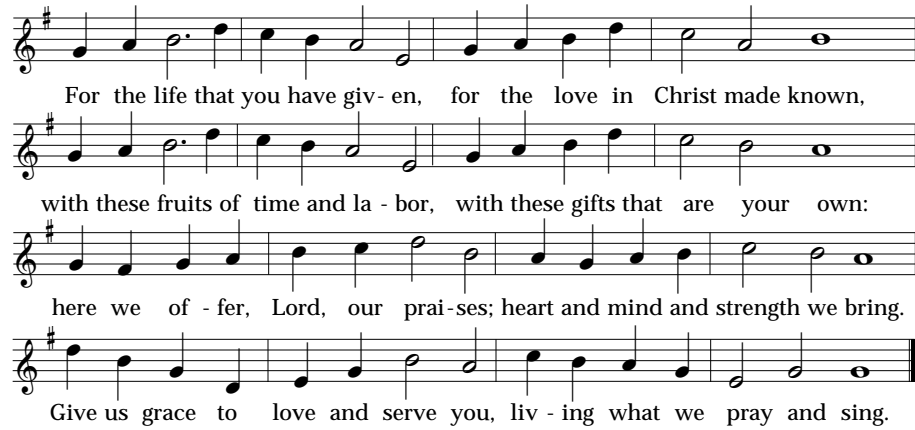
##### OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"O Viridissima Virga" *Hildegard of Bingen*  
Hail, O greenest branch, sprung forth in the airy breezes of the  
prayers of the faithful. So the time has come that your sprays  
have flourished. Hail to you because the heat of the sun has  
exuded from you the aroma of balm, for the beautiful flower  
sprang from you which gave all parched perfumes their aroma.  
And they have radiated anew in their full freshness. Whence the  
skies bestowed dew upon the pasture, and all the earth was made  
joyful because her womb brought forth corn, and because the  
birds of the firmament built their nests in her. Then there was  
harvest ready for all and a great rejoicing of banqueters, whence  
O sweet virgin, no joy is lacking in you. Eve rejected all these  
things. Let there be praise to the highest.

##### OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Alleluia" (9:30 and 11:00)

*Alessandro Scarlatti*

\*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: O God, creator of this pleasant world and giver  
of all good things, we thank you for our home on earth  
and for the joy of living. Each thing we have received,  
from you it came, O God. Each thing for which we hope,  
from your love it will be given. Kindle in our hearts  
within a flame of love to our neighbors, to our foes,  
to our friends, to our loved ones all, from the lowliest  
thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all,  
for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 132

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

*Tune:* ABBOT’S LEIGH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE  
(8:00)

Tocatta in E Minor

*J. S. Bach*

POSTLUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Jamaican folk melody  
arr. John Behnke*

# BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”  
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

**O**n the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Natalie Ann Carlisle, daughter of Whitney and Stephanie Carlisle*

*Angeline Evelyn DeBoer, daughter of David and Karin DeBoer*

*Thompson Hebert Fuentes, son of Steven Fuentes and Cynthia Pike-Fuentes*

*Anne Manning Gundeck, daughter of Ethan and Elizabeth Gundeck*

*Louisa Gravel Gundeck, daughter of Ethan and Elizabeth Gundeck*

*Ella Corinne O'Neil, daughter of Patrick and Penny O'Neil*

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Peter Webster Ells, son of David and Susan Ells*

*Ty David Kickhaefer, son of Kevin and Suzanne Kickhaefer*

*Clayton Griffith Kies and Quintin Carl Kies, twin sons of Bill and Beth Kies*

*Erica Norene O'Neil, daughter of Dan and Kristin O'Neil*

*Madelyn Lois Pieper, daughter of Paul and Lynne Pieper*

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Tamara Leonard, Pastoral Resident  
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
and New Members  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
and New Members  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Ann Marie Boyle, 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

Today's commissioning of the choirs, ushers, Sunday school teachers and staff, youth leaders, coffee hour hosts, and welcomers is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

The Chancel Choir, which sings during 8:00 morning worship during the school year, rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information about singing with the choir, contact John Sherer, Director of Music, at 981.3592.

Fourth Church is receiving an offering throughout September to support the programs of Partners in Education. Gifts to this special offering can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing, on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, the name of the PIE program you wish to support (see envelope for list of programs).

### 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 Blair Chapel.

A Jazz Vespers service, featuring musical leadership by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble, will be held next Sunday, September 21, 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 26.

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).

Today's sermon will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) by this Friday.

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).