

The church is not a club for those who have arrived, spiritually speaking. Rather it is a fellowship of spiritual traveling companions who are still very much on the way. We follow Jesus together, and we invariably do so less than perfectly. To join a church does not mean that you have finally reached some requisite level of spiritual high-jumping. It means you are ready to make the leap of faith.

Michael Lindvall
The Christian Life

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 join us for brunch today at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 12:00 noon.

Please come as you are. If you are unable to attend brunch, please stop by the Welcome Table in Anderson Hall after worship.

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 Sunday, October 5 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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) Prière from *Suite Gothique* Leon Boëllmann

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prière from *Suite Gothique* Leon Boëllmann
Fantasy in E-flat Major Camille Saint-Saëns

INTROIT “Splendor of God’s Brightest Glory” Aaron David Miller
Splendor of God’s brightest glory, leading forth with light from
light. Day illuminating daylight; new beginnings of new light.
With the radiance of the Spirit, fill us in our ev’ry sense. O Light
of light, O Day of days, now shine on us your brightest ray.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 442 “The Church’s One Foundation” Tune: AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses
against you. You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sor ry for all we have done
to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live
in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

COMMISSIONING OF PASTORAL RESIDENTS (11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “With a Voice of Singing” *Martin Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard,
Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath
delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be
glorious.

PSALTER Psalm 91 (*responsively*) (page 548, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 16:13–20 (page 18, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
THE BUILDER
“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of
Hades will not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (NRSV)

*HYMN 420 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

*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"

William Munday

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre" *George Frederick Handel*
Oh, had I Jubal's lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice! To sounds like
his I would aspire, in songs like hers rejoice. My humble strains
but faintly show how much to heav'n and thee I owe.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(8:30 and 11:00)

"O Word of God Incarnate" *A. D. Miller*
O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high, we praise you
for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our
footsteps shines from age to age. The church from you, dear
Savior, received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted on the
earth to shine. Chart and compass guide our voyage all life
through, 'mid rocks and quicksands, guide us, Christ, to you.
Make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear
before the nations your light as of old. O teach your wand'ring
pilgrims, Lord, by this our path to trace, till all storms are ended,
we see you face to face.

*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: Gracious God, we praise you for all your mercies:
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
your love that has redeemed us, and for your church
which has baptized, nurtured and challenged us
along the way. Bless our church now and in
the days ahead. May we show the light of your love
for the world, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN "Splendor of God's Brightest Glory"

A. D. Miller

Splendor of God's brightest glory, leading forth with light from light.
Day illuminating daylight; new beginnings of new light.
With the radiance of the Spirit, fill us in our ev'ry sense.
O Light of light, O Day of days, now shine on us your brightest ray.

With our prayers we call upon thee, giver of unending grace.
Set aside our poor offenses; fire our hearts to sing your praise.
Prosper us in times of sorrow; grant us grace to bring us through.
O Light of light, O Day of days, now shine on us your brightest ray.

Guide and rule our understanding, spark a pure and faithful heart;
Fervent faith and true devotion, far from pretense, set apart.
Sober drunkenness of spirit, let us drown in deepest joy.
O Light of light, O Day of days, now shine on us your brightest ray.

Let this day be spent rejoicing, shame be as the dimmest dawn.
Let our faith break forth in radiance, darkness scattered, swept, and gone.
Christ complete within the Father, Father set within the Word.
O Light of light, O Day of days, now shine on us your brightest ray.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

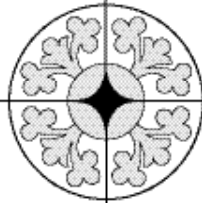
Grand Chorus from *Joshua*

G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Tu es Petra (Thou Art Peter)

Henri Mulet



A Light in the City Sharing God's Grace

Fourth Presbyterian Church

As we celebrate the beginning of our Capital Campaign today, our worship reflects the campaign theme, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace."

The closing hymn "Splendor of God's Brightest Glory" as well as the anthem "O Word of God Incarnate" are new pieces composed by Aaron David Miller especially for Fourth Presbyterian Church and its Capital Campaign. Both pieces by the former Fourth Church Associate Organist remind us, through their many references to light, of our mission to be "A Light in the City," sharing God's grace.

The art installation of stars and doves is also reflective of the Stewardship and Capital Campaign theme of Sharing God's Grace. Created by California artist Nancy Chinn, the installation includes hundreds of stars of different sizes, shapes, and colors, reflecting the individuality and diversity in our faith community. Together with the doves, symbols of God's presence and grace, they mirror the light, reminding us of the abundance of God's grace to us and our gifts to others. The life of faithfulness surrounds us with reflections of God, reflections that are among the gifts received and that we are called to share.

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults
and New Members
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults
and New Members
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Valerie Clark, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

New pastoral residents David Aja-Sigmon and Julie Kim are being commissioned today. Recent seminary graduates, they will carry pastoral responsibilities while being mentored by the staff and congregation of Fourth Church. They join Tamara Leonard Lara and Wendy Mathewson, who are in the second year of the two-year residency program.

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 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, October 24.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today's sermon will be available online at 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 by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.