

January 11, 2004

First Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is faith? Faith is being grasped by the power of love. Faith is recognizing that what makes God is infinite mercy, not infinite control; not power, but love unending. Faith is recognizing that if at Christmas Jesus became like us, it was so that we might become more like him. We know what that means: watching Jesus heal the sick, empower the poor, and scorn the powerful, we see transparently the power of God at work. Watching Zacchaeus climb the tree a crook and come down a saint, watching Paul set out a hatchet man for the Pharisees and return a fool for Christ, we know that our lives too can become channels for divine mercy to flow out to save the lost and the suffering.

William Sloane Coffin
Credo

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 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, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, 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, 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) Shall We Gather at the River *John Ferguson*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord *Johann Sebastian Bach*
When Jesus Came to Jordan *Ennis Fruhauf*
Shall We Gather at the River *John Ferguson*

INTROIT “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” *Scottish Psalter*
Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 63 “As with Gladness Men of Old” *Tune: DIX*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. 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 (9:30 and 11:00) Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our 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

PSALTER Psalm 29 (*responsively*) (page 504, O.T.)

ANTHEM "The Baptism of Jesus" *Peter Hallock*

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man and were baptized from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1–7 (page 672, 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 Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 (page 60, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

GRASPED BY THE POWER OF LOVE

"Do not fear . . . ; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1 (NRSV)

*HYMN 361 "How Firm a Foundation" *Tune: FOUNDATION*

*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 "Alleluia, Amen"

Parke Barnard

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "O! Had I Jubel's Lyre"
(8:00)

George Frideric Handel

from *Joshua*
O! Had I Jubel's lyre or Miriam's tuneful voice, to sounds like
this I would aspire, in songs like hers rejoice. My humble strains
but faintly show how much to heaven and thee I owe.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Father in Heaven"
(9:30 and 11:00)

David Hurd

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan
proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the
Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized into his name may
keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as
Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and
reigns, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

*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 heaven and earth, we thank you that you call us by name and claim us as your own. Grant us your Spirit that we might live in the peace, freedom, and courage that come from knowing that we belong to you. Accept now our gratitude for your love. Accept all that we have and are, in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord, and continue to strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Tune: IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Paul Manz

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Richard Proulx

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)*

On 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

*Lauren Christine Blank, daughter of David and April Blank
Stephen Bishop Gloyd, son of Russell Gloyd and Jeanne Bishop
Kirstin Anne Palasz, daughter of Karl and Karin Palasz
Meredith Jacqueline Sheftel, daughter of Ryan and Kristine Sheftel*

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Elizabeth Blair Crawford, daughter of Richard Crawford
and Allison Pay Crawford
Brinton O’Neil D’hondt, son of Christopher and Christine D’hondt
Connor James Duncan, son of Josh and Sarah Duncan
Jack Tyler Ingemunson, son of Kirk and Kate Ingemunson
Elizabeth Nicole Ushev, daughter of Hristo and Sandy Ushev
James Edward Marvin Wegmann, son of Gary and Joan Wegmann*

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor
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The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Ann Marie Boyle, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music

Worship Notes

Ordinary Time, which begins today, is the season of the church year that falls between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent. It is a time when we celebrate the sacred in the "ordinary" as we live out our faith in everyday life.

The seven-foot hand-carved angels shown on the bulletin cover grace the tops of the piers in the nave. During the 1990s sanctuary renovation, Sunday School children adopted the angel playing the panpipe, raising money for its restoration. The hymn tune "Shall We Gather at the River" was written in 1864 by Robert Lowry, a Baptist pastor in Brooklyn. The setting heard in today's prelude began as an improvisation by John Ferguson, organist at St. Olaf College.

The art installation of stars and doves reflects the Stewardship and Capital Campaign theme, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." The hundreds of different stars represent the individuality and diversity in our faith community. Together with the doves, symbols of God's presence and grace, they mirror light, reminding us of the abundance of God's grace to us and our gifts to others.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays.

Individuals can leave their written requests in the box outside the chapel or they can pray with the Deacon who is in the 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, January 23.

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.

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