

January 9, 2005

First Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is love. That is why he suffers. To love our sinful world is to suffer. God so suffered for the world that he gave up his only Son to suffering. The one who does not see God's suffering does not see his love. God is suffering love.

So suffering is down at the center of things, deep down where the meaning is. Suffering is the meaning of our world. For love is the meaning. And love suffers. The tears of God are the meaning of history.

Instead of explaining our suffering, God shares it.

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Lament for a Son*

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. and \$6.00 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 Saturday, January 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, January 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For 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) Shall We Gather at the River *John Ferguson*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue in C Major ("Fanfare") *J. S. Bach*
Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan *J. S. Bach*
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. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed that, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 253 "I'll Praise My Maker" *Tune: OLD 113TH*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us a part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our 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

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 in from Jordan, at our last end we pray thee
say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

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

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:16–23 (page 2, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
WHERE IS GOD WHEN DISASTER STRIKES?
“The voice of the Lord is over the waters.”
Psalm 29:3 (NRSV)

*HYMN 384 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” *Tune: ST. MARGARET*

*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"

Philip Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY TRIO
(8:00)

"Benedictus" from *Mass in G Major* *Franz Schubert*
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Tribus miraculis" *Orlandus Lassus*
This holy day, adorned by three miracles, we celebrate.
Today a star led the Magi to the manger.
Today wine was made from water for the nuptials.
Today Christ undertook to be baptized by John
that he might save us all. Alleluia.

*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, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves.

As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 292

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

Tune: FOREST GREEN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Egil Hovland

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach

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
Reagan Forrester Barr, daughter of J. Andrew and Deborah Barr
Samuel George Bennett, son of David and Nancy Bennett
Ryan Kennedy Jafri, son of Rafi and Shanna Jafri
Alexander Christian Lindemann, son of Craig and Lisa Lindemann
Margaret Ann O’Connor Smith, daughter of Jeremy and Shannon Smith
Gabriel Bradford Wolter, son of Brad and Michele Wolter

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Chase Henry Coghill, son of Clint and Meg Coghill
James Anderson Georgelos, son of Andrew and Nicole Georgelos
Andrew Raitt Hepner, son of Peter and Sarah Hepner
Rachel Mary Menna, daughter of Ronald and Madaleine Menna
Sarah Jane Nicholson, daughter of Scott and Alice Lee Nicholson
Kyle Edward Osenberg, son of Derk and Marjorie Osenberg
Katherine Ann Thornton, daughter of Brian and Julie Thornton

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
Julie Kim, Pastoral Resident
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
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John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Joseph Cloonan, tenor soloist;
Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist; Laura Kubelka,
alto soloist; David Reeder, bass soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist

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

Worship Notes

A special Disaster Relief Offering is being received today to help those in Southeast Asia and Africa who have been affected by the December 26 earthquake and tsunami. Gifts to this offering will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and will help provide food, shelter, and clean water to those in need. Disaster Relief Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks; gifts to this offering can also be made by writing "Tsunami Disaster" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The architectural detail depicted on the bulletin cover shows the stone and ceiling vault ninety feet above the chancel and choir loft. Sculpted by Italian stone cutters during construction of Fourth Presbyterian Church in 1913, the carvings represent various branches of the Reformed family of churches.

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.

Daily prayer is held each weekday morning at 11:45 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, January 28.

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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