

January 16, 2005

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be co-workers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

Martin Luther King Jr.
Letter from the Birmingham Jail

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 Sunday, January 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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) Adagio from *Symphonie III* *Louis Vierne*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Choral III in A Minor *César Franck*

INTROIT "The Preces" *Richard Ayleward*
O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Praise ye, the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" *Tune: LYONS*

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" *Thomas Morley*
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

PSALTER Psalm 40:1–8 (*responsively*) (page 513, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:13–17 (page 2, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
THE GRACE OF GOD AND SOMEBODINESS
"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NRSV)

*HYMN 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Tune: AMAZING GRACE

*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 Byrd

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Psalm 142"
(8:00)

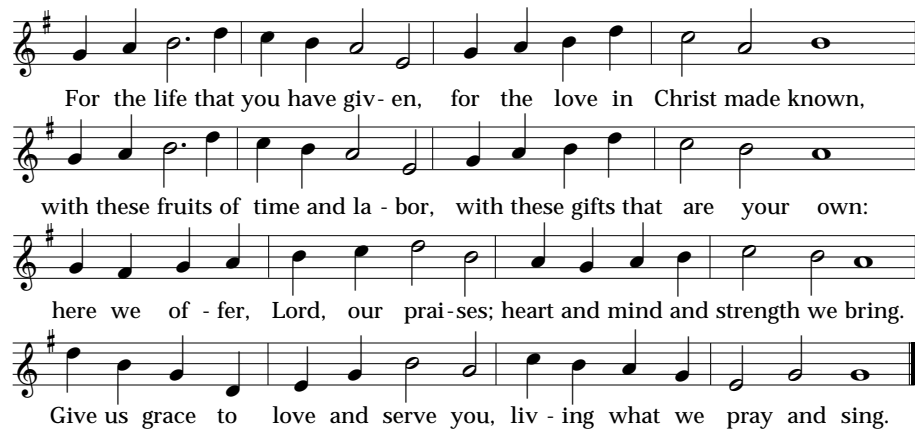
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Dies Sanctificatus"
(9:30 and 11:00)

Giovanni Croce

Day of sanctification, illuminate us. O come,
ye nations, and worship God, for upon this day
descended a great light on the earth, and the Lord has
made this day. Let us all be joyful and rejoice in it.

*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 281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Final

André Fleury

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Final from *Symphonie III*

Louis Vierne

IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels third from the rear of the church. The south angel (*left*) plays a drum, while the north angel (*right*) plays a pair of cymbals.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Richard Williams, Pastoral Resident
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Callie Thompson, 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

Thank you to all who so generously gave to the special Tsunami Disaster Relief Offering the last two Sundays. Gifts totaled \$26,213, which will be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those in need. Those who would still like to give a gift to this offering can do so by writing "Tsunami Disaster" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The text of "Amazing Grace" was written by John Newton (1725-1807) who, as a ship's captain, transported Africans to be sold as slaves but during a storm at sea had a spiritual awakening and became an Anglican priest.

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.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day. Banners now hang on the sanctuary columns as well. More information about these hangings is available in the literature racks.

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 9:00 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.

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.