

The people are boasting about their own possession of wisdom and rhetorical eloquence—or at least they are infatuated with leaders who manifest these skills.

*And the Lord said:*

*Because these people draw near with their mouths*

*and honor me with their lips,*

*while their hearts are far from me,*

*and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote;*

*so I will again do amazing things with this people. . . .*

*The wisdom of their wise shall perish*

*and the discernment of the discerning will be hidden.” (Isaiah 29:13–14)*

Isaiah’s point is the God-talk is cheap and that God’s action will shut the mouths of the wise talkers.

*Richard B. Hays*

## 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 \$7.75 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 Monday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, February 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 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) Prélude César Franck

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prélude, Fugue et Variation César Franck

INTROIT “Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” George Thalben-Ball  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”  
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength: through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 15 (*responsively*) (page 495, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Eternal Light” Leo Sowerby  
Eternal light, shine into our hearts; eternal goodness, deliver us from evil; eternal power, be our support; eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; eternal pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Micah 6:1–4, 6–8 (page 866, O.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 (page 166, N.T.)

SERMON by John A. Cairns  
WISDOM AND FOOLISHNESS

\*HYMN 100 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Tune:* ROCKINGHAM

\*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 "Precious Lord"  
(8:00)

*Thomas Dorsey*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"  
(9:30)

*African American spiritual  
arr. Greg Gilpin*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh. Soon I will be done with the trouble of the world. O children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Beatitudes"  
(11:00)

*Vasily Kalinnikov*

O Lord, remember us when thou comest into thy kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. O blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

\*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: Great and mighty God, we praise you for Christ,  
crucified for us and risen to rule at your right hand.  
We rejoice before the throne of his power and peace,  
for he has put down tyrannies that would destroy us,  
and unmasked idols claiming allegiance. We thank you  
that he alone is Lord of our lives. By your Spirit,  
give us freedom to love with his love, and to embrace  
the world with his compassion. Accept the offering of  
our lives, that we may obey your commands to serve in  
the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 392

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

*Tune:* HALL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE  
(8:00)

La Marche

*George Frideric Handel*

POSTLUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Finale from *Symphonie II*

*Charles-Marie Widor*

# Living in God

## A Lenten Pilgrimage

*Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to enrich your faith journey during the upcoming Lenten season. Please join us in the days ahead as we explore and celebrate what it means to live in God.*

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 9

12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

*Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes.*

### Sunday Worship

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

### Weekday Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

*Beginning Wednesday, February 16*

### All Church Lenten Retreat:

“It’s Not All about Me?!”

Friday evening and Saturday, February 25–26

Led by Bill Golderer

*To register or for more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.*

### Daily Lenten Devotions

Written by Fourth Church members and staff

*Lenten devotions will be available via e-mail beginning Wednesday, February 9. If you would like to receive these devotions by e-mail and you are not already on the devotions e-mail subscription list, simply send your e-mail address to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).*

*Beginning next Sunday, the devotions will also be available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) and in print form in the literature racks.*

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Richard Williams, Pastoral Resident  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 9:30 a.m. David Aja-Sigmon, Pastoral Resident  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor  
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Harrison, 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  
Beverly Escuder, Children's Choirmaster

### Worship Notes

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.

Composers César Franck (1822-1890) and Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) each worked in Paris, Franck at St. Clotilde and Widor at St. Sulpice. Today's prelude and postlude, early works for each composer, demonstrate the new and more expressive style of organ composition Franck and Widor initiated.

### 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 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, February 25.

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).