

February 6, 2005

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

Great and good God,  
give us pure hearts that we may see you,  
humble hearts that we may hear you,  
hearts of love that we may serve you,  
hearts of faith that we may live in you,  
reverent hearts that we may worship you,  
here and in the world out there,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dag Hammarskjöld  
1905–1961

## 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 \$7.00 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, death, hospitalizations; 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)

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

*J. S. Bach*

### PRELUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

Lord Jesus Christ, Abide with Us

*J. S. Bach*

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

*J. S. Bach*

### INTROIT

“The Best of Rooms”

*Gerald Near*

Christ, he requires still, wheresoever he comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms. Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part of all the house. The best of all's the heart.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

### \*HYMN 478

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *Tune: LAUDA ANIMA*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(unison)*

O God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior . Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

### FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12–18

(page 70, O.T.)

### \*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1–9

(page 18, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE MYSTERY

by John M. Buchanan

“Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.” Exodus 24:15 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 508

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” *Tune: KINGDOM*

\*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO  
(8:00)

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

*Charles H. Gabriel*

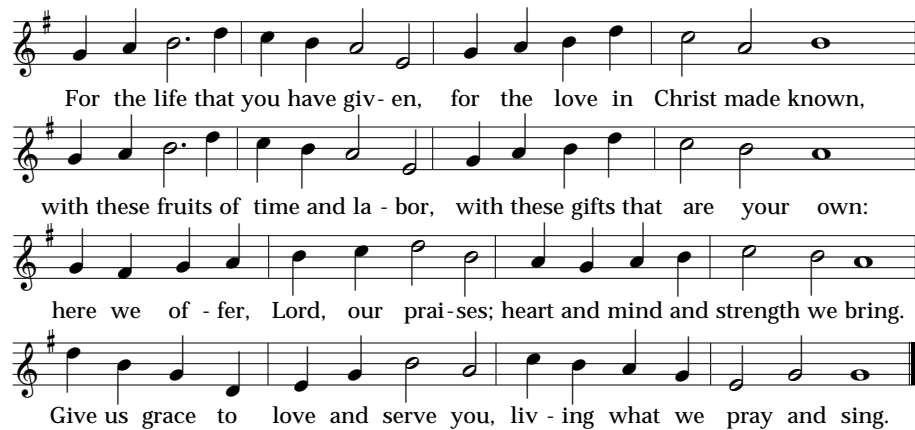
OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
(9:30 and 11:00)

“In splendenti nube”

*Peter Philips*

In the shining cloud the Holy Spirit was seen; the voice of the Father was heard, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him.” An overshadowing cloud appeared, and the Father’s voice rang forth, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him.”

\*OFFERTORY 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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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

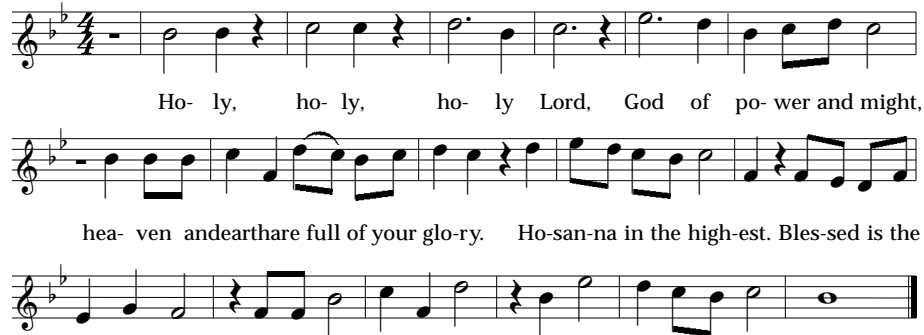
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,  
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the  
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .

. . . dedicated to your service.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

### 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.

### THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "This Is My Beloved Son" *Knut Nystedt*  
(8:00) He was still speaking when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him."

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Resplenduit facies ejus" *Tomás Luis de Victoria*  
(9:30 and 11:00) And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Alleluia.

PSALM 23 *(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*  
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparatest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*(unison)*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 269 "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand" *Tune: DUNDEE*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Toccata in B-flat Minor *Louis Vierne*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 14:19 (NRSV)*

**T**he Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the

worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

At our morning communion services, the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers first take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at evening worship and at morning worship on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

*"I am the bread of life."  
John 6:35 (NRSV)*

Portions of the text adapted from  
*The Book of Order*

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families  
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor  
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor  
Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir; Jared Metzger, baritone soloist
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Choir

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

### Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by the youth of Fourth Presbyterian Church, who today join thousands of groups around the world in collecting contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611), composer of the Communion anthem sung during 9:30 and 11:00 worship, was ordained a priest in 1575. His sacred music is regarded as some of the finest of his time.

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.

Copies of the Vespers bulletin and daily devotions written by Fourth Church staff are available in the literature racks at the back of the sanctuary.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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.

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).