

March 6, 2005

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Wishing is not
Prayer or magic,
But, somewhere in between.
Like prayer and magic,
Wishing brings optimism,
And wishing brings hope.
And like prayer and magic,
Wishing brings new ideas,
And sometimes,
The touch of new life.
And that, is essential
For our future.

Mattie J. T. Stepanek
About Wishing

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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 4 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 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) Psalm Prelude (based on Psalm 23:4) *Herbert Howells*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Symphonie III *Louis Vierne*
Adagio
Psalm Prelude (based on Psalm 23:4) *Herbert Howells*

INTROIT “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” *Richard Farrant*
Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our
sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that
we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 170 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” *Tune: CRIMOND*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak and useless when we could be useful. In our weakness, we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 23 (*in unison*) (page 501, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Brother James’s Air” *Gordon Jacob*
The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; he makes me down
to lie in pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of blessedness, even for his own name’s sake.
Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill,
for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me,
and in my Father’s heart always my dwelling place shall be.

FIRST LESSON John 9:1–12 (page 102, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:8–14 (page 194, N.T.)

SERMON by Dana Ferguson
SEEING CLEARLY
“Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is
found in all that is good and right and true.”
Ephesians 5:8b–9 (NRSV)

*HYMN 364 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” *Tune: GRAND ISLE*

*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"

Carl Wiltse

OFFERING

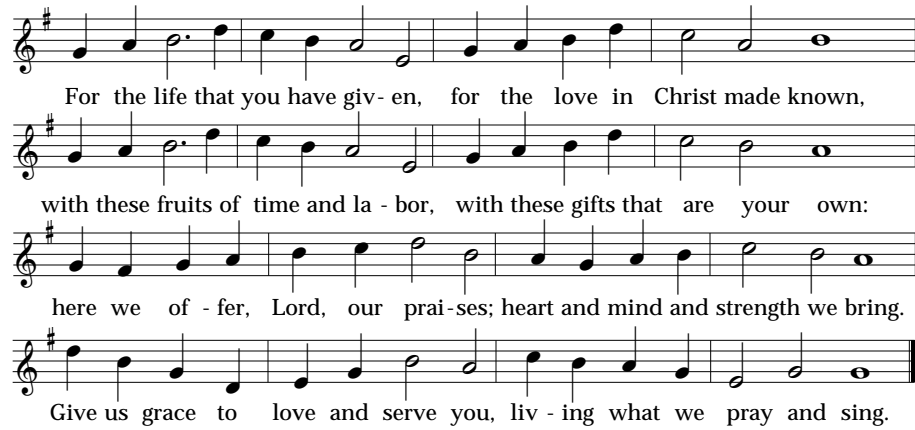
OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"A Hymne to God the Father" *Pelham Humfrey*
Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which is my sin
though it were done before? Wilt thou forgive those sins
through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
Wilt thou forgive that sin by which I've won others to sin
and made my sin their door? Wilt thou forgive that sin which
I did shun a year or two but wallowed in a score? When thou
hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin
of fear, that when I've spun my last thread I shall perish
on the shore, but swear by thyself that at my death
thy Son shall shine as he shines now and heretofore.
Having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Teach Me, O Lord" (9:30 and 11:00)

Stephen Sturk
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep
it to the end. How sweet are your words to my taste!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth. *O blest Creator
of light, who makest the day with radiance bright, and over
the forming world didst call the light from chaos first of all.*
Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

*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: We give you thanks, O God, for the wonder of
your works and the riches of your grace:
for the living Word, in Scripture and
in the risen presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior .
In our weakness and fear you have loved us and
wanted us, called us and sent us.
Thanks be to God for the gospel of grace.
And now we dedicate ourselves, our time,
talents, and money, to go forward in hope and
love to do your work in the world.
In the name of him who gave all for our sake. Amen.

*HYMN 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Interlude from *Water Music*

George Frideric Handel

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Siyahamba

South African freedom song

(We Are Marching in the Light of God) *arr. John Behnke*

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
Andrew Barclay Keller, son of Russell Keller and Anne Cartwright Keller
Elizabeth Morgan Legg, daughter of Barry and Tracy Legg
Colson Murray Liu, son of Jason Liu and Patricia Carl
Aidan Bardina Liu, son of Jason Liu and Patricia Carl
Trip James Shonkwiler, son of John and Stacey Shonkwiler

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Julian Robert Aske, son of Fred and Alison Aske
Brooke Isabel Benson, daughter of Mark and Kimberly Benson
Brandon Christopher Cowhey, son of Brian and Carrie Cowhey
Jacob Copelin Grissom, son of Douglas and Ann Grissom
Evan Isabelle Lind Hoffman,
daughter of Todd Hoffman and Susan Lind Hoffman
John Fredric Sturman, son of Jason and Molly Sturman

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Julie Kim, Pastoral Resident
Richard Williams, Pastoral Resident
Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto 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

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received today and throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program as well as the Fourth Church Partners in Education program. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The text of the hymn “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” was written by Lesbia Scott and was meant for use on Saint’s days, to impress the fact that sainthood is a living possibility today.

Today John M. Buchanan is the Perkins Lecturer at the First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he is presenting a series of six sermons March 6–8.

On the cover: Carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the pulpit, an unfolding flower grows out of a crown of thorns, providing an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ’s death and resurrection.

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 Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Midweek Lenten services are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Blair 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 except this March, when the fourth Friday is Good Friday. The next service is Friday, April 22.

Daily Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and 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.