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October 16, 2005

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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It's never too late to get on with it. . . . We have permission to amend life at any time, whether we're 35, 45, or 75. . . . Faith is always going to be demanding something of you. It is not a cold compress or a warm footbath or a cup of tea. Faith is always stretching your "is" against your "ought." It is a consolation—it strengthens you to do what you must do—but it is also a provocation, a stimulus to become the person you really want to be.

Peter Gomes

## 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.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. 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.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

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 Sunday, October 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church 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).

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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)

Simple Gifts

*Shaker melody  
arr. Andrew Clarke*

PRELUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

The Providence of God

*Orlando di Lasso  
arr. Robert King*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Johann Pachelbel*

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
arr. Charles Schuchat*

Simple Gifts

*Shaker melody  
arr. Andrew Clarke*

Praise God's Glorious Name

*Louis Spohr  
arr. D. R. Frederick*

INTROIT

"O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"

*Stephen Sturk*

O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come  
into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us  
make a joyful noise unto him with songs of praise.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 486

"When the Morning Stars Together" *Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses  
against you. You alone know how often  
we have sinned in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and  
sorry for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us  
to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM                      “We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God” *William McKie*  
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia. O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

PSALTER                      Psalm 99    *(responsively)*                      (page 552, O.T.)

\*GLORIA PATRI                      (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON    Matthew 23:1–12                      (page 25, N.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON                      by John M. Buchanan  
SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN  
“The greatest among you will be your servant.”  
Matthew 23:11 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 391                      “Take My Life”                      *Tune: HENDON*

\*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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

*Thomas Morley*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO  
(8:00)

"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" from *Messiah*  
*George Frideric Handel*  
Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made  
low, the crooked straight and the rough places made plain.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
(9:30)

"Shadrach" from *It's Cool in the Furnace*  
*Beryl Red and Grace Hawthorne*  
Shadrach! What kind of name is that? Meshach! Who has  
a name like that? Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego lived  
in Judah a long time ago. They had funny names and they  
lived far away, but they set an example you can follow today.  
This is the story that you ought to know about. Shadrach,  
Meshach, Abednego learned some lessons they want you  
to know. They did crazy things, but it worked out okay  
'cause they knew what was right and they knew what to say.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
(11:00)

"O God, Thou Art My God" *Henry Purcell*  
O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth  
for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee in a barren and dry land  
where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness that  
I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving-kindness  
is better than life itself. My lips shall praise thee. As long as  
I live will I magnify thee on this manner and lift up my hands  
in thy name because thou hast been my helper. Therefore,  
under the shadow of thy wings, will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

**\*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: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes  
 all that is good, we praise you for your mercies,  
 for your goodness that has created us,  
 your grace that has sustained us,  
 your discipline that has corrected us,  
 your patience that has borne with us, and  
 your love that has redeemed us.  
 Help us to love you, and to be thankful  
 for all your gifts by serving you and delighting  
 to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN 434**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE  
 (8:00)

Trumpet Tune in D Major

*Johann K. F. Fischer*

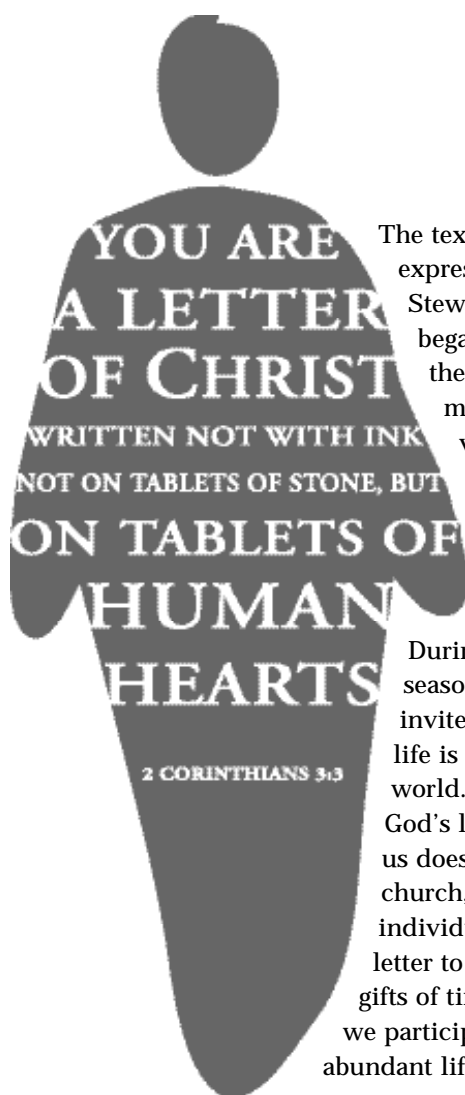
POSTLUDE  
 (9:30 and 11:00)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Samuel Scheidt  
 arr. C. Schuchat*

## STEWARDSHIP 2006

# **“You are a letter of Christ . . .”**



The text from 2 Corinthians 3:3 expresses the theme of the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, which began this past week. Throughout the month, during the Sunday morning “Minute for Mission,” various individuals will share their thoughts on being a letter of Christ. Today’s reflection will be presented by Ali Burke.

During this annual Stewardship season, the Stewardship Committee invites you too to consider how your life is and can be Christ’s letter to the world. How do you reflect God and God’s love? One way in which each of us does this is through our gifts to the church, which are part of our individual contributions to God’s letter to the world. It is through these gifts of time, talent, and treasure that we participate in God’s sharing of abundant life with all creation.

### Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Erica Schemper, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan  
9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Keith C. Harris, John M. Buchanan  
11:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Keith C. Harris, John M. Buchanan

### The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Oliver Camacho, tenor soloist  
9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; The Children's and Youth Choir;  
Mark Eldred, tenor soloist  
11:00 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Beverly Escuder, Children's Choirmaster  
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

### Worship Notes

"Shadrach," the 9:30 offertory anthem, is from the musical "It's Cool in the Furnace," which the children and youth of Fourth Church will perform this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Many thanks are in order to all the singers, parents, teachers and volunteers whose hard work and support has made this production possible.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month from September through May.

The sculpture on the bulletin cover is a floor-to-ceiling mural, created by parents and children in 2003, that hangs in Westminster House. Its life-size figures represent Fourth Church, with its members and friends each an embodied letter of Christ, representing Christ in the world and together living out the church's ministry and mission.

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. More information about these hangings can be found in the literature racks.

### Pastoral Staff

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