

Rather than have imperial ambitions, it seems best to draw on motifs of Protestantism, elements of community, scripture, tradition, memory, affection, and hope. Mainline Protestants can address the basic public issues: saving the environment; sustaining development; addressing the growing gap between the over-fed and the ill-fed, the rich and the poor; assuring rights; finding better ways than warfare for resolving conflict. Their God is the Lord of history, the God not held captive in the sanctuaries, but who in mysterious ways leads his people to address the world that unfolds before them, a world their ancestors helped to shape.

Martin E. Marty
The Protestant Voice in American Pluralism

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 Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 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 Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@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) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Johann Nicolaus Hanff*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Johann Nicolaus Hanff*
Toccata and Fugue in D Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker!” *J. S. Bach*
My soul, now bless thy maker! Let all within
me bless his name! Who maketh thee partaker
of mercies more than thou darest claim!

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 260 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer ,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and
free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and
obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our 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

ANTHEM "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune"
Ralph Vaughan Williams
(Anthem text based on Psalm 100)

PSALTER Psalm 96 (sung) (The Hymnal, 217)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:2–9, 4:1–2 (page 165, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
YOU'RE NOT STILL PROTESTING, ARE YOU?
"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and
stewards of God's mysteries." 1 Corinthians 4:1 (NRSV)

*HYMN 375 "Lord of All Good " *Tune: TOULON*

*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.

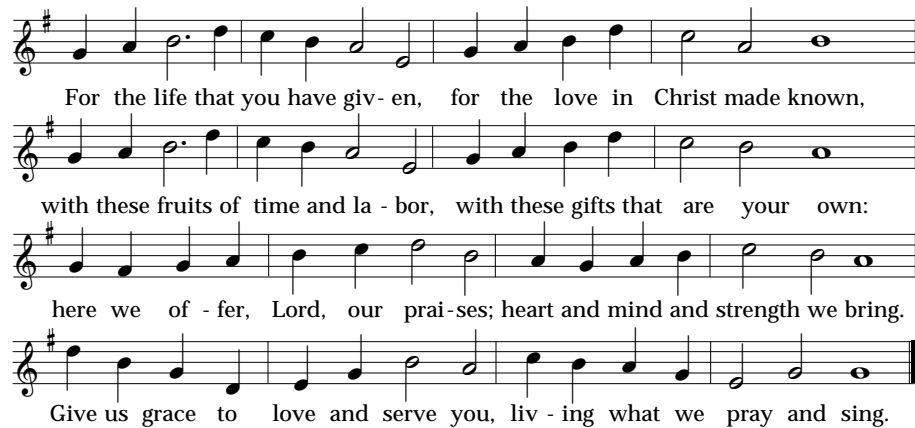
PRAYER RESPONSE "In Thee, O Lord" *Stephen Sturk*
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust,
let me never be confounded Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "God Is My Shepherd" *Antonín Dvorák*
(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Hans Leo Hassler*
(9:30 and 11:00) A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and bulwark.
He helps us free from every need that hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great
might are his dread arms in fight. On earth is not his equal.

*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: Gracious God, you call us into your church and
make us one with all your people. You feed us
with the bread of life and renew us to serve the world.
Help us to be Christ's faithful disciples so that
our daily living, as individuals and as a church,
may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love
may be your love reaching out into the life of the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“Startle Us, God”

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN
(The Hymnal, 482)

Startle us, God, by the signs of your Spirit around us!
Shake us awake for the thrust of your Word to astound us!
Rattle our doors, give our discomfort no pause,
rouse us for the work you have found us!

Wake us to see where the winds of the city are blowing,
facing the brokers of power where the currents are flowing,
finding the lost, learning what justice may cost,
feeling the pain of our growing.

Shock us by showing us Jesus, his style of direction,
welcoming, never conventional in his selection;
open our minds, teach us how prejudice blinds,
colors our culture’s reflection.

Startle us, God, into confident high expectation,
knowing the hope and the promise of new revelation,
taking your part, praising with mind and with heart,
honoring all your creation.

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BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

RECESSIONAL

Please remain seated as the bagpiper recesses down the center aisle.

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Wilhelm Marpurg

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday, a day when our worship services focus on making personal, spiritual, and financial commitments to our annual Stewardship appeal. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church this week. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. After worship, join us in a special Coffee Hour celebration of this important day in the life of our church.

Reformation Sunday

Today is also Reformation Sunday, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. The last Sunday in October has been chosen as Reformation Sunday because it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. Reformation Sunday is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

As part of our Reformation Sunday observance, we sing “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” as our opening hymn. Based on Psalm 46, the hymn was written and composed by Martin Luther in 1529 and soon became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. By 1900, the hymn had been translated into more than eighty languages, and today, nearly five-hundred years later, more than two hundred versions of “A Mighty Fortress” are in common usage.

Also as part of our observance of Reformation Sunday, bagpiper Alison Gerlach will play a recessional, reminding us of the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian church.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Patrick Daymond, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Callie Thompson, soprano soloist;
Alison Gerlach, bagpiper
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Alison Gerlach, bagpiper
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Alison Gerlach, bagpiper

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

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Marc Miller on behalf of the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, "You Are a Letter of Christ."

The text for the closing hymn, "Startle Us, God," was commissioned by Fourth Presbyterian Church in honor of the twentieth anniversary of John Buchanan's ministry in Chicago this September.

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.

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