

November 13, 2005

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Highly intelligent people often have reservations about the Bible. Without question, honest uncertainty beats hard-nosed certitude. But it is a mistake to be paralyzed by uncertainty, especially when life so frequently calls upon us to act wholeheartedly without absolute certainty. Moreover, wrestling with Scripture, far from a sign of weakness, is a reflection of religious faithfulness. What else should you struggle with if not the Bible? What struggle offers more reward?

William Sloane Coffin

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 Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 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) Aria *Paul Manz*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude on a Melody by Sowerby *Morgan Simmons*
Aria *Paul Manz*

INTROIT “All Things Come of Thee” *Stephen Sturk*
All things come of thee, O Lord, and
of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 361 “How Firm a Foundation” *Tune: FOUNDATION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of all mercy, give us grace to make
a fresh start today. We know we have not loved you
with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbour
as ourselves. As we hope to be forgiven, teach us also
to forgive, and lead us forward in a new life
where neither grudges nor resentment have a part;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS (8:00)

LITANY

(8:00) Minister: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit
who gives them.
People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the
same Lord who is served.
Minister: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.
People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the
common good.
Minister: Together we are the body of Christ
People: and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS AND QUESTIONS

UNISON PRAYER

(8:00)

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM

(8:00)

“What Shall I Render to My God?” *American folk melody
arr. Austin C. Lovelace*

ANTHEM

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Baptism Prayer” *Richard Shepherd*

PSALTER

Psalm 119:97–105 *(responsively)* (page 568, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:14–30

(page 28, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Calum I. MacLeod
TALENTED
“I have made five more talents.” Matthew 25:20 (NRSV)

*HYMN 335 “Though I May Speak” *Tune: O WALY WALY*

*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.

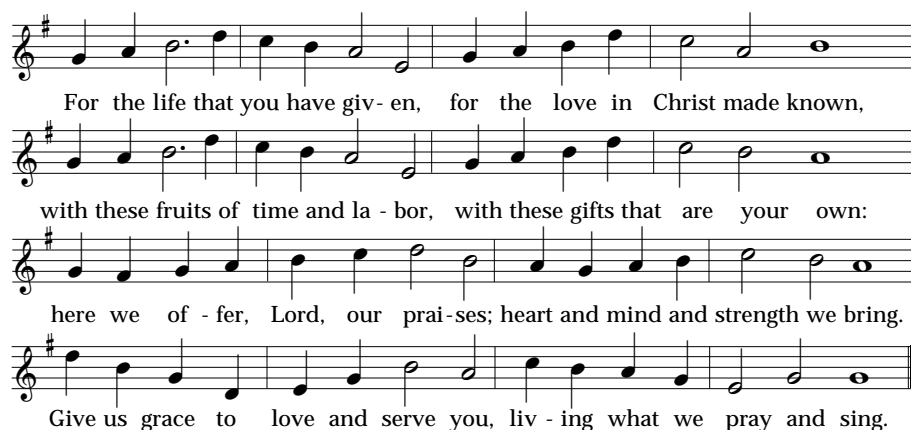
PRAYER RESPONSE “Give Ear unto My Words” *S. Sturk*
Give ear unto my words, O Lord. Hearken to the sound of
my cry, my King and my God, for unto thee do I pray. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “Lord God of Abraham” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*
(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “King of Glory, King of Peace” *Harold W. Friedell*
(9:30 and 11:00)

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



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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: God whose giving knows no ending,
 as we bring our gifts before you,
 we give thanks for the richness of our lives,
 for the beauty and wonder of the world;
 for the care of those who love us;
 for strength and hope
 in the trials and difficulties of life
 and for the presnece of your love in our lives.
 Accept our offerings as symbols
 of the giving of our very selves,
 that we may become your body in the world,
 serving, forgiving, and making whole.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN 466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Tune: AZMON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
 (8:00)

March

Louis Lefébure-Wély

POSTLUDE
 (9:30 and 11:00)

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe

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

Marin Kay Balaz, daughter of Joseph and Dana Balaz

Walter Arthur Bledsoe, son of Walter and Jeanette Bledsoe

Isabella Kate Ferak, daughter of Paul and Tracy Ferak

Alyssa Lynne Graffia, daughter of David and Amy Graffia

Maggie Elizabeth McAuliff, daughter of Patrick and Karen McAuliffe

Olivia Sydney Suckow, daughter of Scott and Melissa Suckow

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Joan Choi Bahnfleth, daughter of Andrew Bahnfleth and Nuri Choi

Gretchen MacKeen Bayert, daughter of Alan and Kathy Bayert

Benjamin Cooper Oosterbaan, son of David and Lindsay Oosterbaan

Luke Anthoni Peebler, son of Simeon Peebler and Kirsten Bedway

Nathaniel William Raub, son of Christopher and Emily Raub

William Arnold Salerno, son of William Salerno and Tracy Dauksavage

Evangeline Rawlins Uzarowicz, daughter of Piotr and Ellen Uzarowicz

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Richard Williams, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod
9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

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

The two individuals being ordained during 8:00 worship are Mason Essif (Elder) and Christie Valentine (Deacon).

Morgan Simmons, composer of today's 9:30 and 11:00 prelude, was Organist and Choirmaster at Fourth Presbyterian Church from 1968 to 1996. He continues to be an active and vital member of the congregation.

John Buchanan is preaching at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ohio today on the occasion of the rededication of renovated facilities. Dr. Buchanan was Pastor at Broad Street Presbyterian Church from 1974 to 1985.

The Thanksgiving Offering, being received throughout November, supports programs addressing matters of aging and health. In particular, it helps fund the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, the Center for Older Adults, and the Center for Whole Health. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Thanksgiving Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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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