

Lord, that we are alive,
that food is delicious to the taste,
that the ground is firm beneath our tread,
that rest can compensate for toil,
that the Earth is fair and all her children blessed,
your name be praised.
We thank you for friends who care,
for ways that open when every door seems shut,
for the reality of forgiveness—human and divine . . .
We thank you for yourself—ground and source of every good—
and especially for your love, that no resistance can diminish,
and no need exhaust.

Ernest T. Campbell
Where Cross the Crowded Ways: Prayers of a City Pastor

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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 10 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 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)

Benedictus

Max Reger

PRELUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us
Savior of the Nations, Come
Benedictus

J. S. Bach

J. S. Bach

Max Reger

INTROIT

“Drop Dew, Ye Heavens”

Christopher Tye

Drop dew, ye heavens, from above and let the clouds break forth in showers upon the righteous ones, in rain upon the just, and let the earth be opened and blossom forth a Savior.

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*HYMN 5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Tune: PICARDY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which ought to have been done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 80:1–7 (*responsively*) (page 540, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Isaiah 64:1–2 (page 694, O.T.)
Mark 13:32–36 (page 51, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
ADVENT WAITING
“O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down.” Isaiah 64:1 (NRSV)

*HYMN 510 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” *Tune: QUEBEC*

*APOSTLES’ CREED
(*unison*)

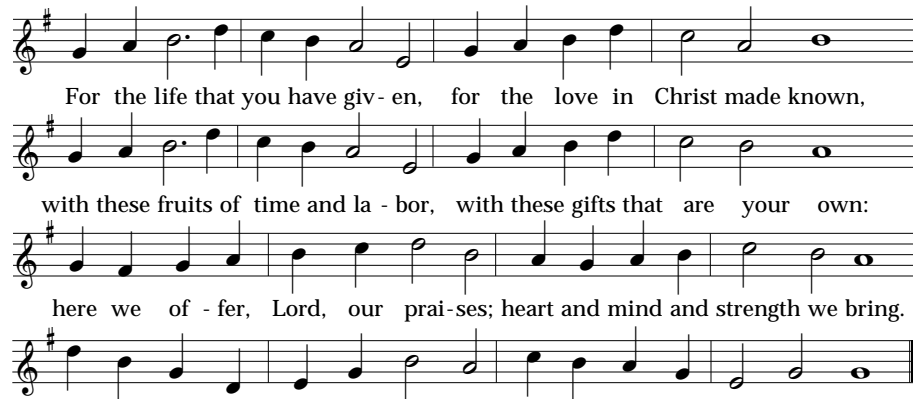
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 “Lord God of Abraham” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*
(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *Edward C. Bairstow*
(9:30 and 11:00)
Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and
trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought, for the King
of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be
our oblation and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him
come the choirs of angels, with every principality and power,
the cherubim with many eyes, and winged seraphim, who
veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, Alleluia.

*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 "The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee"

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

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 preparest 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, through the long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illuminate our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

*HYMN 559

"We Gather Together"

Tune: KREMSER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

(8:00)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Paul Manz

POSTLUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The 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 also celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at evening worship.

*"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, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Keith C. Harris, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan

Lighting the Advent Wreath

9:30 a.m. Tom and Jeanne Olofson
11:00 a.m. Don Horvath and Juli Crabtree

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Margaret Wendt, 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

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the season of the church year when we set aside time to prepare our hearts and lives to receive the gift that comes to us in the manger, the gift of Emmanuel, God with us.

The Advent banners, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley of Berkeley, California.

Edward Bairstow, composer of today's 9:30 and 11:00 offertory anthem, was organist and choirmaster at York Minster from 1913 until his death in 1946. He became Professor of Music at Durham University in 1929 and was knighted in 1932.

Today is the last day to make gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering, which 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 stained glass window shown on the bulletin cover depicts angels praising God with harp and strings, as Psalm 150 calls us to do. The window, located in the reception area west of Anderson Hall, was designed by Charles J. Connick.

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