

No doubt about it, religion is often religion's own worst enemy. The tension between religion at its best and religion at its worst drives people from church to church, searching for authenticity. It drives them, as well, from the God of the institution to the God of the spirit within. When religion makes itself God, when religion gets between the soul and God, when religion demands what the soul deplures—a division of peoples, diminishment of the self, and closed-mindedness—religion becomes the problem. . . . But religion at its best anchors us to the best in ourselves. It enables us to find meaning in life. It sets the human compass toward home. It raises our sights beyond ourselves.

Joan Chittister
Called to Question

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 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

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, February 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 18 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)	Suite in B Minor	<i>Domenico Zipoli</i>
PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)	Prelude	<i>Dmitri Shostakovich arr. Charles Schuchat</i>
	Prelude	<i>Louis Vierne</i>
	Adagio from <i>Sonata Breve</i>	<i>James Mattern</i>
	O God, Thou Faithful God	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>
	Larghetto from <i>Serenade for Strings</i>	<i>Anton Dvorák arr. C. Schuchat</i>
INTROIT	“Jesu Tawa Pano” Jesus, we are here for you.	<i>Patrick Matsikenyiri</i>

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show” *Tune: LLANFAIR*
Praise the Lord, God’s glories show, alleluia!
Saints within God’s courts below, alleluia!
Angels ’round the throne above, alleluia!
All that see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, alleluia!
Tell the wonders, sing God’s worth, alleluia!
Age to age and shore to shore, alleluia!
Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, alleluia!
Praise this providence and grace, alleluia!
All that God for us has done, alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

*Stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us
as the light of the world, to reveal your love
for all people. We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your memory, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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

PSALTER

Psalm 40:1–8 *(responsively)*
(the congregation reads the verses in bold type)

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear .
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

ANTHEM
(8:00)

"In Thee Is Gladness" *Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi*
In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine
of my heart. By thee are given the joys of heaven,
thou the only Savior art. To serve thee ever, forsake
thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore thee.
Alleluia. Our voices soaring, our hearts adoring,
honor we bring thee, praises we sing thee. Alleluia.

ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"O Nata Lux de Lumine" *Thomas Tallis*
O born of light, thou light indeed, dear Jesus; Savior, in
our need, abide with us and be thou near. Our praise and
prayer vouchsafe to hear. In human flesh thou were
arrayed and with thy life for sinners paid. O grant that we
may reach our goal, made one with thee in heart and soul.

FIRST LESSON

Mark 2:1-12

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 43:14-21

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

THE ONE WE FOLLOW IS FAR AHEAD

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

Isaiah 43:18 (NRSV)

*HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Tune: ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

*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"

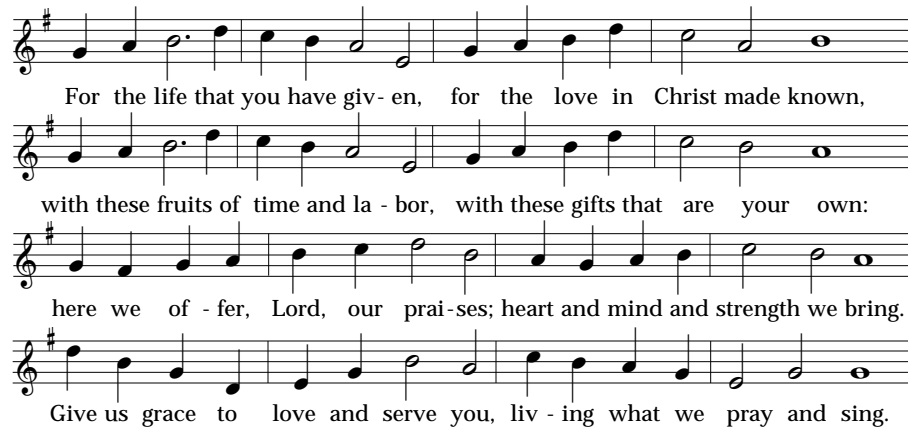
John Stainer

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Et Exultavit" from *Magnificat* *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(8:00) And my spirit rejoiced in God my savior.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Set Me as a Seal upon Thine Heart" *William Walton*
(9:30 and 11:00) Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal
upon thine arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can
the floods drown it, for love is strong as death.

*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: God of majesty and light,
you hold the whole world in your hand.
So we give you our great praise
that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glor y.
By your spirit, may peace descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,
God of all nations, in the gracious name
of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power
of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Trumpet Tune in B-flat Major

Donald Stuart Wright

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Canzon noni toni

Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King

Fourth Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Improvements



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The sanctuary enhancements being undertaken as part of Project Light are underway. This past week, pews were installed in the balconies. Next week pews will be installed on the main floor of the sanctuary.

The sanctuary improvement project includes the installation of a new sound system, new flooring under the pews, and new pews, which will be exact replicas of the pews that were installed in 1914, down to the detailed end carvings. The new pews also will provide improved ergonomics as well as greater access for those with disabilities.

During this construction phase, the pipe organ has been wrapped and sealed to protect it from dust. A temporarily installed electronic organ is being used in its place.

Bids can be placed during Coffee Hour on the thirteen original pews available by auction. The auction of the ten pews in as-is condition concludes today. The auction of the three pews in quality condition and the pew ends will conclude the night of February 24 at the Mission Benefit. Small wooden crosses, made from the wood from the original pews, can be presordered through March 15. Order forms are available during Coffee Hour and in the literature racks.

For more information about the sanctuary improvements project, stop by the Project Light table during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org, or watch for information posted throughout the building.

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Erica Schemper, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Margaret Wendt, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist;
Callie Thompson, soprano soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist;
Callie Thompson, soprano soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

This morning's introit, written by Patrick Matsikenyiri, will be sung first in the language of Shona, which is spoken in Zimbabwe, and then in English. Mr. Matsikenyiri is Professor of Music at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, and has said, "Africans feel uplifted to a closer walk with the Savior, Jesus Christ, whenever they are singing. They share their songs anticipating that the singing of African songs in the worldwide community will raise others to a higher level of the experience of God."

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.

Offering envelopes for the Fourth Presbyterian Church general fund are available in the pew information pads, which are passed during the Concerns of the Church.

The bulletin cover image is of "The Great Teacher," which was sculpted by Abbott Pattison and given to Fourth Presbyterian Church by the Center for Older Adults in 1991. It is now displayed at the Delaware Place entrance to the church. It is one of the many pieces of religious art in the Fourth Church collection. Representative pieces from that collection are currently on display in the Loggia.

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