

March 12, 2006

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**T**o Christians Jesus is the Incarnation, God's love in person on earth. God's love is visionary, perceiving behind the armor most of us don an individual unprecedented and unrepeatable. And God's love doesn't seek value, it creates it. Christians recognize their value as a gift rather than an achievement: it is not because we have value that we are loved, but because we are loved that we have value; Love measures our stature; the more we love the bigger we are. There is no smaller package in all the world than that of an individual all wrapped up in himself/herself.

William Sloane Coffin  
*The Courage to Love and Credo*

## 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.

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, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, March 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, April 3 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)                      Brother James's Air                      *Searle Wright*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)                      Chorale in B Minor                      *César Franck*

INTROIT                      "Even Now, Says the Lord"                      *Richard Proulx*  
Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your  
whole heart, for I am gracious and merciful.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION                      (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 457                      "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *Tune: TOULON*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ  
to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way .  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love, neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### 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

ANTHEM "Lamb of God" *German chorale*  
*arr. F. Melius Christiansen*

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient,  
still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer, our sins by thee  
were taken; our hope had us forsaken. Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

PSALTER Psalm 22:22–31 (*responsively*) (page 474, O.T.)

\*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:31–38 (page 41, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS EVER SPOKEN

"Those who want to save their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life for my sake,  
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Mark 8:35 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This" *Tune: WONDROUS LOVE*

\*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.

### CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

*Richard Warner*

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY DUET "Stabat Mater Dolorosa" from *Stabat Mater* (8:00)

*Giovanni Battista Pergolesi*

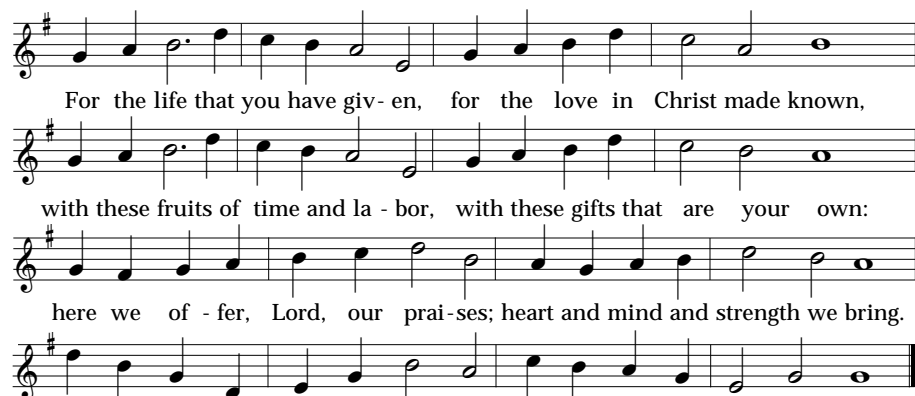
She was there at the foot of the cross, the mother,  
full of pain, in tears; her son was there crucified.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Os Justi Meditabitur Sapientiam" (9:30 and 11:00)

*Anton Bruckner*

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom and  
their tongues speak justice. The law of their God  
is in their hearts; their steps do not slip. Amen.

### \*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 compassion, we praise you  
that you look upon our frail lives  
with love and understanding and that you  
desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.  
We are overwhelmed by your love,  
which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave,  
and leads us to new life. By your Spirit,  
strengthen our souls to be brave and bold  
in Christ's service. Take our offerings and use them  
and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 100                    "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"    *Tune: ROCKINGHAM*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE                    Dialogue                                    *François Couperin*  
(8:00)

POSTLUDE                    Fanfare                                     *Jacques Lemmens*  
(9:30 and 11:00)

# 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)*

**O**n 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  
*Caroline Elizabeth Christon, daughter of Tzaras and Sarah Christon*  
*James Patrick Daw, son of Peter and Meredith Daw*  
*Aaric Harrison Gray, son of Arthur and Cynthia Gray*  
*Camilla Reilly Locsin, daughter of Matthew and Kimberly Locsin*  
*Charles David Mitchell, son of Michael and Susan Mitchell*  
*Tyler James Turner, son of Tom and Melanie Turner*

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are  
*Taylor J. Golubiak, daughter of Linda Golubiak*  
*Jackson Menendez, son of Frank and Brenda Menendez*  
*Alexander Hartley Ruppel, son of Brent Ruppel and Reaves Wimbish*  
*Valerie Josette Schimp, daughter of Donn Schimp and Renae Bradshaw*  
*Griffen Carlos Snyder, son of Darren and Anne Snyder*  
*Benjamin Hamilton Starmann, son of John and Molly Starmann*

### Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Catherine Knott, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan  
9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan  
11:00 a.m. Elizabeth B. Andrews, Keith C. Harris, John M. Buchanan

### The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Callie Thompson, soprano;  
Oliver Camacho, tenor  
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

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received today and throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the Partners in Education Scholarship Program and the Elam Davies Social Service Center Interfaith Homes Initiative as well as the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The Sanctuary Improvements Project of Project Light continues this week with additional work on the new sound system. (A temporary sound system is being used during this installation phase.) The cushions for the new pews are being fabricated and will arrive in June. New hymnals and Bibles were placed in the pew racks this past week, and the Aeolian Skinner pipe organ, one of the largest organs in the Midwest, is being used today for the first time in nearly two months. It had been successfully wrapped to protect it from any dust during the construction phase. For more information and updates about this project, visit the Fourth Church website or watch for information posted throughout the building.

The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. The Latin cross shown on the bulletin cover is one of many integrated into the architecture of Fourth Church. This particular cross is carved in the center of the minister’s chair in the upper chancel and is now accented by needlepoint done by Morgan Simmons.

### Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor  
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John H. Boyle, Parish Associate  
Patrick Daymond, Pastoral Resident  
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