

Abraham Lincoln had it right. Our task should not be to invoke religion and the name of God by claiming God's blessing and endorsement for all our national policies and practices—saying in effect, that God is on our side. Rather, Lincoln said, we should pray and worry earnestly whether we are on God's side. . . . God's politics is never partisan or ideological. But it challenges everything about our politics. God's politics reminds us of the people our politics always neglects—the poor, the vulnerable, the left behind. God's politics challenges narrow, ethnic, economic, or cultural self-interest, reminding us of a much wider world and the creative diversity of all those made in the image of the creator.

Jim Wallis, *God's Politics:  
Why the Right Gets It Wrong  
and the Left Doesn't Get It*

## 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, March 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. 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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<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
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*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE (8:00)	Dearest Jesus, We Are Here	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
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PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)	Dearest Jesus, We Are Here Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Minor Word of God Incarnate  Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Minor Prelude on “Rhosymedre” from <i>Three Welsh Hymn Preludes</i>	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> <i>Dieterich Buxtehude</i> <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i> <i>arr. Charles Schuchat</i> <i>Dieterich Buxtehude</i> <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i> <i>arr. Greg Fudala</i>
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INTROIT	“The Best of Rooms” Christ, he requires still, wheresoever he comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms. Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part of all the house. The best of all's the heart.	<i>Gerald Near</i>
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\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 476      “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”      *Tune: LYONS*

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS  
(11:00)

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM (8:00) "I Sought the Lord" *Wilbur Held*  
I sought the Lord and afterward I knew he moved my soul  
to seek him, seeking me. It was not I that found, O Savior  
true, no, I was found of thee. Thou didst reach forth thy hand  
and mine enfold. I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed  
sea. 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold as thou,  
dear Lord, on me. I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole  
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long  
beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.
- ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00) "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep" *John Rutter*  
Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb in safety keep.  
Nothing can thy power withstand; none can pluck me from thy  
hand. I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey  
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love. Loving  
shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear. Suffer  
not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.  
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,  
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.
- PSALTER Psalm 19:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 472, O.T.)
- \*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON John 2:13–22 (page 87, N.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.
- SERMON by John M. Buchanan  
WHAT RELIGION IS NOT  
"Making a whip of chords, he drove all of them  
out of the temple. . . . He also poured out the coins  
of the money changers and overturned their tables."  
John 2:15 (NRSV)
- \*HYMN 307 "Fight the Good Fight" *Tune: DUKE STREET*
- \*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"

*Anonymous*

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO  
(8:00)

"Domine Deus" from *Gloria*  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

*Antonio Vivaldi*

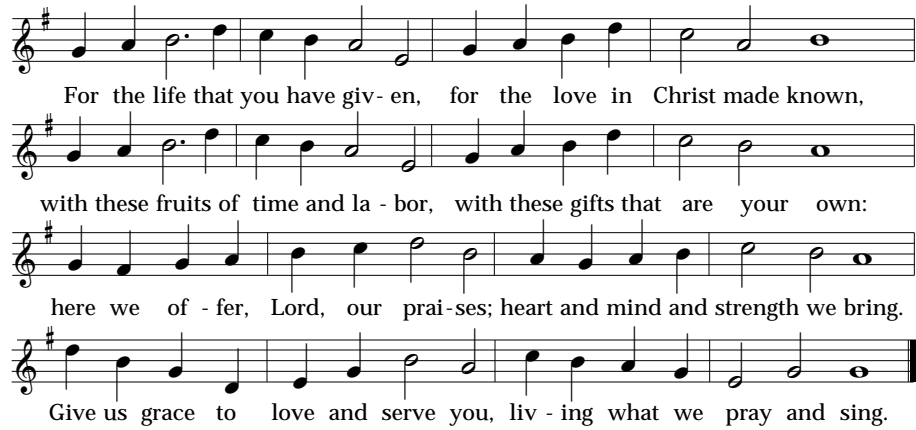
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "i thank You God for most this amazing day"  
(9:30 and 11:00)

*Eric Whitacre*

i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping  
greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky and  
for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes  
(i who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's  
birthday: this is the birthday of life and of love and  
wings and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)  
how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing  
any--lifted from the no of all nothing--human merely  
being doubt unimaginable You? (now the ears of my ears  
awake [and] now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

*(based on text by e. e. cummings)*

\*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 308 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE O God, Thou Faithful God *Johannes Brahms*  
(8:00)

POSTLUDE Molto Sostenuto *Hans Leo Hassler*  
(9:30 and 11:00) from *Suite for Double Brass Choir*  
*arr. Bernard Fitzgerald*

# Join the Journey through Lent to Easter

**Midweek  
Lenten Services** Wednesdays, March 22–April 12  
7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

**Palm Sunday, April 9** 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

**Holy Week  
Noonday Services** Monday–Friday, April 10–14 at 12:10 p.m.  
*Lunch will be served immediately following  
the service each day.  
Tickets can be purchased at the door.*

**Maundy Thursday  
April 13** 12:10 p.m. Communion Service  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

**Good Friday  
April 14** 12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service  
3:30 p.m. Near North Ministry Alliance  
Good Friday Walk for Justice  
(beginning at Larrabee and Hobbie)  
4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Anderson Hall  
5:15 p.m. Silent Retreat begins  
7:30 p.m. Choral Service:  
*The Passion of St. Matthew* by Howard Boatwright

**Easter Sunday  
April 16** 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach  
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service  
*Easter Brunch will follow the 11:30 a.m. service.  
Tickets are available in Coffee Hour and  
at the reception desk.*  
9:30 a.m. Children's Service in Westminster House  
6:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers Service

*Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday and Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.*

*Also please keep in mind that sanctuary seating for all services on Easter morning  
fills quickly and early and be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting  
parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.*

### Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Erica Schemper, John M. Buchanan  
9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan  
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

### The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soprano soloist  
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Capella of Calvin College;  
Tower Brass  
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Capella of Calvin College;  
Tower Brass

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

### Worship Notes

Fourth Church welcomes the Capella, Calvin College's concert choir, to 9:30 and 11:00 worship. They will be in concert this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received 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 gift to this offering, 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 in preparation for its use next Sunday. We appreciate your patience as we continue to use the temporary sound system this Sunday.

The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. The Latin cross shown on the bulletin cover 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

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