

The overwhelming impression I had after looking at the new images generated from the Hubble telescope was one of awe and wonder and the feeling that we are not alone. . . . The more we look at this evidence of the basic structure of the universe, the more it appears to scientists and others that there is indeed some hand that guided us into existence. . . . I am still awed by the images from deep space; there is a sense of majesty that is profound, almost beyond comprehension. I sense the presence of God, but it is in the details that I find more comprehensible information about the nature of God.

Michael Reagan
Reflections on the Nature of God

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. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. 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 worshippers 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

A **church tour** begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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, September 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 20 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@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)

Canzona

Domenico Zipoli

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Abblassen

Gottfried Reiche

Canzona

Domenico Zipoli

Canzona

*Andrea Gabrieli
arr. Charles Schuchat*

Chaconne

Dieterich Buxtehude

The Earle of Oxford's March

*William Byrd
arr. Erich Peterson*

INTROIT

“O Praise God in His Sanctuary”

Thomas Matthews

O praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him on the well-tuned cymbals; praise him on the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 486**

“When the Morning Stars Together” *Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence,

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

**Stand as you are able.*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***HYMN 304**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME

(9:30)

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERS

(9:30)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS

(8:00 and 11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 14 (*responsively*)

(page 468, O.T.)

ANTHEM

(8:00)

“Sing to the Lord”

Samuel McFarland
arr. Alice Parker

BRASS VOLUNTARY

(9:30 and 11:00)

Concerto

Johann Ernst Altenberg
arr. E. Peterson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1–10

(page 73, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SERMON

(8:00)

by Calum I. MacLeod

SERMON

(9:30 and 11:00)

by John M. Buchanan

THE WAGER

“Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’”

Psalm 14:1 (NRSV)

***HYMN 272**

“God of the Sparrow”

Tune: ROEDER

*** 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”

Frank Bohnhorst

OFFERING

**OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)**

“Troisième Leçon”

Francois Couperin

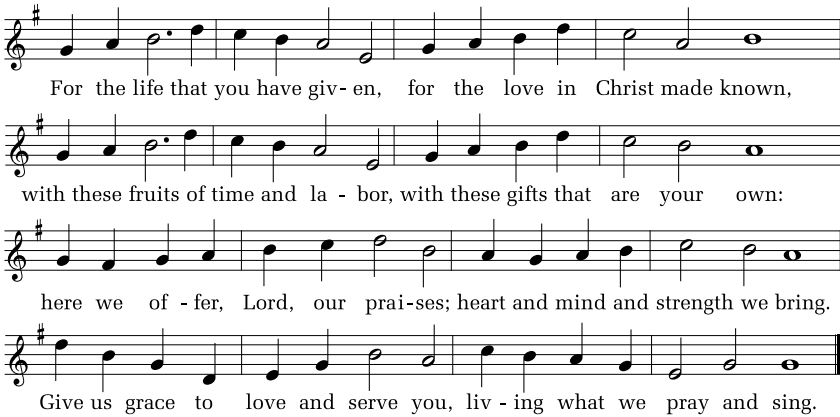
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)**

“O God, Thou Art My God”

Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner and lift up my hands in thy name. Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

*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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home,
and for the gift of life.**

**We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.**

**Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.
Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages we thank you
for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*HYMN 289

“O God of Every Nation”

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Improvisation on a Scottish Tune

Thomas Gouwens

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Canzon Septimi Toni No. 2

Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King

Commissioning of Musicians and Teachers

Today's commissioning of the choirs, Tower Brass, Sunday School teachers and staff, and youth leaders is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors

Sunday School Teachers

Dala Aavik, Liz Adams, Rae Anne Alvarez, Rebecca Arens, Katie Arnold, Carole Bekken, Marta Bonner, Irene Bumpus, Steve Bumpus, Anne Marie Canfield, Dennis Canfield, Carol Collins, Laura Duzan, Cheryl Farney, Jim Garner, Lies Garner, Joyce Griffith, Ann Grissom, Marci Hanzlik, Anne Hsu, Marisa Joseph, Alyca Kerr, Suzanne Kickhaefer, Erica Kuhlmann, Ji Inn Lee, Heather Major, Missy MacLeod, Kendra Maple, Lisa McClung, Mark Meyer, Lisa Metzger-Mugg, Sharon Mistle, Steve Mugg, Stacy Neier, Sheila North, William Ohlhaber, Doug Pond, Chrissy Richards, Hilary Richardson, Blasko Ristic, Stacey Shonkwiler, Michelle Stromberg, Gail Whitcomb, Debbie Whitmore, and Todd Zimmerman

Sunday School Staff and Office Assistants

Katy Sinclair, Sunday School Superintendent
Sharon Mistle, Pianist for Children's Chapel
Jean Ausman, Rita Bennett, Gayle Engberg, Jennifer McCrea, and Linda Thornton

Youth Teachers and Leaders

Nichollette Andrews, Ashley Bennett, Ben Carlisle, Cathy Clewlow, Kerry Grady, Ryan Gregory, Andrew Karaba, Karen Kath, Linda McCarty, Mark Nelson, Kathi Rodak, Katie Sinclair, Jacob Sefton, Rob Sinclair, Jane Tuma, Gretchen Wahl, and Anders Watson

Chancel Choir Members

Dala Aavik, Geoff Anderson, Marie Beckman, Leroy Conley, Julie Crabtree, Diane Davis, Eugene Decker, Charita Ford, Chris Gernand, Paul Hekman, Barbara Marriott, Carol Mycio, Meg O'Hara, Lori Payeur, Hope Smith, Sue Thompson, Al Furbay, Susan van der Meulen, Margaret Wasielewski, and Leslie Wilson

Morning Choir Members

Elizabeth Anderson, Melissa Arning, Ted Bargmann, Jeanne Bishop, Kathye Boyle, Carol Carpenter, Todd DeStigter, Bob Doak, Drew Duncan, Mark Eldred, Jerry Frantzen, Dan Henry, Carla Janzen, Jerry Johnson, Alexia Kruger, Laura Kubelka, Sandra Pei-Yun Lin, Kathy McMillan Wilhelm, Craig Palmer, Andrea Pokrefke, Marnie Pomeroy, Cole Seaton, Suzanne Shields, Michael Swenson, Callie Thompson, and Les Ventsch

Tower Brass Members

Matthew Comerford, Peter Ellefson, Gregory Flint, David Inmon, Matthew Lee, Adam Moen, Charles Schuchat, and Christine Worthing

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod
9:30 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Callie Thompson and Alexia Kruger, soprano soloists
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Tower Brass
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

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

Worship Notes

Today Fourth Church celebrates the tenth anniversary of Tower Brass, which provides music leadership during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services on the third Sunday of each month, September through May. The octet also participates in Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday services and performs concerts during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. This past spring, the Andrew family, who provided initial funding for Tower Brass in 1997, inaugurated an endowment fund to sustain the musical contributions of the group into the future. Those interested in supporting the music ministry of Tower Brass are asked to contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

The steeple of Fourth Presbyterian Church, shown on the bulletin cover, was one of the tallest structures on Michigan Avenue when the church was built in 1913. The tower was renovated and reinforced in the 1980s.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for New Members and Young Adult Ministry
Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Elizabeth B. Andrews, Parish Associate
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
Hardy Kim, Pastoral Resident
Martha Langford, Pastoral Resident
David A. Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus