

November 11, 2007

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God does intend to put the world to rights. There is a cry for justice that wells up from our hearts, not only when we are wronged but when we see others being wronged. It is a response to the longing, and the demand of the living God that God's world should be a place not of moral anarchy, where the bullies always win in the end, but of fair and straight dealings, of honesty, truthfulness, and uprightness.

N. T. Wright

Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense

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 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.

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

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, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 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 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)

Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Préambule
Choral Dorian
Pièce Symphonique

Louis Vierne
Jehan Alain
César Franck

INTROIT

“Great God of Wonders”

Welsh hymn tune

Great God of wonders, all thy ways display the attributes
divine, but countless acts of pardoning grace beyond
thine other wonders shine. Who is a pardoning God
like thee? Or who has grace so rich and free?

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 482**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

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.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30 and 11:00)

**Stand as you are able.*

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

PSALTER

Psalm 145:1–9 (*responsively*)

(page 548, O.T.)

ANTHEM

(8:00)

“At the River”

Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river where bright angels' feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather
with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

ANTHEM

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Set Me as a Seal”

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon
your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters
cannot quench love, neither can the floods crown it.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 10:25–28

(page 67, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Micah 6:6–8

(page 816, O.T.)

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

YOU KNOW

“He has told you . . . what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

***HYMN 408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Tune: GERMANY*

***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

“Hear the Prayers of Your Faithful People”

Morgan Simmons

Hear the prayers of your faithful people, and
grant us the presence of your Holy Spirit.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

“Blessing”

Richard Proulx

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's
boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon
them from above; thus may they abide in union with
each other and the Lord and possess, in sweet communion,
the joys which this world cannot afford. Amen.

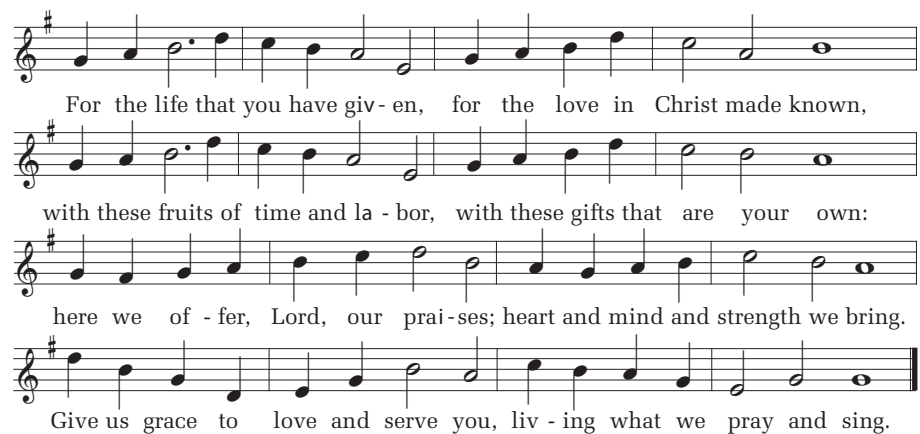
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Take My Life”

Aaron David Miller

Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take
my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take
my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my
voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and
let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my hands and let
them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them
be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own. It shall
be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet
its treasure store. Take my self and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

***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 218**

“New Songs of Celebration Render”

Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Henry Smart

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)*

On 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.

The children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Luke William Foster, son of Erik and Colleen Foster
Carina Tess Gagliardi, daughter of Sam and Shalini Gagliardi
Katharine Jorndt Haravon, daughter of Edward and Kara Haravon
Olivia Paige Haravon, daughter of Edward and Kara Haravon
Victoria Taylor Smith, daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Smith
Charlotte Virginia York, daughter of Benjamin and Claire York*

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*McKenna Lynne Adams, daughter of Dave and Kristy Adams
Abigail Bryden Schroeder, daughter of David and Mary Schroeder
Thomas Owen Strong, son of David and Heather Strong*

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Hardy Kim, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Alexia Kruger, soprano soloist
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Alexia Kruger, soprano soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day. More information about these hangings is available in the literature racks.

The Psalm 116:12 text on the bulletin cover is the theme for the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. It also expresses our reflections as we approach the Thanksgiving season, a time of gratitude for the blessings in each of our lives as well as a time to see this gratitude as inspiring a generous response lived out in giving. One of the many ways in which we give is through our pledged gifts to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Those who have not yet made their pledge for 2008 can find pledge cards in the pew racks. For more information about giving at Fourth Church, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

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