

February 10, 2008

First Sunday in Lent

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

It is as if, when God began creating the world, the first word was not “Let there be light,” but rather, “Let there be forgiveness.” There will be no world, no order out of chaos, no life from death, no new liaison between God and us without forgiveness first. Forgiveness is the first step, the bridge toward us that only God can build. The first word into our darkness is “Father, forgive.”

William H. Willimon
Thank God It's Friday

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.

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, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, February 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, March 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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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM** "Call to Remembrance, O Lord" *R. Farrant*
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
- PSALTER** Psalm 51:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 492, O.T.)
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 26:14–15, 47–56 (page 28, N.T.)
Matthew 27:3–10 (page 30, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** by John M. Buchanan
BETRAYED
- *HYMN 347** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" *Tune: DETROIT*
- *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

“In Thy Mercy Hear Us, O Lord”

Milton Dieterich

In thy mercy hear us, O Lord. We pray
to thee, hear us, Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Kyrie Eleison” from *Messe Solennelle*

Louis Vierne

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy
upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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 mercy,**

we praise you that in love

you have reached across the abyss of our sin

and brought us into your embrace.

We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross,

for the breaking of his body for our sakes,

and for the spilling of his blood

to seal us in the covenant of your love.

By your Spirit,

give us the grace of repentance,

and guide us in ways of righteousness.

Take our humble offerings

as tokens of our commitment

to follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BELOW is excerpted from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 1991 *A Brief Statement of Faith*. The Special Committee to Prepare a Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith for the Presbyterian Church (USA) was chaired by Dr. Jack L. Stotts, who died January 24 at the age of 75. In addition to his tireless work for the unity of our denomination, Dr. Stotts served as President of McCormick Theological Seminary and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. As Dr. Stotts's family and friends gather today (February 10, 2008) for his memorial service, we give thanks for his life and witness in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
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The Music Today

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

Baptisms

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

Alex Joshua Butz, son of Greg and Michelle Butz
Cassidy Shannon Donovan, daughter of Edward and Sherri Donovan

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

Madison Whitney Angara, daughter of Troy and Monique Angara
William Martin Daw, son of Peter and Meredith Daw
Benjamin Price Harwood, son of Will and Shirley Harwood
Alejandro Joseph Mulder, son of Rudy and Michelle Mulder
William Herbert Zorzy, son of David and Simone Zorzy

Worship Notes

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Interfaith Homes Initiative as well as the programs of Chicago Lights. 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 composer of today’s offertory anthem, Louis Vierne (1870–1937), became organist at Notre Dame in Paris in 1900. He remained there until his death, which occurred as he was playing the organ.

On the cover: The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. This Latin cross, one of many integrated into the architecture of Fourth Church, is carved in the center of the minister’s chair in the upper chancel.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor
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