

That is the only reality: that God's love is the only thing that makes sense out of suffering, conflict, and tragedy. God's love does not do away with suffering, conflict, and tragedy: the cross should teach us that. God's love does not do away with it; God's love is the thing that makes it possible to bear it, to see it, to share in it, to understand it, and to pass through it. That is the truth of the Gospel, that is the essence of the Passion.

Peter J. Gomes

Sermons: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living

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.

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, February 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 8, 2008 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

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE	Christ, Redeemer	<i>Claudio Monteverdi arr. Gary Olson</i>
	Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Minor	<i>Dieterich Buxtehude</i>
	The Providence of God	<i>Orlando di Lasso arr. Robert King</i>
	Dearest Jesus, We Are Here Adagio for Strings	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach Samuel Barber arr. Stephen McNeff</i>

INTROIT	“The Lord Is Full of Compassion”	<i>Iain Quinn</i>
	The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.	

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 83** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
Tune: DEO GRACIAS

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)

**Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Hidden, O Lord, Are My Most Horrid Sins”

Francis Pilkington

Hidden, O Lord, are my most horrid sins unto the world,
though open plain to thee; he never betters that no times
begins, corruption killeth all good thoughts in me.

PSALTER

Psalm 121 (*responsively*)

(page 539, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:31–35, 69–75

(page 28, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

DENIED

*HYMN 370

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Tune: WOODWORTH

*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”

Franklin Glynn

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught
to me, save that thou art. Be thou my best thought in the day
and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever
with me and I with thee, Lord. Be thou my great Father, and
I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O sovereign
of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great heart of my heart,
whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

***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 303**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Amen

*John Corigliano
arr. Erich Peterson*

A SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

When the authors of the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John recorded and presented their experience of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, they devoted an inordinate amount of space to the last week of Jesus' life. The Gospel of Matthew devotes fully one-third of its pages to the events in Jerusalem that occurred in the seven days from Palm Sunday to Easter—Holy Week. And of that, two full chapters are devoted to twenty-four hours, the time between the Last Supper on Thursday evening and the crucifixion the next day around noon.

Today's sermon, as well as four other 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. sermons in Lent, will be based on several of the incidents and personalities that appear in the account of Jesus' final twenty-four hours. I invite you to prepare for worship this Lent by reading and rereading chapters 26 and 27 of the Gospel According to Matthew and then focusing on each specific text weekly.

—*John M. Buchanan*

February 10	<i>Betrayed — Judas Iscariot</i> Matthew 26:14–15, 47–56; 27:3–10
February 17	<i>Denied — Peter</i> Matthew 26:31–35, 69–75
February 24	<i>(Dana Ferguson preaching)</i>
March 2	<i>Disappointed — The Garden of Gethsemane</i> Matthew 26:36–45
March 9	<i>Mocked—Pontius Pilate, the Trial, the Soldiers, the Crowd</i> Matthew 27:1–2, 11–31
March 16 (Palm Sunday)	<i>Crucified</i> Matthew 21:1–17 Matthew 27:32–61
March 23 (Easter)	<i>Fear and Great Joy</i> Matthew 28:1–10

Worship Leaders

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

The Music Today

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Andrea Pokrefke,
soprano soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Andrea Pokrefke,
soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the programs of Chicago Lights as well as the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Interfaith Homes Initiative. This year Fourth Church will be making an additional gift to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to be used for efforts in the South that support recovery from the recent tornadoes. Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering can be made by using the envelopes in the pew racks or writing “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Those who would like to make a contribution specifically for Disaster Assistance in the South can write “PDA South” on the memo line of a check or on the offering envelope.

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 during the academic year.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The monthly Taizé service is held in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month—including this Friday—and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. Throughout Lent, a midweek service also is held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

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.

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