

All language about the future, as any economist or politician will tell you, is simply a set of sign posts pointing into a fog. We see through a glass darkly, says Saint Paul, as he peers toward what lies ahead. . . . All our language about the future of the world and ourselves consists of complex pictures that may or may not correspond very well to the ultimate reality. . . . Suppose someone came forward out of the fog to meet us? That, of course, is the central though often ignored Christian belief. . . . Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present.

N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

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 today, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 19 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 Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
Johann Sebastian Bach
Chorale in A Minor *César Franck*

INTROIT "The Lord Is Risen" *George Thalben-Ball*
The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

***HYMN 104** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" *Tune: HYMN TO JOY*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS
(11:00)

PSALTER Psalm 16 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 165)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again" *Eric H. Thiman*

Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing ever more on high, alleluia!
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal lamb today. We too sing for joy and say,
alleluia! He who bore our pain and loss comfortless upon
the cross lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and
hears our cry, alleluia! Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ our heavenly king, who endured the cross and
grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! Amen.

FIRST LESSON 1 Peter 1:3–8 (page 218, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON John 20:19–29 (page 108, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

DOUBT

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."

John 20:29 (NRSV)

***HYMN 399** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"
Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK

***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”

Morgan Simmons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past”

Walter L. Pelz

Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed his reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast down from the skies to rise no more. Alleluia! 'Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb, thine armies trod the tempter down. 'Twas by thy word and powerful name they gained the battle and renown. Alleluia! Rejoice, ye heavens, let every star shine with new glories around the sky. Saints, while ye sing the heavenly song, raise your Redeemer's name on high. Alleluia!

***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: **We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 119**

“The Strife Is O’er”

Tune: VICTORY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

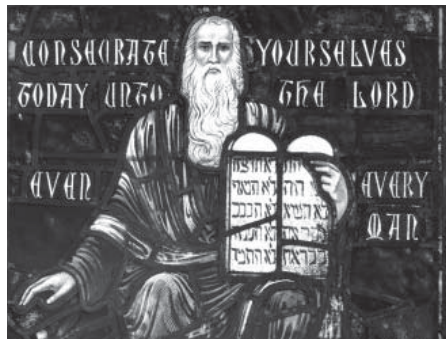
Alleluyas

Simon Preston

IN THE DETAILS

The Great West Window (left portion)

WINDOWS BY CHARLES J. CONNICK



In the top left panel, angels look down toward the Christ figure in the center window with the words, “Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving” (Revelation 7:12).

The central panel contains depictions of different races—a missionary with an open Bible, people from Asia, and a kneeling Ethiopian—with the words, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

The bottom panel depicts Moses holding the two tablets of the law and has the inscription “Consecrate yourselves today unto the Lord even every man” (Exodus 32:29).

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, 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

Worship Notes

The Youth Choir is being commissioned at 11:00 worship this morning for their April 2–6 mission trip to Havana, Cuba. While in Cuba, the group will learn about Cuban culture, witness exciting programs and projects of First Havana, attend lively worship services celebrating the gospel to a Latin beat, and interact with children, parents, and staff of First Havana. Also being commissioned are **participants in the April 27–May 3 New Orleans trip**. These travelers will work with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes and with the Presbytery of South Louisiana's Project Homecoming to rebuild homes. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Alleluyas, today's 9:30 and 11:00 postlude, was composed by Simon Preston (b. 1938), who studied at King's College, Cambridge, and later became Master of the Music at Westminster Abbey. The Choir of King's College will be in concert at Fourth Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Choir's program will feature music by Gibbons, Bach, Howells, Vaughan Williams, and Poulenc. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by calling 312.294.3000 or visiting www.cso.org.

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

On the cover: The detail on the bulletin cover is taken from one of Fourth Presbyterian Church's aisle windows. Designed by Charles J. Connick of Boston, these stained glass windows on the north and south sides of the sanctuary were made in the thirteenth-century style known as grisaille.

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