

NIHLISM IS A DISEASE OF THE SOUL. It can never be completely cured. But there is always a chance for conversion—a chance for people to believe that there is hope for the future and a meaning to struggle. . . . Nihilism is not overcome by arguments or self-analysis; it is tamed by love and care. Any disease of the soul must be conquered by a turning of one's soul. This turning is done through one's own affirmation of one's worth—an affirmation fueled by the concern of others. A love ethic must be at the center of the politics of conversion.

Cornel West, *Race Matters*

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

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 Monday, June 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, June 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 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

9:30 and 11:00

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

PRELUDE

Invocation

*Ernest Bryson
arr. Rich Mays*

O Trinity of Blessed Light
Canzon

*Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Giovanni Cavaccio
arr. Erich Peterson*

We All Believe in One True God
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Johann Sebastian Bach
John B. Dykes
arr. Gregory Fudala*

INTROIT

“Gloria Patri”

John W. W. Sherer

Glory be 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 138

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Tune: NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:
2007–2008 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

(9:30)

UNISON PRAYER

(9:30)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

(11:00)

PSALTER Psalm 8 (*responsively*) (page 466, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Gloria Patri” *Thomas Tallis*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1–5, 24–28a (page 1, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:16–20 (page 32, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
WHAT ARE PEOPLE FOR?
“What are human beings that you are mindful of them?”
Psalm 8:4a (NRSV)

***HYMN 385** “O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face” *Tune: SONG 1*

*** 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”

J. W. W. Sherer

OFFERING

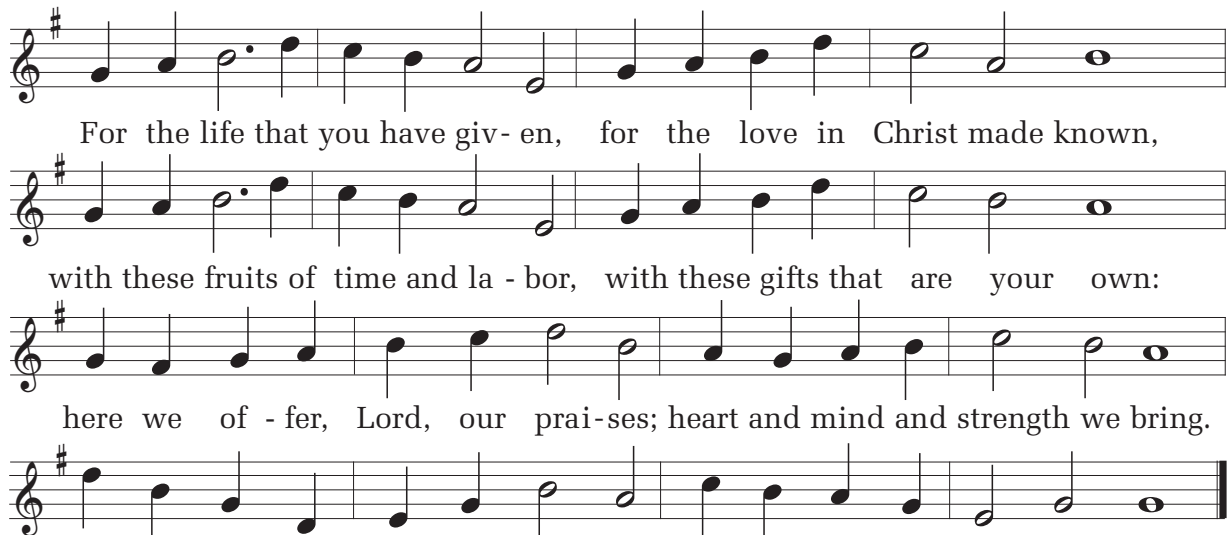
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Father, All Holy”

Charles Wood

Father, all holy, merciful and tender; Son coeternal, worthy to be praised; Spirit of comfort, fount of loving kindness; God everlasting. Trinity holy, unity unchanging, goodness unbounded, very God of heaven, light of angels, refuge of the friendless, hope universal; all thy works hymn thee; all thy saints adore thee. They are and were created for thy pleasure. Now, while we worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices. Thine be the glory, deity almighty, one in three persons, monarch in the highest. Glory and honor, song and praise besem thee now and forever. Amen.

*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: **Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.
Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 162

“O Lord, Our God, How Excellent” *Tune: WINCHESTER OLD*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The Earle of Oxford's March

*William Byrd
arr. E. Peterson*

CONFIRMATION 2008

The following youth participated in the 2007-2008 Fourth Church Rising, the eighth-grade confirmation program at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

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| Zachary Douglas Antonio | Rebecca McKinnon Streck Lewis |
| Erin Elizabeth Bennett | John Lindsay McGuinnis |
| Alexandra Nicole Brown | Henry James Meserow |
| Frank Swayze Brumfield | Nicholas Snow Phalen |
| Madeleine Jacobus Campion | Adam Kenneth Ringwood |
| Thomas Lain Cox | Thomas Joseph Rossley |
| Taylor Cowl | Kathryn Elizabeth Sabol |
| Laurel Elizabeth Doak | Hannah Greer Elizabeth Sharpe |
| Geoffrey E.D.R. Dohrmann | McCormick Louis Sinclair |
| Henry Robert Feldman | Emily Jane Vander Weele |
| Elizabeth Roi Guynn | William Steere Wardrop |
| Jack Spencer Kint | Lauren Jean Wiebe |

Thank you to Nicholette Andrews, Kerry Grady, Andrew Karaba, Kathi Rodak, and Jane Tuma for the time they have spent with these youth as leaders in this program.

Today Fourth Church commissions participants in its summer mission trips to Guatemala; the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota; the Woodlawn neighborhood on the South Side; the Illinois Special Olympics (junior high youth); New Orleans (senior high youth); and Presbyterian Camps at Saugatuck, Michigan (senior high youth). Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

The banners hanging in the sanctuary present both Old and New Testament Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and tongues of fire.

On the cover: The colorful arched ceiling high above the north balcony depicts angels, doves, grapes, and other biblical images. The large canvases were hand-cleaned by professional art restorers during the sanctuary renovation in 1994.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Donna Gray, John W. Vest, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. Tower Brass; the Morning Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Today is also Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Presbyterian Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior. A series of dedicatory services were held the remainder of that week, and later that month, the new sanctuary and parish buildings were host to 1,800 attendees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Fourth Church expresses its thanks and appreciation to Tower Brass for its music leadership during the past year. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month September to May.

Gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to assist those in need in Myanmar and China can be made using the special Presbyterian Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Offering gifts to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign can be made using the Chicago Lights envelopes in the pew racks or by making a check payable to Chicago Lights. For information about this nonprofit community service organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, serving more than 7,000 individuals and families annually, or its Annual Fund campaign, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

PASTORAL STAFF

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