

THE EARLIEST CHRISTIAN GOSPEL MAY BE STATED . . . : “Look! Attend! Listen! A child is born, a new being, a new era, a new existential possibility has emerged. Novelty has entered history, and therefore you are free of the binding illusion that your fate is written in the stars. . . . The ground out of which history springs is alive and gracious: therefore anything is possible. Live in openness, wonder, and gratitude, accepting the mysterious gift of the ability to create, act, and forgive!” This gospel pointed out . . . a new manner of being in the world that became visible in the person of Jesus. Its miraculous character was the new world it created for believers, the total reorientation, the conversion it effected.

Sam Keen, *Apology for Wonder*

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 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, June 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, July 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, July 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, 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 Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “Father of All” *Christopher Tye*
Father of all, we bow to thee, who art in heaven adored,
yet seen on earth through all thy works, the universal Lord.
For thine the power, the kingdom thine, all glory be to thee.
Thine from eternity they were, and thine shall ever be.

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

***HYMN 458** “Earth and All Stars” *Tune: DEXTER*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of 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)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 (*responsively*) (page 533, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Lord, Who Shall Dwell in Thy Tabernacle?”
Benjamin Rogers

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle, or who shall rest upon thy holy hill? Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life and doeth the thing which is right and speaketh the truth from his heart. He that hath used no deceit in his tongue nor done evil to his neighbor and hath not slandered his neighbor. He that setteth not by himself but is lowly in his eyes and maketh much of them that fear the Lord. He that hath not given his money upon usury, not taken reward against the innocent. Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:1–15 (page 13, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Genesis 21:1–7 (page 16, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

SURPRISE

“Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?”

Genesis 18:14 (NRSV)

***HYMN 268** “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
Tune: HOLY MANNA

***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

“Lord Our God, We Pray Thee, Hear Us”
Lord our God, we pray thee, hear us.
In our every hour be near us.
From all evil keep us free,
for we hope alone in thee. Amen.

J. S. Bach

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Erschallet, ihr Lieder” from *Cantata No. 172* *J. S. Bach*
Sing praises, ye faithful, lift your voices in this joyous time.
The Lord desires to dwell in our souls.

*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 375**

“Lord of All Good”

Tune: TOULON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels closest to the chancel.

One in a series of seventeen on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Martha Langford, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

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

This morning's prelude and postlude, as well as several of the choral pieces, were composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750). He wrote the Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue and *Cantata No. 172* in 1714 while he was court organist for Duke Wilhelm Ernst in Weimar. Bach remained there from 1708 until 1717, the only time in his career that he held the position of organist.

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. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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