

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee,
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

John Calvin, *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545

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 Monday, November 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, November 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns and anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; 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 A Mighty Fortress is Our God *Johann C. Kittel*
Sheep May Safely Graze *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Toccatà and Fugue in D Minor *J.S. Bach*

INTROIT “In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put My Trust” *Stephen Sturk*
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never
be confounded. Amen.

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

***HYMN 260** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 107:1–9 (page 528, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“O How Amiable”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts
of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow
a nest where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord
of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell
in thy house; they will be always praising thee. The glorious
majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper thou the work
of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God,
our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter
from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

(page 191, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 23:1–12

(page 24, N.T.)

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

THE REFORMING IMPULSE

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who
humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23:12 (NRSV)

***HYMN 430**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

*** 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

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

S. Sturk

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

OFFERING

*Please place your 2009 giving response cards in the offering plate
along with your offering.*

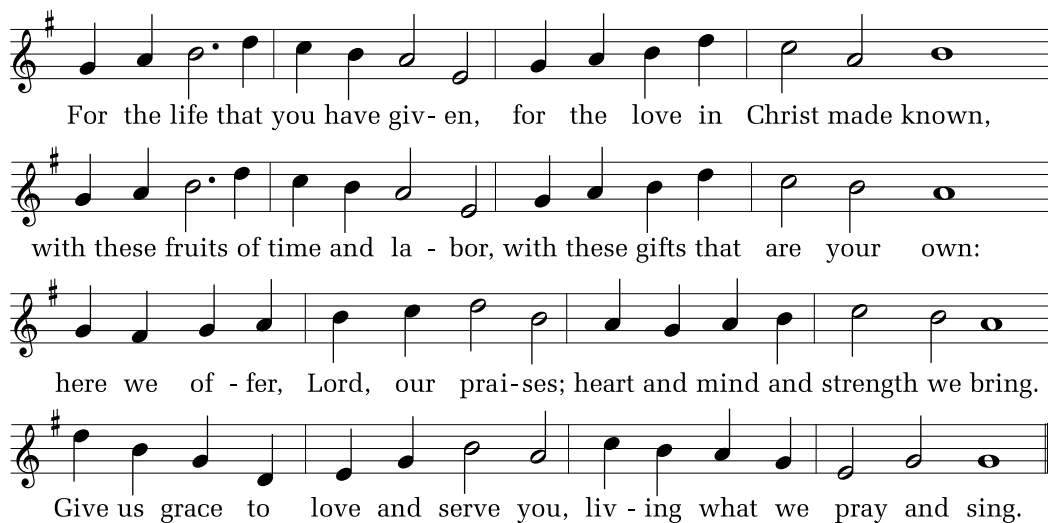
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hans Leo Hassler

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and bulwark.
He helps us free from every need that hath us now overtaken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great
might are his dread arms in fight. On earth is not his equal.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 2009 PLEDGES



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 457**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Tune: TOULON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Please remain seated as the bagpiper recesses down the center aisle.

RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish Melody

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Helmut Walcha

Reformation Sunday

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. The last Sunday in October has been chosen as Reformation Sunday because it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. Reformation Sunday is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

As part of our Reformation Sunday observances, we sing “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” as our opening hymn. Based on Psalm 46, the hymn was written and composed by Martin Luther in 1529 and soon became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. By 1900, the hymn had been translated into more than eighty languages, and today, nearly five hundred years later, more than two hundred versions of “A Mighty Fortress” are in common usage.

Also as part of our observance of Reformation Sunday, bagpiper George Sims will play a recessional, reminding us of the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian church.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; George Sims, bagpiper

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is being presented by Jay Frey on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

Today is Commitment Sunday, a day when we celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. As part of Commitment Sunday, the Resource Development Committee asks all who have not yet completed a 2009 giving response card to do so today. Cards are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. For more information about giving at Fourth Church, please contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries.

The Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, featured in this morning's Prelude, was written by Johann Sebastian Bach in 1708 when he was about seventeen years old and demonstrates the dramatic intensity of his music. Although Bach's music was not highly regarded in his era, today he is a well-known composer.

The bulletin cover depicts seeds of new life, in the form of acorns. This hand-carved stone on the north wall of the chancel dates from 1914, the year of Fourth Church's construction. During this Annual Appeal season, we are mindful that the gifts we offer plant seeds of new life in this congregation and the communities it serves through worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.

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