

November 16, 2008

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

God is in love with us and keeps giving himself to the world—
through you and me.

May you continue to be the sunshine of God's love to your
people and thus make your life something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa
Come Be My Light

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, November 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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).

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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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

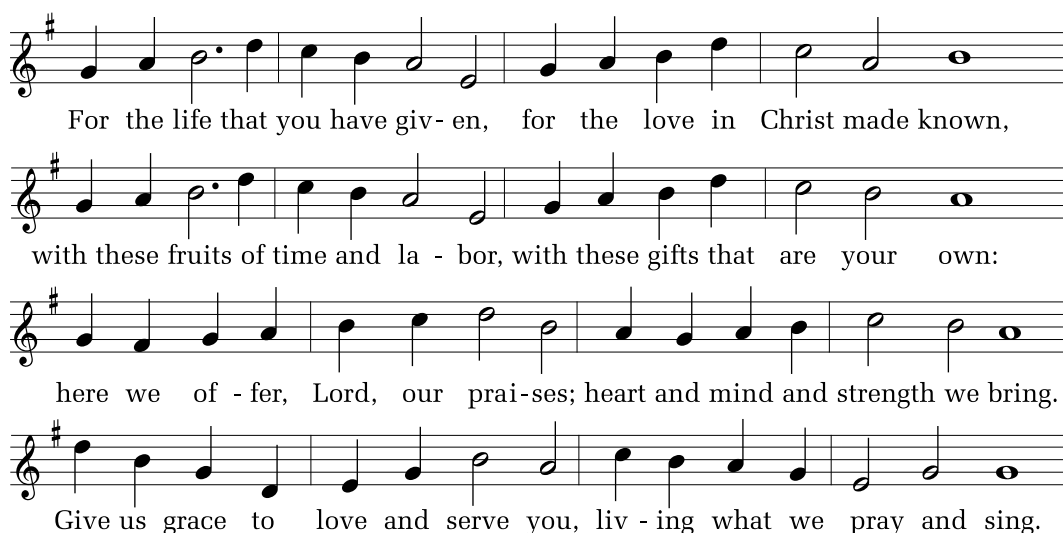
“Hear Our Prayer” *Plainsong; arr. Richard Gore*
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our crying come unto thee.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Choral Flourish” *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise
the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten
strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with
loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is
done in faithfulness.

*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 up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 376

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Spiritoso from *Urban Litany*

Aaron David Miller

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

THANKSGIVING GOSPELFEST

Sunday, November 23, 3:30 p.m.

At St. Matthew United Methodist Church

1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street)

Through this annual Gospelfest of choirs and messages of thanksgiving, Fourth Church, its neighbors, and fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance give thanks for the good news of the gospel within our community.

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.

At Fourth Church

Father Dan Mayall, Holy Name Cathedral, preaching

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Holy Name Cathedral, and the Islamic Downtown Center for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 27, 11:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary,

John W. Vest preaching

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thursday, November 27, 12:30 p.m.

In Anderson Hall

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends at this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited, so purchase dinner tickets early (during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk).

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Ann Mellott on behalf of the "Light Up a Life" holiday giving opportunity. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing "Light Up a Life" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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.

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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