

YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS—either because it is a reasonable intellectual assumption or because it is the creed you were taught—and never so much as set a foot on the road. . . . I warn you: to permit God through the door will radically reorient your spiritual and moral universe. Not I, but the One who transcends me becomes the point of orientation. Not I, but the One whom faith names God comes to be the nexus of meaning. Not I, but God it is who gives shape and purpose to all things. God becomes the One from whom we come, the One unto whom we return, and the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Michael Lindvall, *A Geography of God*

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 Saturday, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 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

Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan River

Johann Pachelbel

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J. S. Bach

American Folk Hymn Settings

Jean Langlais

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

At the River

Robert Lowry

arr. Aaron Copland

INTROIT

"The Lord Has Shown Forth His Glory"

Iain Quinn

The Lord has shown forth his glory; come let us adore him.

Glory 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

*HYMN 264

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Tune: ENGELBERG

PRAYER FOR THE DAY *(unison)*

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns. Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds: behind the ability to think and reason, behind all understanding of the truth. Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ: behind the weakness, the torture and the death, behind unconquerable love. Eternal God, we worship and adore you. Amen.

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER **Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 29:1–11 (*responsively*) (page 477, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Tribus Miraculis” *Orlandus Lassus*
This holy day, adorned by three miracles, we celebrate.
Today a star led the Magi to the manger. Today wine was made from water for the wedding. Today Christ was baptized by John so that Christ might save us all. Alleluia.

FIRST LESSON Mark 1:4–11 (page 32, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Genesis 1:1–5 (page 1, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
IN THE BEGINNING
“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1 (NRSV)

***HYMN 293** “This Is My Father’s World” *Tune: TERRA BEATA*

***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"

John Rutter

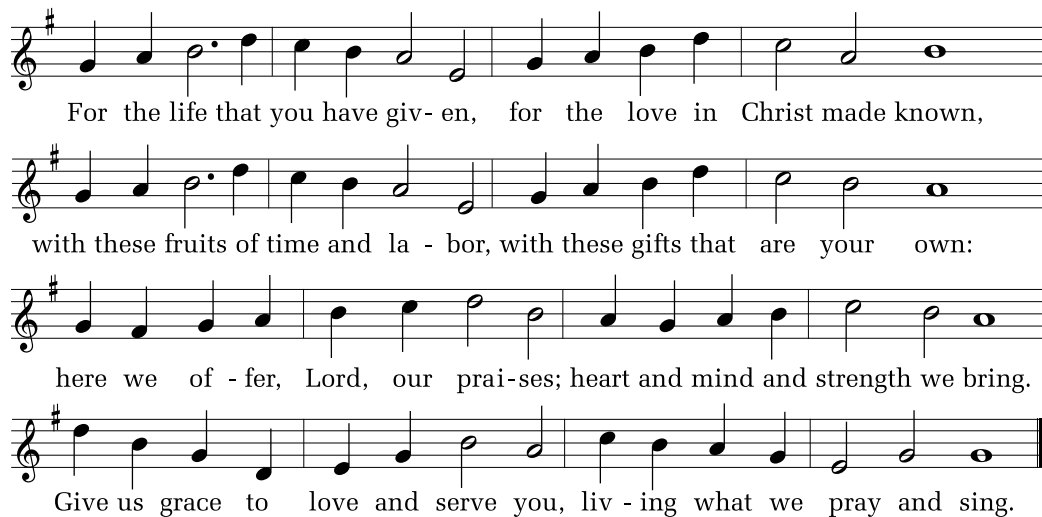
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Father in Heaven"

David Hurd

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to
heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives,
we live to praise you, our God forever. Gracious God,
who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages we thank you for your
saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*HYMN 292

“All Beautiful the March of Days”

Tune: FOREST GREEN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

I've Just Come from the Fountain

*African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham*

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Logan Wulff Balaz, son of Joseph and Dana Balaz

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Jane Katherine Baker, daughter of Stephen Baker and Lucinda Shair

Sean Patrick Richards, son of Christina Cerasale

Caroline Chronister Rogers, daughter of Peter Rogers and Wendy Chronister

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

11:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soprano soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Offertory Anthem, "Father in Heaven," was composed by David Hurd for the 1985 gathering of the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy. Hurd, born in 1950, is the Organist and Director of Music at the Church of the Holy Apostles in New York City and also teaches at General Theological Seminary.

This morning's sermon is the first of a four-part series from the book of Genesis.

It will be followed by "God and Science" on January 18; "Imagio Dei: God in Us" on January 25; and "What Went Wrong?" on February 2.

Since Fourth Church was dedicated in May 1914, more than six million worshipers have passed under this twelve-foot-wide tympanum over the Michigan Avenue entrance. The carving depicts Aaron blessing the children of Israel, as he was instructed by God in Numbers 6:23–26: "Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.'"

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