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January 18, 2009

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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**W**ELL, CERTAINLY GOD IS NOT A GOD IN A HURRY. That's clear. God is patient and subtle. God works through process and not through magic; not through snapping the divine fingers. That's what we learn from seeing the history of creation as science has revealed it. And I think that tells us something about how God acts generally. And, when you think about it, if God is . . . the God of love, then that is how love will work. Not by overwhelming force, but by, if you like, persuasive process. . . . It's an example of how religious insights about the nature of God and the scientific insights about the process of the world seem to me actually to be very consonant with each other. . . . They fit together in a way that makes sense. They don't seem to be at odds with one another.

John Polkinghorne

## 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, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 14 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).

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**The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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## MORNING WORSHIP

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	The Providence of God	<i>Roland de Lassus arr. Robert King</i>
	O, Freedom	<i>African American spiritual arr. Adolphus Hailstork</i>
	A Rose Tree Blossoms	<i>Alan Hovhaness arr. Christine Worthing</i>
	The Lord Will Make a Way	<i>Thomas Dorsey arr. Raymond Henry</i>
	There Is a Balm in Gilead	<i>African American spiritual arr. Bob Walters</i>

**INTROIT**                    “Siyahamba”                    *South African freedom song*  
We are marching in the light of God. We are praying in  
the light of God. We are singing in the light of God.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

\***HYMN 288**                    “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”                    *Tune: ELLACOMBE*

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY *(unison)*

**We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.  
You hold the heavens in your hand;  
all stars rejoice in your glory.  
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn  
and bless the splendor of the noonday.  
The stars in their courses magnify you;  
day and night tell of your glory.  
Your peace blows over the earth,  
and the breath of your mouth fills all space.  
Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm,  
and the song of the wind whispers of your majesty.  
You satisfy all things living with your abundance,  
and our hearts bow at your presence.  
Accept us, your children, Eternal Father,  
and hearken to our prayer.  
Bend over us, Eternal Love, and bless us. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PSALTER** Psalm 19:1–6, 14 (*responsively*) (page 472, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “Let the Bright Seraphim” *Deodatus Dutton*  
Let the bright seraphim in burning row their loud angel trumpets  
blow, and the cherubic host in thousand choirs strike their immortal  
harps of golden wires.

**FIRST LESSON** John 1:1–5, 14 (page 86, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 1:1–13, 24–25 (page 1, O.T.)

**SERMON** by John M. Buchanan  
THE MESSAGE OF THE STARS  
“The heavens are telling the glory of God.” Psalm 19:1 (NRSV)

**VOLUNTARY** Toccata in D Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**\*HYMN 272** “God of the Sparrow” *Tune: ROEDER*

**\* 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**

“Incline Thine Ear unto Me”

*Stephen Sturk*

Incline thine ear unto me; in the day when I call,  
answer me speedily. Amen.

**OFFERING**

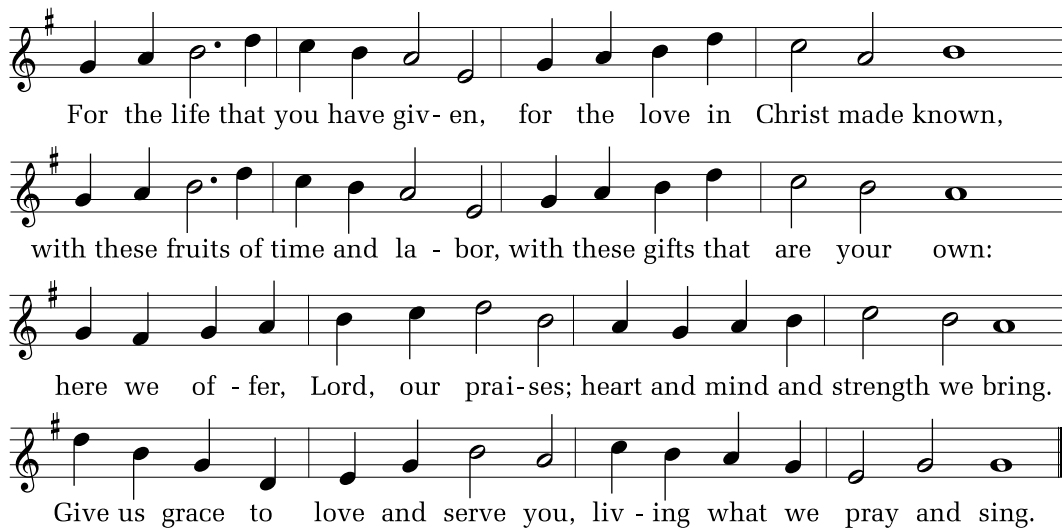
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Ezekiel Saw the Wheel”

*African American spiritual  
arr. William Dawson*

Ezekiel saw the wheel, way up in the middle of the air, the big wheel run by faith and the little wheel run by the grace of God. Better mind, my brother, how you walk on the cross; your foot might slip and your soul get lost. Old Satan wears a clubfoot shoe; if you don't mind he'll slip it on you. Some go to church for to sing and shout Hallelujah! Before six months they are all turned out.

## \*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: **God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world  
in your hand. So we give you our great praise that in  
Jesus Christ all people may see your glory.  
By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us,  
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.  
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,  
God of all nations, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ,  
your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## \*HYMN 268

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*Tune: HOLY MANNA*

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*American folk song  
arr. Don Gillis*

## **Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.**

*Eighty years ago, on  
January 15, 1929,  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
was born in Atlanta.  
Only thirty-five years  
later, this pastor and  
civil rights leader  
became the youngest  
individual to receive  
the Nobel Peace Prize.*

*On this weekend when  
we join churches and  
communities across  
the nation in honoring  
the life and legacy of  
Martin Luther King Jr.,  
we read here again the  
words he wrote from  
the Birmingham Jail in  
April 1963, excerpted  
from his letter, which  
was first printed in the  
CHRISTIAN CENTURY.*

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true *ekklesia* and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's Minute for Mission** is presented by June Barnard on behalf of the Mission Benefit Committee.

**This morning's sermon is the second of a four-part series** from the book of Genesis. It will be followed by "Imagio Dei: God in Us" on January 25 and "What Went Wrong?" on February 1.

**This morning's Offertory Anthem, "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel,"** was written by William Dawson. Born in 1899, Dawson studied at the Tuskegee Institute and at the American Conservatory here in Chicago. He later directed the Tuskegee Choir, which toured throughout America and Europe singing his many arrangements of African American spirituals.

**Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet,** assists in worship leadership this morning, as they do each third Sunday.

**John Polkinghorne,** who is quoted on the cover of the bulletin, is an astronomer, physicist, and Anglican priest.

**Bulletin cover:** 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 (Numbers 6:23–26).

## PASTORAL STAFF

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