

March 1, 2009

*First Sunday in Lent*

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**T**HIS IS ANOTHER DAY, O LORD. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Kathleen Norris  
*Acedia and Me*

## 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.

**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, March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Sunday, March 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

### **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.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Forty Days and Forty Nights	<i>Peter Lutkin</i>
	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	<i>African American spiritual arr. Raymond Henry</i>
	Forty Days and Forty Nights	<i>Kenneth Leighton</i>
	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	<i>African American spiritual arr. Richard Billingham</i>
	Forty Days	<i>Dave Brubeck</i>

<b>INTROIT</b>	“For Forty Days and Forty Nights”	<i>John Bell</i>
	For forty days and forty nights, the desert place was Jesus’ home. Baptized and blessed, God let him stay where thoughts of fame and fortune roam. And we, who follow Christ today, are prone to hear the tempter’s voice. And whether we say yes or no is our, not God’s, peculiar choice.	

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 457	“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”	<i>Tune: TOULON</i>
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### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

**God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 25:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 475, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “Forty Days” from *The Light in the Wilderness* D. Brubeck  
Forty days alone in the desert, days and nights of constant prayer, seeking in the wailing wind an answer to despair; forty days of questioning why was he there. Searching for his destined role, thirsting after righteousness and nourishing his soul, seeking inward miracles to reach his goal. After forty days in the desert, he and God became as one. Jesus found within himself the Father’s will is done. He must prove to doubting man he is the Son of God.

**FIRST LESSON** Exodus 3:1–6 (page 48, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Mark 1:9–15 (page 33, N.T.)

**SERMON** by John M. Buchanan  
BEYOND WILDERNESS  
“He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and the angels waited on him.” Mark 1:13 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN** “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”  
*Tune: TALLIS CANON*

Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter day.

The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who found in weakness greater power,  
embraces us, though lost and flawed,  
and leads us to his rising hour.

We bear the silence, cross, and pain  
of human burdens, human strife,  
while sisters, brothers help sustain  
our courage till the feast of life.

And though the road is hard and steep,  
the Spirit ever calls us on  
through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
until we see the coming dawn.

So let us choose the path of one  
who wore for us the crown of thorn,  
and slept in death that we might wake  
to life on Resurrection Morn!

Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing  
And shout hosannas! Raise the strain!  
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings,  
on Easter day will live again!

**\* 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** *(traditional)*

*(The Hymnal, page 16)*

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen"

*Florence Worthington*

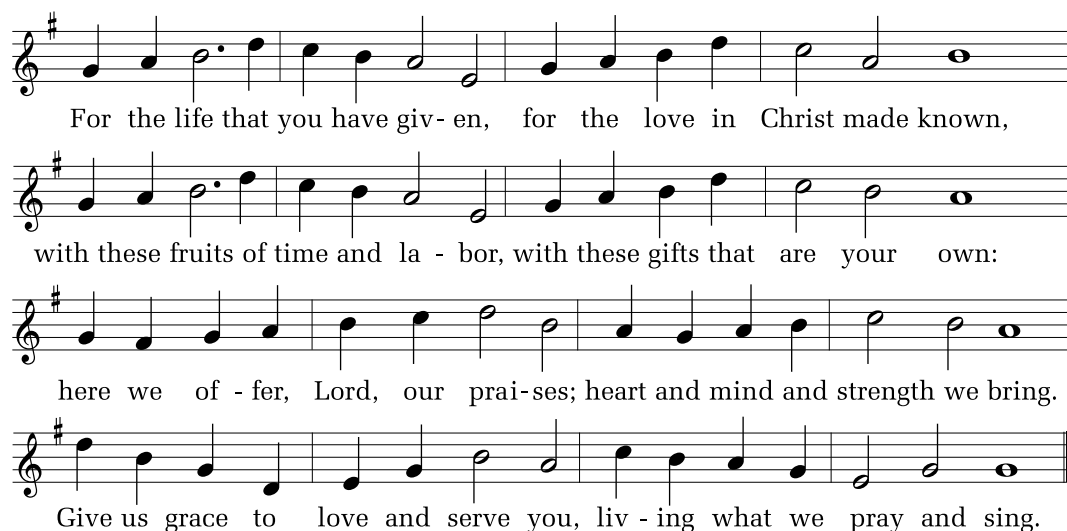
**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Daemon Irrepat Calidus”

*György Orbán*

The devil sneaks expertly amidst praise, song, and dance;  
however amiably the devil acts, it is still worth less than the  
heart of Jesus. Poor, passionate, undisciplined, frustrated devil.

**\*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 mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, for the breaking of his body for our sakes. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance, and guide us in ways of righteousness. Take our humble offerings as tokens of our commitment to follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 81**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

*Tune: ST. FLAVIAN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *African American spiritual*  
*arr. Calvin Taylor*

# Lent

## at Fourth Presbyterian Church

### Lenten Devotions

Written by Fourth Church members and staff, daily Lenten devotions are available by e-mail (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), on the website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

### Lenten Book Study

*Beginning Sunday, March 1  
12:30 p.m. in the Manse*

Hosted by ThirtiesForties, this seven-week study will focus on *Lent: The Sunday Readings*. Copies of the book are available in Coffee Hour.

### Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services

*Beginning Wednesday, March 4*

Each Wednesday in Lent, members and friends are invited to a time of worship held in Blair Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

### Lenten Retreat

*Friday evening and Saturday morning  
March 27–28 in Anderson Hall*

Stephanie Paulsell will lead participants in an exploration of the biblical book Song of Songs. Details and registration forms are available in the literature racks.

### Lenten Taizé Service

*Friday, March 27  
7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel*

### Lenten Labyrinth Walk

*Saturday, March 28  
Between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall*  
The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss, 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 E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, as well as the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**The Offertory Anthem, “Daemon Irrepit Callidus,”** speaks of the devil, who also appears in this morning’s gospel text, where we read about Jesus’s temptation in the desert. In the Bible, a figure known variously as the devil, Satan, or the Adversary appears as a personification of temptation or evil, forces in life that separate us from the love of God and God’s good will for the world. While the modern church does not personify evil in the same way the ancients might have done, we do believe that there are real and pervasive instances of evil in our world. Addiction, violence, abuse, and the passive acceptance of such things are but a few manifestations of the evil God calls us to stand against. We all struggle every day with temptations. Our response to those temptations is a part of our journey with Christ, who has promised to be present with us in the wilderness and whose triumph over evil is certain.

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