

THE PEOPLE WHO HANGED CHRIST never accused him of being a bore—on the contrary, they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left to succeeding generations to muffle up that shattering personality with an atmosphere of tedium . . . a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies. He was tender to the unfortunate, patient with honest inquirers, humble: but he insulted clergymen, . . . referred to the king as “that fox,” went to parties in disreputable company, . . . assaulted indignant tradesmen and threw them and their belongings out of the temple. . . . Officialdom felt that the established order of things would be more secure without him. So they did away with God in the name of peace and quietness.

Dorothy Sayers, *The Greatest Drama Ever Staged*

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, March 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, 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	Jesus, Friend of Sinners	<i>Edvard Grieg arr. D. R. Frederick</i>
	Air from <i>Orchestral Suite No. 3</i>	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	Consolation	<i>Franz Liszt arr. Hans-André Stamm</i>
	Elegy	<i>Malcolm Archer</i>
	Dedication	<i>Robert Schumann arr. Christine Worthing</i>

INTROIT	“Sing Praise to the Mighty God”	<i>J. S. Bach arr. Hal Hopson</i>
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Sing praise to the mighty God, the God of all creation.
The heavens declare God’s praise; they tell God’s might and glory.
The sun shines day to day; the moon shines night to night.
The seasons come and go; time moves from year to year.
God’s love is ever sure, forevermore.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* HYMN 416	“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”	<i>Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY</i>
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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into
our troubled world through the life, death,
and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your Word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts”

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal; suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 19:1–10, 14 *(responsively)*

(page 472, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13–22

(page 87, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

“Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple.”

John 2:15 (NRSV)

***HYMN 307**

“Fight the Good Fight”

Tune: DUKE STREET

***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”

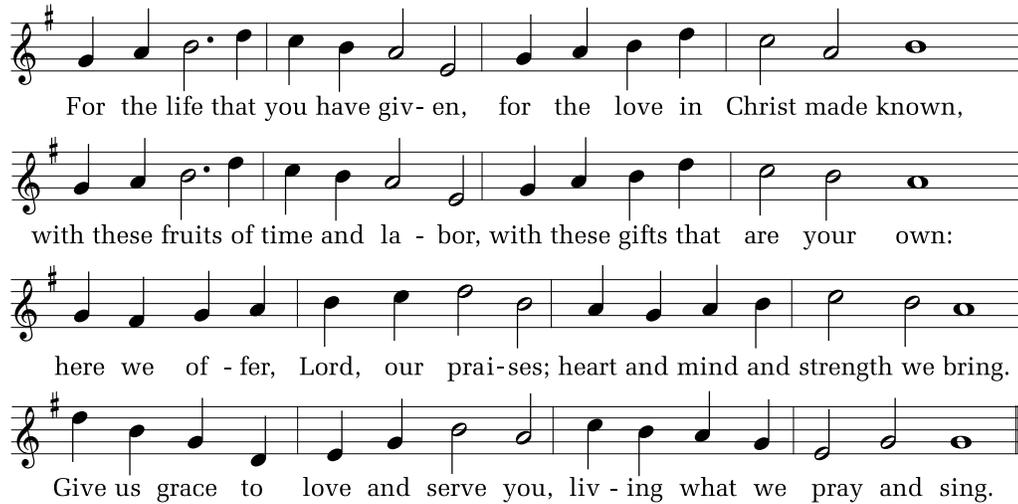
Orlando Gibbons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks” *Herbert Howells*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God; my soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, “Where is now thy God?”

***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 sake. 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 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O Be Joyful in the Lord

*Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. C. Worthing*

Lent

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Lenten Devotions

Written by Fourth Church members and staff, daily Lenten devotions are available by email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), on the website www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

Lenten Book Study

12:30 p.m. in the Manse

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

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services

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. Joann H. Lee, John W. Vest, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Youth Choir; the Morning Choir

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

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning, as they do on the third Sunday of each month, September through May.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. 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 unfolding flower growing out of a crown of thorns, shown on this week's bulletin cover, provides an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection. It is carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the Fourth Church pulpit.

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