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4:00 Order of Worship 11.22.09

Gathering

Gathering Music

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come from wandering; come into worship! Come with your longings, your questions and fears! In the wilderness, remember: God is here!

People: **In God's presence, we find the community we seek.**

Leader: God, you call us through your Spirit so that we may gather in celebration of the new community.

People: **Open our hearts so that we may feel acceptance and respect for our differences.**

Leader: We are all different and yet we share a yearning that touches us and compels us to join together in unity with one another.

People: **Open our minds so that we may learn from one another and use our knowledge to bridge gaps and build a community of faith for all.**

Leader: The table is set; the community is gathered. Come! Let us worship God!

***Song of Praise** “Sing! A New Creation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O gracious and loving God, who calls us to be your people in this age,
forgive us when we keep Christ in the past, the Gospel as letters on a page,
and the church as an organization in which we may or may not participate.
Your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as
Christ has loved us, yet we fail to embrace your liberating love.
We divide where you would unite; exclude where you would embrace;
deny when you would provide. Forgive our hardness of heart, O God.
Mend our brokenness and breathe into us the living Word of
all-inclusive love. We pray this in the name of your child, Jesus.
Hear now our silent prayers . . .**

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As God’s forgiven people, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lesson Revelation 1:4–8 (page 230, N.T.)

Song “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Scripture Lesson John 18:33–37 (page 106, N.T.)

Sermon by Jocelyn C. Cadwallader
You Can Handle the Truth!

Silence

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” *George Frideric Handel*

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come unto the daylight’s splendor; there with joy thy praises render unto him
whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded. High over all
the heavens reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth. Jesus, bread of life,
I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee. Never to my harm invited; be thy love
with love requited. From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep
love’s treasure. Through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven
receive me.

***Doxology** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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!**

Minister: What do you bring to Christ's table?

People: **We bring bread, made by people's work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.**

Minister: At this table, all are fed and no one is turned away.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Minister: What do you bring to Christ's table?

People: **We bring wine, made by people's work, from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.**

Minister: At this table, all share the cup of pain and celebration and no one is denied.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Minister: These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ,

People: **our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, and our hope for a world where God is fully known and every child is fed.
Thanks be to God.**

Minister: Great and wonderful are your works, O God. Your ways are just and true. Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Prayers of the People

Minister: . . . and with the confidence of the children of God, we pray in our language and tradition most familiar:

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.**

Minister: On the night before he met his death . . .
. . . this is my body which will be given up for you.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Minister: When supper was ended . . .
. . . the table of bread and wine is now made ready.

People: It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom
Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth
in which Christ became incarnate.

The Communion

Communion Music "The Lord Is Good!"

Christopher Tye

The Lord is good! His love will raise a joyful harvest song. Sing "He is good!" and let his praise from every tongue be heard. The Lord is good! He gives us bread; he gives his children more. The Lord is good! By him their souls with grace are fed a rich and endless store.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**O God, our Host, you are Welcome. You are the Invitation,
the Table, the Feast. By your Spirit may we learn to receive
and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives
and not simply its crumbs. Embolden us as we serve as
the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice
and bread, for shelter and nourishment. In Christ we pray.
Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song**

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Benediction

Sending Music

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

Worship Leaders

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader Pastoral Resident

Sarah A. Johnson Pastoral Resident

Mark Schimmelfennig Liturgist

The Chamber Choir

Fourth at Four Ensemble

John W. W. Sherer Organist and Director of Music

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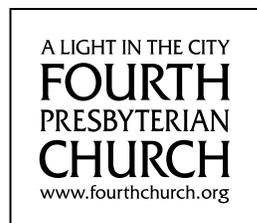
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Fourth Church Cares

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).

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Extra hand sanitizer is available throughout the church during this flu season.

A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street will be closed until Thanksgiving while Peoples Gas makes repairs.

Thank you to all who have returned giving response cards for the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, "Called to Be a Church Alive." Giving Response cards are available in the pew and literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit www.covenantnetwork.org.

Project Second Century: Called to Love and Serve (P2C) is Fourth Church's initiative to expand its programs, service, and presence in the city as well as the facilities and financial strength to enable such growth. Recent milestones include the completion of preliminary plans for a new building; distribution of a request for proposal; conversations related to the city approval process; and the first stages of plans for a capital fund-raising campaign. For more details about P2C, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday school classes for children meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church youth meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.; Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

Worship

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

Morning Prayer will be held Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America* by Paul Tough. Vicky Curtiss will lead the discussion.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome.

An eight-week yoga class, hosted by the Young Adults, will be held Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest starting December 1. For information or to register, email yoga@fourthchurch.org.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will host a Christmas dinner party on Sunday, December 6. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, November 30.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, is holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available at the reception desk. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 26.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held at Chicago Sinai Temple (15 W. Delaware) on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating. John Vest will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 26. Ali Trowbridge will be preaching.

A Thanksgiving labyrinth walk will be available Saturday, November 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This meditative prayer walk takes approximately twenty minutes to complete.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to assist with the Book Nook during Coffee Hour

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at Cabrini-Green schools; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., several afternoons a week

Sunday School teachers for 11:00 a.m. classes; alternate Sundays

Current Donation Needs

Nonperishable food, especially peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, canned salmon, and dried beans, for the Central City Housing Ventures Canned Food Drive

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Christmas

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available online at www.chicagolights.org and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A four-week Advent book study of G.K. Chesterton's *Advent and Christmas Wisdom*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will begin next Sunday, November 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Copies of the book will be available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

Chicago a cappella will perform their annual holiday concert at Fourth Church on Friday, December 11 at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call 773.755.1628 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow. Volunteers are needed; contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 for more details.

Music and the Arts

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert at Fourth Church on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206 or visiting www.thechicagoensemble.org.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Pastoral Resident
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

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 join us for a community supper following this time of worship. A meal will be served in Anderson Hall, which is through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary. We welcome this opportunity to break bread together and share in fellowship with friends and neighbors.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles 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.

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.

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 the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, December 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Monday, January 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).