



## 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.*

*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.*

### Welcome

#### **\*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.*

\* Stand as you are able

## Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord; praise God's name.

People: **Proclaim God's salvation day after day.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's people.

People: **The Lord is good and God's love endures forever.**

All: **Let us lift our hearts to God in joyful praise.**

## Instrumental Improvisation

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1–14

(page 75, O.T.)

### Song

"Be Thou My Vision"

### Prayer of Confession *(responsively)*

Psalm 51:1–10

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: **Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless  
when you pass judgment.**

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

People: **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom  
in my secret heart.**

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,  
and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### Song

"Spirit of the Living God"

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"  
*(congregation sings verse one)*

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 15:1–10 (page 73, N.T.)

**Sermon** by John W. Vest  
Lost and Found

**\*Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"  
*(congregation sings full song)*

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Solo** "Come Sunday" Edward "Duke" Ellington

## \*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!**

## Sanctus

### 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.**

#### The Communion

**Communion Solo** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Traditional*

#### Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger  
with this sacred meal. Strengthen our faith for the days to come,  
that we may find the path to salvation in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

# Sending

**\*Sending Song** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**\*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**

**John W. Vest**

Associate Pastor

**Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet**

#### ***Acknowledgments:***

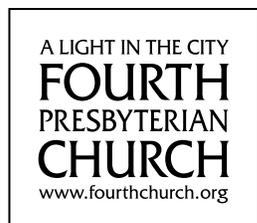
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### **The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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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 Sarah Johnson, member of the pastoral staff at 312.981.4034 ([sjohnson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sjohnson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**A congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and act on a recommendation from the Project Second Century Steering Committee, which has been working on a proposal for (a) a new building to be built in the space currently occupied by the parking lot, Westminster House, and the Counseling Center and (b) a capital campaign to fund such a project. A new exhibit in the Gallery presents some of the concepts for the new building; details are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html).

**All are invited to attend the annual "Get Connected" Coffee Hour** on Sunday, September 26 to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities. The following Sunday, October 3, all are encouraged to attend the annual Volunteer Fair. Mission Trip Sunday will be held Sunday, October 17.

**Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board** are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

**Fourth Church welcomes two new Pastoral Residents today:** Kerri Allen and Matt Helms. For the next two years, Fourth Church will be privileged to have these recent seminary graduates as part of the staff, as they use their pastoral gifts and skills among us while they continue in their formation as practicing Presbyterian ministers.

**The scaffolding** outside the sanctuary will be there for the next few months as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework. This work is being undertaken as part of Project Second Century.

**"Celebrating the Whole Household of God"** is the theme of the 2010 Covenant Network Conference, which will be held November 4–6 in Houston. For more information, visit [www.covnetpres.org/conferences/2010-covenant-conference/](http://www.covnetpres.org/conferences/2010-covenant-conference/).

**The Fourth Church website**, [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins; devotions; and programming information.

## Mission and Outreach

**Chicago Lights Tutoring orientation** for new tutors will be held Monday, September 13 and Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. Volunteers need only attend one of these identical sessions. For details, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 ([mstegemann@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mstegemann@fourthchurch.org)).

**The Guatemala mission trip deadline** is Wednesday, September 15. This Christmas-break trip will provide opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. Contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 to apply.

**The Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant (but not for liquor or tobacco). For information or to purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 ([nholbert@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)).

## Volunteers

**The annual Volunteer Fair** will be held Sunday, October 3 during morning Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. All are encouraged to attend and learn of service and community outreach opportunities.

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Sunday School teachers** for alternate Sundays; teach in pairs; training provided

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday night suppers; rotating schedule; car essential

**Cooks and supervising cooks** for a men's shelter at 835 W. Addison on rotating Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; training provided; free parking close by, near "L" and bus stops

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Toiletries**—including shaving cream, toothpaste, men's and women's underwear (size L–XL)—for guests of the Social Service Center

**Men's seasonal sturdy clothes**, especially jeans and other pants, short-sleeved shirts, and underwear in larger sizes

**Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl** who is chronically ill; a list of items is available by contacting Larry Nicholson

**Greeting cards, stamps, and envelopes** for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

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

## Fellowship

**Books by Women** will gather this Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel.

**Young adults** age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to participate in a Saturday, September 18 Habitat for Humanity project in Joliet. For details or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

**The Cycling Club** will gather on Sunday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony A to discuss group rides and programming. To RSVP, email [cyclists@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cyclists@fourthchurch.org).

**The ThirtiesForties fellowship group** will gather on Sunday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Manse to view and discuss a short film. This meeting will be the first in a three-part series entitled Living in the Enlightened Spirit (LITES).

## Worship

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held 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.

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held each fourth Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk is available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service will be held Friday, September 24.

**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.

# News and Opportunities

## Children and Family

**Sunday School** classes meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Fourth Church Youth** meet Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

**A new fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12** will begin Sunday, October 3. Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–4 meet at member homes in various neighborhoods. To join a moms' group or for more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**Fall Family Camp** will be held October 8–10 at the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms will be available in Westminster House and online in the coming weeks. For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

## Music and the Arts

**A P2C exhibit** highlighting concepts for the proposed new building is on display in the Gallery; "Seeing the Savior" is on exhibition in the Loggia.

**Oboist Jelena Dirks** will perform this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Those who would like to receive *Music Notes***, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

## Enrichment

**British historian Peter Cormack** will give a lecture about the stained glass at Fourth Church on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This free event offered by the Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. tour highlighting the glass.

**Ken Stone**, professor of Bible, culture, and hermeneutics at Chicago Theological Seminary, will speak on Friday, September 17 on the topic of how the Bible is used in discussions about homosexuality. This Changing Conversations gathering is part of a series inviting members and friends of Fourth Church into discussion about issues affecting gay and lesbian persons and our life together in community. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**A twelve-week Nia exercise course** begins Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. A Nia "Splash Out" will be held Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall, offering an opportunity for newcomers to try out a Nia exercise class. For details or to register (required), call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

**Three new Academy for Faith and Life courses** begin Sunday, September 26: "Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit," "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible," and "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?" Course descriptions, room locations, and times are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html).

**Vanderbilt Divinity School professor Ted Smith** will speak on "Sex and the Limits of Ethics," the topic of the next Michigan Avenue Forum, which will be held on Sunday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## 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 Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

**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  
Sarah A. Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care

**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.

**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. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

**Worship folders**, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html).

## 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, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org)).