

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.

* Stand as you are able

***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.

Call to Worship

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

All: **We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!**

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey;
you bless us, but we do not thank you. Please forgive and help us.
Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us,
but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we
do not love our neighbors. Please forgive and help us.
Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts,
the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is
happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives. Please forgive and
help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 84 (page 513, O.T.)

Improvisation

Scripture Reading Mark 4:26–34 (page 36, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam Fronczek
The Growing Seed

Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Blessed Assurance” *Phoebe P. Knapp*

*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

Stephen Rush

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 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

Josiah Conder

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

God of grace, you have brought us to this table and fed us with the bread and cup we need for the journey of daily living. Send us out into the world with the will to follow you, to struggle to find the meaning of your plan for us, and to persevere, knowing that you are with us on the journey. Amen.

Sending

*Song

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***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

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Associate Pastor

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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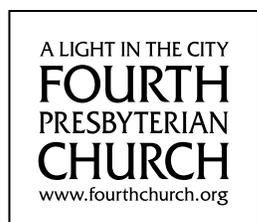
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Fourth Church Cares

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 Sarah Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” the 2011 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Next Sunday, October 31 is Commitment Sunday; all are encouraged to make their pledges by that day so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2011. Giving response cards are available in the pew racks, on “Church Alive” display stands, and in Coffee Hour and can be completed online at www.fourthchurch.org. We are grateful to those who have already returned giving response cards for the 2011 Annual Appeal.

October is “Bike to Church” month, sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club. The Cycling Club will also host a Saturday, October 30 group bike ride in Chesterton, Indiana. For details, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

The scaffolding outside the sanctuary will be there for the next month as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework. This work is being undertaken as part of P2C.

Music and the Arts

Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer will give this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206.

The Newberry Consort will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610 or visiting www.newberryconsort.org.

Mission and Outreach

The purple bows on the Michigan Avenue trees were hung in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month (October) and represent the thousands of individuals who are victims of domestic violence each year.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets on fourth Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to social service agencies and shelters. The next meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 26.

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.

Fresh, organic produce grown at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Stand (444 W. Chicago Avenue).

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).

An advocacy trip to Springfield is being planned for Wednesday, November 17 to bring to the attention of legislators issues related to “Silence the Violence, Support Our Youth.” For details, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

News and Opportunities

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Teachers for Sunday School

Hosts and servers for Caring Celebration Luncheon, Saturday, November 6

Carnaval volunteers to assist with securing items for the auctions

Substitute Tutors for the Tutoring Program (Monday–Thursday evenings)

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, long-sleeved shirts, and underwear in larger sizes

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

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 of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can 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.

An All Saints’ Labyrinth Walk will be held Saturday, November 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. (The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.)

All Saints’ Sunday is November 7, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2010 will be read during morning worship. At 6:30 p.m. the Morning Choir will sing *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré as part of a special communion service of remembrance.

Fellowship

A pumpkin-carving gathering for young adults will be held Wednesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will gather for a pizza dinner followed by the Lookingglass Theatre production of *Peter Pan* on Friday evening, November 5. Early registration is required; a limited number of tickets is available. For details or to RSVP, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

An intergenerational congregational luncheon in celebration of All Saints’ Sunday will be held Sunday, November 7. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. Seating is limited, so be sure to get tickets early.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individual adults forty-seven and older, will gather Friday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to watch Fourth Acts’ production of *The Snow Goose*. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Children and Family

Giggles for God—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—meets Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

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.

The Smorgasbord of Schools will be held Sunday morning, November 7. Families are invited to come learn about the various elementary schools in Chicago. For information, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Bread for the World's president, David Beckmann, will speak this Monday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as part of McCormick Days.

A Road to Mecca by Muhammad Asad will be discussed by the Community Book Group this Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

"Faithful Responses to Popular Atheism," led by **John Buchanan**, meets on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

A Nia "Splash Out" exercise class will be held Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For details or to register (required), call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

Adult education courses, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, meeting Sunday mornings include "Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit" (Page Smith Room) at 9:30 a.m.; "John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*—Continued" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m.; and "Vampires and Theology" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 12:30 p.m. For course details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/academcoursesy.html.

Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*, will discuss his new book, *American Grace*, on Thursday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"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/.

The Eighth Annual Caring Luncheon Celebration for those providing and receiving care will be held Saturday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP for this free luncheon, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3387 by Thursday, October 28.

"Women Building Connections across Faith Lines" will be the topic of an interfaith conversation on Saturday, November 13 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Downtown Islamic Center (231 State Street), hosted by Fourth Church and the Muslim Women's Alliance.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest next June 20–29, 2011. Details are available in Coffee Hour or by contacting Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

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

Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident
Matthew J. Helms, Pastoral Resident
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Sarah A. Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care

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. 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.

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 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, November 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, November 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).