



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.

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:12–25

(page 45, N.T.)

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As we gather together for worship, let us not be strangers,
but sisters and brothers in Christ. As God's forgiven people,
please stand and 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 and remain standing for the Call to Worship.

* Stand as you are able

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 98*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: **God's people are blessed with steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: **Sing praises to the Lord with instruments and voices.**

Leader: Let the seas roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

Leader: at the presence of the Lord, who judges the earth.

People: **God judges the world with righteousness, and the people with equity.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

***Song** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 28:1–6, 15–19 (page 175, O.T.)

Musical Reflection

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness (*Psalm 6:1–9*)

Leader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

People: **Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.**

Leader: My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O Lord—how long?

People: **Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.**

Leader: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise?

Silence

Leader: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.

People: **My eyes waste away because of grief; they grow weak because of all my foes.**

Silent prayers of confession

Leader: Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

People: **The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord accepts my prayer. Amen.**

Song

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1–9

(page 71, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest

The Carrot and the Stick

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Now the Feast”

***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



Holy, holy, ho-ly God of pow-er and might.____

Ho-ly ho-ly, ho-ly God of pow-er and might,____

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.____

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 "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Robert Lowry

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, at this sacred meal, you draw us into communion with you and with each other. Thank you for welcoming us to this table despite our flaws and mistakes. Thank you for your second chances, and even more. Nourished at this table and filled with your Spirit, we have been transformed by your grace. In gratitude, we dedicate our lives to your service and go out into the world to be the body of Christ. Amen.



Sending

***Song**

How Firm a Foundation"

***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

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Song Leader

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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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).

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.

At Fourth Church

Monsignor Daniel Mayall of Holy Name preaching

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Holy Name Cathedral for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Thursday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary

Sarah A. Johnson preaching

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thursday, November 25, 12:30 p.m.

In Anderson Hall

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends at this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited; dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Observing Advent

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.

In the sanctuary

Featuring the combined choirs of Fourth Church, this service celebrates the season through scripture and song. A cookies-and hot-cocoa reception follows in Anderson Hall.

News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available during the week at the reception desk. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. this Thursday, November 25.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church (not Holy Name Cathedral, as was publicized elsewhere); Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary this Thursday, November 25. Sarah Johnson will be preaching.

Music and the Arts

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

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

Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts at Fourth Church on Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso.org; 312.294.3000).

"Peaceable Kingdom," works by Chicago artist David Csicsko, is on exhibition in the Loggia.

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.

News and Resources

The Fourth Church website, 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.

Inquirers' Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Sunday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Mission and Outreach

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).

Donations for the canned food drive for Central City Housing Ventures (CCHV), sponsored by the Mission Committee, are being collected during Sunday morning Coffee Hour at the Mission table. Next Sunday, November 28 is the final collection day.

Attending a Chicago Human Rhythm Project performance November 26–28 will support the mission and ministry of Chicago Lights. For tickets and information, visit www.chicagolights.org.

Applications for the 2011 Cuba and Colombia mission trips are due this December; trip information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters on Mondays and Fridays

Social Service Center helpers on the first Friday of each month to help with clothes distribution

Current Donation Needs

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

Nonperishable food, especially peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, canned salmon, and dried beans, for the CCHV canned food drive

For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

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.

The monthly Taizé service will not be held in November. The next meditative service in the style of Taizé will be held on New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

A Morning Prayer service remembering those who have died from and those who are living with AIDS will be held Wednesday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Advent and Christmas

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).

"Operation Christmas Gift Bag" provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Sunday morning Coffee Hour or by contacting Jill Keiser at 312.981.3590. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Monday, December 6.

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

An Advent book study of *Watch for the Light* will begin Sunday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room and will be hosted by the Young Adults and ThirtiesForties fellowship groups. (*Watch for the Light* is available at the Book Nook during Sunday morning Coffee Hour.)

A contemplative Advent retreat, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held December 3–4 at the Cenacle. Registration is due today. Details are available in the literature racks or by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 12 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 to help set up the hall, bake cookies, and serve cocoa; contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

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.

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held on Sunday, November 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Materials will be provided; no reservations are necessary.

The annual La Posada Family Night will be held Friday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

A book conversation with Chicago Sinai Congregation members will be held Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. The topic of discussion, led by Rabbi Levinsky and Joyce Shin, will be Philip Roth's *Nemesis*.

A luncheon discussion for men age sixty and more will be held Wednesday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m.; the topic of conversation will be Islam. For details or to register for this Center for Life and Learning program, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386 (ssoltero@fourthchurch.org).

"This I Believe," an evening with Bob Edwards, public radio host, will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets for this Michigan Avenue Forum are available at www.wbez.org (enter FPC for discount).

Books by Women will gather Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss Jacqueline Winspear's *Maisie Dobbs*; copies of the book are available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest next June. For details, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

Fellowship

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 Tuesday, November 23.

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five gather Sundays at 12:20 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion and a time of fellowship. For details, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, is holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To preregister (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Mothers with children up to age twelve are invited to join a Fourth Church Moms' Group. For details or to join a group, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.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 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
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. 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.

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.

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