



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.

*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**

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

People: **now God has spoken to us through Christ.**

Leader: God made the world through Christ, who has been appointed heir of all things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

People: **Christ is the exact representation of God's being, sustaining all things by God's powerful Word.**

Leader: Praise God for the gift of the Christ.

People: **We welcome the light of the world!**

***Song** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Musical Reflection

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Sustainer and Creator, you sent Christ into the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that we hide from your light, turning away from those in need, ignoring cries for justice, and not seeking and pursuing peace. In your mercy, create in us anew, that we may live into the light and promise of the Christ revealed to us this day. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 147:12–20 (page 550, O.T.)

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:7–14 (page 690, O.T.)

Sermon by Kerri N. Allen
Rejoicing in the Lord

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Musical Reflection		
*Song	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	



Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “We Three Kings” *John Henry Hopkins*

*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 "A Child Is Born"

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery that feeds us and sustains us, strengthens us, and connects us with you, that we may connect with your world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Sending

*Song "This Little Light of Mine"

***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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Pastoral Resident

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

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Song Leader

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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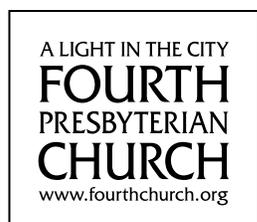
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The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, members of Fourth Church are invited by the Multicultural Initiatives and Resources Committee to participate in various community service projects on Saturday, January 15. For details or to sign up, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, January 10.

The Guatemala Mission Trip participants will return home from their house-building work on Monday, January 3. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Applications for the March 26–April 2 trip to Colombia are due Saturday, January 15; details about this and other 2011 mission trips to Tennessee, Lakota Reservations, Cameroon, and Northern Ireland are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards make great seasonal thank-you notes. Cards are available at the reception desk during the week and online at www.chicagolights.org. All proceeds benefit Tutoring.

The 2011 Mission Benefit Carnaval will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton.

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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, visit the Mission table during Coffee Hour or contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

Fellowship

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to meet on Sundays on 12:20 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion and a time of fellowship.

The life and work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright will be the topic of a Friday, January 7 gathering of Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples in their fifties. To preregister (required), call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Monday, January 3.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet this Saturday, January 8 for a program by photographer Micah Marty. To RSVP, call the Fourth Church office at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 5.

The Fourth Church Cycling Club will host their next group bike ride on Saturday, January 8 at 9:45 a.m.; participants will gather where the Oak Street underpass meets the Lakefront bike path. For weather updates and ride details, call the Cycling Club Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 409.

Those in their thirties and forties are invited to attend an ice-skating social on Saturday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the rink in Millennium Park. Then on Sunday, January 16 ThirtiesForties will kick off their winter discussion series at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, January 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

A twelve-week Nia exercise series, a body-mind-and-spirit fitness program, will begin on Wednesday, January 5. Sessions will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. For details about registration (which is required) and course fees, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

A Center for Life and Learning Jazz Winter Party will be held Thursday, January 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Celebrated jazz pianist Erwin Helfer will be the guest musician. For tickets, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

The Executive Director of the Chicago Housing Authority, Lewis Jordan, will speak at an upcoming Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

"Eat, Pray, Love" is the theme of the Fourth Church women's retreat, which will be held on Saturday, January 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"How to Do Good Grief" will be the topic of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center's annual Midwinter Conference, to be held at the church on Saturday, February 5. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest June 20–29. For information and an application (due February 11), contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Regular Sunday School classes (9:30 and 11:00 a.m.) and youth gatherings (10:30 a.m.) will resume Sunday, January 9.

A fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12 will begin next Sunday, January 9 at 9:10 a.m. at the Oak Tree restaurant (900 N. Michigan Ave.). The first chapter of Linda Dillow's *Calm My Anxious Heart* will be the topic for discussion. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Music and the Arts

Clarinetist Jennifer Woodrum-Hogg is the featured artist at this Friday's Free Noonday Concert; the performance begins at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Millikin University Choir will be in concert at Fourth Church on Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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News and Resources

P2C Gift Intentions will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million by Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted between December 15, 2010, and Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. Gift Intention forms for the Project Second Century building campaign are available in the pew racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For more information, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for next Sunday, January 9 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an Associate Pastor for Evangelism Nominating Committee.

A temporary ramp is being built in the Garth to facilitate handicap access to the church when the 126 E. Chestnut entrance is demolished in early 2011 and the Project Second Century new building construction work is begun. A temporary exit stairway is also being built from the Dining Room. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Those 70-1/2 and older can again make distributions to qualified organizations such as Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights of up to \$100,000 per year as the IRA Charitable Rollover has been reenacted. This law allows individuals to make IRA rollover donations during January 2011 and treat them as having been made during 2010. For details, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday through Friday. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

A weekly jazz service is held Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel; the next service will be Friday, January 28.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters on Mondays and Thursdays

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

Volunteers to participate in various service

projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Saturday, January 15 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

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

For details, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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 H. 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

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.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).