



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

***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.

* Stand as you are able

***Song** "Stand by Me"

Prayer for Illumination

Musical Reflection

A Prayer for Help (*unison; based on Psalm 69*)

**Save me God, because the waters have reached my neck!
I have sunk into deep mud. My feet can't touch the bottom!
I have entered deep water; the flood has swept me up.
I am tired of crying. My throat is hoarse.
My eyes are done with waiting for my God.**

Silent prayer

**My prayer comes to you, Lord, at just the right time.
God, in your great and faithful love,
answer me with your certain salvation!
Save me from the mud! Don't let me drown!
Let me be saved from these watery depths!
Don't let me be swept away by the floodwaters!
Don't let the abyss swallow me up!
Don't let the pit close its mouth over me!
Answer me, Lord, for your faithful love is good!
Turn to me in your great compassion!
Don't hide your face from me,
your servant, because I'm in deep trouble.
Answer me quickly! Come close to me! Redeem me! Save me!**

Silent prayer

**I will praise God's name with song;
I will magnify God with thanks.
Let the afflicted see it and be glad!
You who seek God—let your hearts be strong again
because the Lord listens to the needy.
Let the heaven and earth praise God, the oceans too,
and all that moves within them!
God will most certainly save us!**

***Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Mark 4:35–41

(page 36, N.T.)

Solo

Sermon by John W. Vest
A Finger Pointing to God

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

F. L. Eiland

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

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!**

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" *French and Welsh melody*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, in Jesus Christ, we experience your power. In this sacred meal
we are fed by your Spirit. May our communion with Christ extend beyond
this table and into the world. Help us to be instruments of your love
and peace. Amen.**



Sending

***Song** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

***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

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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

News and Resources

All are encouraged to help Fourth Church build for the future by supporting Project Second Century. P2C Gift Intentions will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million by Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted by Easter Sunday, April 24. Gift Intention forms for the P2C building campaign are available in the pew racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For information, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Things are moving at Fourth Church! In the weeks ahead, you may notice temporary walls to enable ongoing P2C work to ready the 126 E. Chestnut site for the demolition and new building construction. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

The Delaware entrance to Westminster House will be closed after today. Entry to the church buildings will be through the Loggia or the southeast corner of the Garth, where the reception desk is located in what was previously the Large Conference Room.

Join us on Facebook and stay up to date on Fourth Church news and information. Let your friends know too by recommending [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).

The 141st Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 13 following 11:00 worship. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided during the meeting.

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.

Volunteers interested in helping with a broad social media venture at Fourth Church—one that will explore new opportunities for fundraising and calling people to action and involvement—are asked to send their name, email address, and a description of relevant professional background and experience to socialmedia@fourthchurch.org.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

Male church members to join a care team for an individual (60610 zip code)

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

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

Music and the Arts

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert at Fourth Church on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets for this concert featuring strings and piano are available by calling 773.889.4206.

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.

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Worship

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

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.

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.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Classes no longer meet in Westminster House as enabling works for P2C construction progress.

The Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be held next Sunday, February 6. That morning, youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the food pantry of the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

Fourth Church youth meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue), with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Calvin Room, and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Room.

A skating party for children, youth, and families will be held Saturday afternoon, February 19 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Daley Bicentennial Rink on Randolph Street. For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

Mission and Outreach

Carnaval, the 2011 Mission Benefit, will be held Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton. All are invited to visit the Carnaval table during Coffee Hour to enter the “Technology Treasures” drawing, to reserve a seat, or to learn about this event. For details, visit www.chicagolights.org.

Those interested in participating in a Fourth Church mission trip are invited to consider the Tennessee, Lakota Reservations, Cameroon, and Northern Ireland trips. Visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html for details.

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).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

The John Knox Bible Study meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the 19th floor Conference Room of the Clare at the corner of Rush and Pearson. Academy for Faith and Life classes will also be held at the Clare later this spring.

“Women, Food, God,” a Tuesday evening discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For information, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

The Center for Life and Learning will host two “Great Decisions” foreign policy discussion groups beginning in February. Those age sixty and more are invited to participate. For information, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

Christian Century Study Groups provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the Christian Century. The next series begins Wednesday evening, February 2. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“The Future of Public Housing in Chicago,” a Michigan Avenue Forum featuring the CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Lewis Jordan, will be held Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. For information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Applications for the Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land (June 20–29) are due Friday, February 11. For details or an application, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will host a Friday, February 4 program featuring Leo Melamed, Founder of the Financial Futures Market. For details or to register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Books by Women will meet to discuss *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 building.

A spiritual practices small group led by former Fourth Church Associate Pastor Carol Allen will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 17, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will gather Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 a.m. for a breakfast program featuring Professor of Law Mark Osler speaking on his new book, *Jesus on Death Row*. To RSVP, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, February 9 at 12:00 noon.

Fourth for Bridge, a new fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on second Saturdays (except in July and August), beginning February 12 at 7:30 p.m. Knowledge of bridge is required; no partner is needed. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, February 9.

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, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, February 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).