



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 and remain standing for our opening song.

* Stand as you are able

***Song** "Gather Us In"

Prayer for Illumination

Prayer of Confession (*from Psalm 51*)

Antiphon (*sung by the congregation*)

Leader: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!
Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!
Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

Antiphon

Leader: Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.
I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight.
That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,
completely correct when you issue your judgment.

Antiphon

Leader: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.
And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom
in the most secret space.

Antiphon

Leader: Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter
than snow. Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed
rejoice once more. Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!
Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

Antiphon

Solo "Softly and Tenderly"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Mark 7:1–23

(page 39, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest
With Dirty Hands and an Open Heart

***Song** “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Fill My Cup”

Isaiah Jones Jr.

***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 "If the Path I Travel"

Margaret E. Barber

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, at this table you have cleansed our hearts
and filled us with your Spirit. Yet our hands are still dirty
with the realities of life. Just as you use these ordinary elements
of bread and juice to be extra-ordinary sacraments of grace,
use our dirty hands to be the hands of Christ in the world. Amen.**



Sending

***Song** "Christ Beside Me"

***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

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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 April 24. Everyone's support is needed to make the \$5.5 million challenge goal by Easter Sunday. Gift Intention forms for making campaign pledges are available in the pew racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

Complimentary certified tax preparation assistance is available courtesy of AARP and the Center for Life and Learning. Adults of all ages and income levels are invited to call 312.787.2729, ext. 368 for details or to schedule an appointment.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for up-to-the-moment news, worship, and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to "like" Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on the news.

Things are moving at Fourth Church! Coffee Hour is now being held in the Loggia, as Children's Chapel and two Sunday School classes have moved into Anderson Hall. Westminster House is being readied for demolition in preparation for building construction work. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Sunday, February 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Volunteers

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—are asked to send their name, email address, and a description of relevant professional experience to socialmedia@fourthchurch.org.

Additional 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)

Sunday School assistant for 11:00 a.m. three- and four-year-olds class

Stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382) for details.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

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.

The Annual Day School Benefit will be held this Saturday, February 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Joel Frankel will provide musical entertainment. Admission is free. Donations will support the Day School space in the new building. For details or to RSVP, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes are held on Sunday mornings at The Clare (on the corner of Rush and Pearson) unless otherwise noted. **“History of Peoples in the Holy Land,”** led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, and **“Money Enough: A Book Study about Theology and Economics,”** led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski, meet at 9:30 a.m. **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Tom Dozeman, meets at 11:00 a.m. **“Conversations about Music”** with John Sherer meets at Fourth Church in Stone Chapel at 12:45 p.m. For more information, pick up an Academy brochure from the literature racks or contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

“Women, Food, and 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.

“American Globalization: 1950–1980” will be the topic of an upcoming “For Men Only” discussion hosted by the Center for Life and Learning. Men age sixty and over are invited to attend this Friday, February 25 discussion at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building. For details or to register, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, February 22.

Books by Women will discuss *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 building.

Fellowship

Fellowship for young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five is held each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building, which is located just two blocks from the church, on Chicago Avenue (just east of Michigan Avenue, behind Walgreens).

The Annual Community Book Swap sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect will be held Saturday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Participants will have opportunity to exchange books and to donate books to children’s agencies. All are invited.

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Mission and Outreach

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

The online auction for Carnival, the March 4 Mission Benefit, can be accessed at www.chicagolights.org and will close Monday, February 28 at 9:00 p.m. To enter the drawing for this year's "Technology Treasures" package, or visit the Chicago Lights website, where details about this annual event supporting Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Counseling Center are also available.

Applications for the Fourth Church mission trips to Cameroon and Tennessee are due Tuesday, March 1. For details or an application, pick up a booklet from the literature racks.

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. For details or to purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

Worship

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 in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be held this Friday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

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

Music and the Arts

Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer will present 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.

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