



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 our opening song.

* Stand as you are able

Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching, who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

People: **Gather us in,**

Leader: the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.

People: **Gather us in,**

Leader: the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.

People: **Gather us in,**

Leader: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers, who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

People: **Gather us in,**

Leader: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.

People: **Gather us in.**

***Song** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Prayer for Illumination

Musical Reflection

Prayer of Confession *(from Psalm 51)*

Gracious God, we confess our sins and the sins of this world as we come before you seeking mercy. We know that you call us to gather at your table in unity, but there is much that keeps us apart. We are separated and distracted by money and power, whether we have it or not. We are separated by resentment over things that have happened in the past and anxiety about what may come in the future. We are separated because we should rejoice in our differences, but too often we wish everyone else were just like us, and of course, they are not. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be a thankful people; thankful for exactly who you have made us to be, and challenged by the notion of who we might become if we put our trust in you. Hear now our silent prayers.

Silence

Amen.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter

Psalm 139:1–12

Antiphon

God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeying and my resting and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O God, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

Antiphon

Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you; night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same.

Antiphon

For you created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made; your works are wonderful. I know it well. My body was not hidden from you, while I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb; they were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! I count them, but they number like sand; my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

Antiphon

Jazz Improvisation

Scripture Reading Mark 7:24–30

(page 40, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek
Trusting and Asking Questions

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Robert Lowry

***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!**

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 “Blessed Assurance”

Phoebe Knapp

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, we thank you for gathering us at this table.
Here we can come with our questions and doubts.
Here we can come, flawed as we are, seeking to be made new.
Here you feed us for the journey ahead.
Thank you, God. 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

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

John W. Vest

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.

Brad Braxton will be the guest preacher next Sunday, March 6 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship. Dr. Braxton, who is Associate Professor of Homiletics and New Testament at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, is currently serving as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at McCormick Theological Seminary.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter

(@FourthChicago) and receive sermons and daily devotions beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9. Also be sure to visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information. If you have a Twitter account, follow @FourthChicago. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to "like" Fourth Church to view recent posts.

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

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.

Mission and Outreach

The online auction for Carnaval, the March 4 Mission Benefit, can be accessed at www.chicagolights.org and will close Monday, February 28 at 9:00 p.m. Participation in the online auction and the "Technology Treasures" drawing is open to all; attendance at Carnaval is not required. Information about the drawing is also available online at www.chicagolights.org. The annual Mission Benefit supports Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

Applications for the Fourth Church mission trips to Cameroon and Tennessee are due Tuesday, March 1. For details or an application, pick up a mission trip booklet from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Worship

Ash Wednesday services will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m., with Communion and the opportunity for imposition of ashes as part of both services.

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available in the church literature racks, by email (simply send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org. Devotions will also be available by Twitter: www.twitter.com/FourthChicago.

Deacons and pastoral staff will be conducting visits to members who are homebound and cannot make it to worship this Lent. Names of those who are unable to attend worship are being collected by the Pastoral Care Office; to submit a name, contact Sarah Johnson at 312.573.3360.

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.

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.

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

Sacred Space International founder Suzanne Morgan will speak on Friday, March 11 at an event hosted by the Fourth Dimension fellowship group. This 6:00 p.m. presentation will be held on the 19th floor of the 737 building. For details and to RSVP (required) contact Anne Ellis at 312.312.573.3369.

The next Fourth Church Men’s Group breakfast will be Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. Mary Westra will talk about her book, *After the Murder of My Son*. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, March 9 at 12:00 noon.

Music and the Arts

Mezzo-soprano Jori Jennings will present this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Newberry Consort will be in concert at Fourth Church this Friday, March 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610.

Volunteers

Additional Volunteer Needs

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

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

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, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, March 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).