



Second Sunday in Lent

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

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

People: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

* Stand as you are able

***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.

***Song** "God Is Here!"

Prayer for Illumination

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon: Psalm 142:1 (*sung by the congregation*)

Leader: God of sharing and empathy, we confess that we have been overwhelmed by the needs of this world. We have been paralyzed when you have called us to act. Send us your Holy Spirit, that it might shake us; that it might startle us to hear your call.

Antiphon

Leader: Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words are inconsistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray.

Antiphon

Leader: God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory.

Antiphon

Leader: Spirit of truth and justice, we confess we have ignored your call.
We have remained silent when we should have spoken out;
we have watched as injustices are inflicted on those without a voice.
Inspire and empower us, that we might be about, as Micah said,
“doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with the Lord.”

Antiphon

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings Mark 11:27–33 (page 45, N.T.)
Mark 12:18–27 (page 46, N.T.)
Mark 12:28–34 (page 46, N.T.)

Sermon by Matthew J. Helms
Questions around the Table

***Song** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” *Ludwig van Beethoven*

***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 "Love One Another"

Anonymous

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you have invited us into Communion and we have shared in the meal that you provided. We bring with us difficult questions—questions to which there are no easy answers—yet we know that in this Communion there is hope. As we each ate and drank from one bread and one cup, we saw a glimpse of you through this sharing; teach us to be as selfless as you were. Teach us to humbly walk together in this community. Amen.

Sending

***Song** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*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

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

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

The post-Carnaval online auction closes Monday, March 21 at 9:00 p.m. Blair Chapel memorabilia and sanctuary facade stonework replaced during the recent restoration as well as 1914 tables from the Dining Room are among the items available at biddingforgood.com/carnaval. Proceeds from this online auction will benefit Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm is holding open hours on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A new volunteer orientation session is held each Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Farm is located at 444 W. Chicago Avenue. For details call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

To reach the funding goal for Project Second Century, everyone's participation is needed! Pledges and gifts, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million by the Griffin Matching Challenge if made by Easter Sunday, April 24, can be made using the Gift Intention cards, which are available in the pew racks and throughout the church. Information and an online giving form are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For answers about pledging, making a gift of stock, or the capital campaign, please call the Resource Development office: Lisa Radetski (312.981.3380), Kathryn Johnson (312.640.2576), or Anita Bright (312.274.3822).

Demolition pictures are posted on Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch.

Fourth Church is also on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

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

Lent

An interfaith seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, will be held Tuesday, April 12 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the church reception desk.

ThirtiesForties meets Sundays for a Lenten book study at 12:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building.

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

A Holy Week retreat offering time for quiet prayer and reflection will be led by Vicky Curtiss Friday, April 22 to Saturday, April 23 at the Cenacle. Details can be found in the literature racks. Register with Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Thursday, March 31.

Fellowship

Young Adults will gather for game night Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building. They also meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Music and the Arts

The medieval play *Abraham and Isaac* will be presented by Fourth Acts next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Seeing Christ in the Darkness,” a collection of prints by Georges Rouault, is now on exhibition in the Loggia. On Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Sandra Bowden will present a Michigan Avenue Forum on the works of Rouault.

A Ukrainian Easter egg workshop will be held Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the 737 building. Space is limited. RSVP to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, April 11.

John Sherer, Organist and Director of Music, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert.

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.

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 for a care team for an individual (60610 zip code)

Tutors on Wednesday or Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

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

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

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes meet Sundays at The Clare (on the corner of Rush and Pearson): **“History of Peoples in the Holy Land,”** led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, **“Money Enough,”** led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski, and **“Notions of the Afterlife”** with Adam Rose meet at 9:30 a.m. **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Tom Dozeman, and **“Writing about Your Beliefs”** with Michele Weldon meet at 11:00 a.m.

“Home Safety: Fall Prevention,” a program sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning and Center for Whole Health, will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 12:00 noon in the Calvin Room at 737.

A “U.S. and Global Economics” luncheon program for men sixty and more will be presented by University of Chicago Professor Emeritus George Tolley on Wednesday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. For details or to RSVP, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3386.

“The Oral History Project: The People and History of Fourth Church” will be presented by Tom Rook on Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP for this event hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Books by Women will discuss *Still Life: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel* by Louise Penny at its Tuesday, April 12 gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

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Mission and Outreach

Volunteers are needed to tie blue bows on trees and fences on Friday, April 1 in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Bows will be tied outside the Cloisters along Michigan Avenue between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. that day and at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room at the 737 building.

Applications for the “Urban Regeneration: Chicago” mission weekend (May 13–15) and the **Northern Ireland mission trip** (July 31–August 9) are due April 15 and May 1 respectively. Information and applications are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

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, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

A letter urging legislators to oppose funding cuts to mental health and housing programs is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

Children, Youth, and Family

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.

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

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 Friday, March 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.

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.

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, March 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 16 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).