

## Third 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: Eternal God, you are the power behind all things:

People: **behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds:

People: **behind the ability to think and reason,  
behind all understanding of the truth.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:

People: **behind the weakness, the torture, and the death, behind unconquerable love.**

All: **Eternal God, we worship and adore you. Amen.**

\* 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** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### **Prayer of Confession**

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

Leader: Gracious God, we come before you asking forgiveness, because we have not been the people you have created us to be. You created us to trust you, but we rely only on ourselves. You created us to serve you, but we are selfish. You created us to love our neighbors, but we see one another as strangers. Forgive us, Lord.

#### **Antiphon**

Leader: Loving God, through the life of Jesus, you called us to be a people of love, but we have not heard your call. You create us for life together, but we isolate ourselves with our fear and anxiety. You create us for generosity toward others, but mostly we worry about what we might lose. You show us the meaning of love that takes risks, but we build up our defenses. Forgive us, Lord.

#### **Antiphon**

Leader: Holy God, your Spirit inspires us to see the world through the eyes of faith, but we are only attentive to what we can see. We are uncomfortable with your mysteries, and we fear unanswered questions. We find it hard to trust in you. Forgive us, Lord.

#### **Antiphon**

Leader: God, we are your creation, and you formed us out of love. Take our lives and all that is in us and help us to live lives of faith, committed to your service. As we ask in humble faith for your forgiveness, help us to accept the forgiveness you offer. May we hear the word you have for us tonight in the knowledge that you love us and long for us to grow. Amen.

**Antiphon**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Solo**

“Where Shall I Be?”

*Charles P. Jones*

**Scripture Readings** Mark 13:1–27

(page 47, N.T.)

**Sermon** by Adam H. Fronczek

**Jazz Improvisation**

## Sealing the Word

**Sharing of Gifts**

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

**Offertory Solo**

“God Hath Not Promised Skies Always Blue”

*Grace Note Brothers*

**\*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** "Bread of Heaven"

*French and Welsh melody*

#### Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we thank you that you walk with us  
through the uncertainties of this life, strengthening us  
in times of doubt and reassuring us when we feel alone.  
We thank you for this meal, a sign of the way you sustain us  
this day and every day. Send us out into the world to love  
our neighbors and serve you with joy. Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Song**

"World without End"

## **\*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**

#### ***Acknowledgments:***

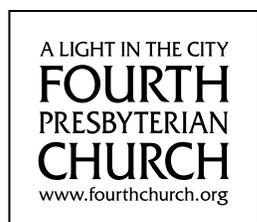
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#### **Fourth Church Cares**

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](mailto:sjohnson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## 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 through Friday, April 4.

**ThirtiesForties** meets on 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](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and by Twitter: [www.twitter.com/FourthChicago](http://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.

**Remember loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, April 8 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

## Volunteers

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Church members to replenish a care team** for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)  
**Tutors** on Wednesday or Thursday, 6:00 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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

## News and Resources

**A congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, April 3 following 11:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Associate Pastor for Nominating Committee for Congregational Care.

**Project Second Century** pledge cards 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html) and from the Resource Development staff: Lisa Radetski (312.981.3380), Kathryn Johnson (312.640.2576), or Anita Bright (312.274.3822).

**The Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is holding open hours on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New volunteer orientation is held each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. For details call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

**Demolition pictures** are posted on Facebook: [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch).

### Enrichment

**Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes** meet Sundays at The Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). **“Notions of the Afterlife,”** led by Adam Rose, and **“Money Enough,”** led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski, meet at 9:30 a.m. **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Tom Dozeman, and **“Writing about Your Beliefs,”** taught by Michele Weldon, meet at 11:00 a.m. **“History of Peoples in the Holy Land,”** led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, will meet Sunday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Weekly Bible Study Opportunities**

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Nia fitness classes offered through the Center for Whole Health** start Wednesday, March 30 and continue twice a week for twelve weeks. Sessions are held at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, call 312.787.2729, ext. 371 ([www.NiaChicago.com](http://www.NiaChicago.com)).

**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. at the 737 building. 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 by Monday, March 28.

**The Men’s Group** will meet for breakfast Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 a.m. Steve Durchslag will talk about and show his collection of the Haggadah, a religious text presenting the order of the Passover Seder. RSVP at 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, April 6.

**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.

### Music and the Arts

**Pianist Sharon Rich-Peterson** will perform this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**A Michigan Avenue Forum on the art of Georges Rouault** will be held on Monday, April 4. Sandra Bowden will speak and lead a gallery tour. A collection of Rouault’s work, “Seeing Christ in the Darkness,” is on exhibition in the Loggia.

**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.

### Fellowship

**Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five** meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Knox Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

**Fourth Dimension will host Kindy Kruller** of the Delta Institute on Friday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

# News and Opportunities

## Mission and Outreach

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

**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, stop by the Narthex after worship or 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html).

**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.

**A new mission trip to Guatemala**, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, will take place July 22–31. Applications are due Saturday, April 30.

**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 for all mission trips are available in the literature racks, online at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html), or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

## 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. at the 737 building, 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 Space.

**The nursery for young children** is located in the Page Smith Room and second-floor Conference Room.

## Worship

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

## 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](http://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, April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).