



Easter Sunday

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 "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Stephen Schwartz

Prayer of Adoration *(unison)*

**Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

**Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation
you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

* Stand as you are able

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As we celebrate this holy day of victory, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers in Christ. As God's redeemed 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** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession

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

Leader: Great and wondrous God, on this day we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection and celebrate his victory over sin and death. Yet we confess that fear and doubt still linger in our hearts and minds. We are people of the world, looking for signs of your glory. We believe, God. Help our unbelief.

Antiphon

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus opens our eyes to new life. In Christ we find the hope of redemption and transformation, for ourselves and for the world. Yet our wills remain bound by sin. We choose death instead of life. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new spirits within us.

Antiphon

Leader: Because of fear, we do not embrace the redemptive power of your love. We ignore the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. We do not welcome those who live on the margins. We are complicit in oppression, injustice, and tyranny. Instead of peace, our lives are shaped by violence and conflict. Instead of unity, we maintain division and strife. God of compassion, help us to be born anew in Christ.

Antiphon

Leader: Gracious God of love, in the light of Easter our cries of confession are transformed into cries of hope. In the light of Christ we know there is nothing that cannot be done or undone; there is nothing beyond redemption and restoration; there is nothing that cannot be won by the power of your love. God of life, hear our cries of joy and thanks!

Antiphon

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1–8

(page 51, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest
Easter without Jesus

Solo “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “The Resurrection”

*Sergei Rachmaninoff
arr. Richard Smallwood*

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Prayers will be interspersed with the following refrain, sung by the congregation)

The Blessing of the Bread and Cup

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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*Jamaican folk tune
arr. Doreen Potter*

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**God of mystery and love, at this sacred table
you have opened our hearts to experience
the presence of Christ in powerful new ways.
Transformed by your grace and compassion,
send us out into the world to be the living body of Christ,
loving others as you love us. Alleluia! Amen.**

Sending

***Song** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

***Benediction**

Leader: Go in peace and love and serve the Lord in the power of the resurrection.

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen!**

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People: **Christ is risen!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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
Kerri N. Allen	Liturgist
Matthew J. Helms	Liturgist
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

A Special Welcome to Visitors Worshipping with Us Today

We are grateful you have joined us for this Easter celebration! We invite you to return to worship with us again and also to explore the many opportunities for education, fellowship, volunteering, and outreach available at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

These “News and Opportunities” pages list a variety of the programs and activities at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. More information about these programs can be found in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

News and Resources

Everyone’s participation in the Project Second Century (P2C) Capital Campaign is important, ensuring that each person is a stakeholder in this community and this congregation’s future and commitment to live out our call to love and serve. P2C 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 and from the Resource Development office staff: Lisa Radetski (312.981.3380), Kathryn Johnson (312.640.2576), or Anita Bright (312.274.3822).

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

To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, send email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

“Like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see pictures of the ongoing demolition and construction work and receive the latest Fourth Church news and information.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago).

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to P2C, Fourth Church, or Chicago Lights. Gifts can be recorded or given anonymously.

Worship

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

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

Morning Prayer will be held Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday through Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next Taizé service will be Friday, May 27.

A Candlelighting Service for Mental Health Recovery and Understanding will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors on Wednesday or Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers to take down the blue bows on

Friday, April 29, at the conclusion of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

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

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.

Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, May 1 at the Clare: **"A Globally Hospitable Church,"** led by Dean Lueking, and **"Heart of a Stranger,"** led by Kerri Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and **"Reading from Cultural Perspectives,"** led by Frank Yamada, and **"Thinking about Worship for a Diverse Congregation,"** led by Joyce Shin, at 11:00 a.m. Preregistration is requested. Forms are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html or call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

"U.S. and World Labor Organizations" will be the topic of a Center for Life and Learning luncheon on Tuesday, April 26 for men sixty and more. For details contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386 (ssoltero@fourthchurch.org).

"Not in Our Neighborhoods," a panel discussion on child sex trafficking in Chicago, will be held Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Martin Marty will speak at a four-part series sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning on Thursday evenings, May 4–25 at the 737 building. All are invited to these presentations on varieties of fundamentalism. For details and fees, call Sergio Soltero at 312.981.2286.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A day trip to Harbor Country in Michigan will be part of Links for Lights, the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, to be held on Monday, June 13. The golf classic to support Chicago Lights will take place at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. For details, call Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 or visit www.chicagolights.org.

Applications for mission trips to Guatemala (July 22–31) and Northern Ireland (July 31–August 9) are due Sunday, May 1. For details, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

A letter urging aldermen to support the Clean Power Ordinance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

A benefit concert sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a partner, will be held Friday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Park Community Church. For tickets, call 312.337.5443.

Ecojustice will be the topic of a Care of Creation panel presentation on Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

The Chicago Lights Associates Board, a new leadership opportunity for young professionals, will hold an informational meeting Wednesday, May 25. For details, call Erin Dalpini at 312.981.3596.

Music and the Arts

Tower Brass and John Sherer will perform a benefit Noonday Concert this Friday, April 29 to support those affected by the Japan earthquake and tsunami.

Fellowship

Young Adults will meet Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Elephant and Castle (160 E. Huron) for trivia and fellowship.

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Cornerstones, a group for couples over fifty, will meet on Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building for a presentation by the Newberry Library curator of genealogy and local history. To register (required), call 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Fourth Church eighth graders will be confirmed on Sunday, May 1 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Moms' groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly, some in the evenings and others during the day. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Connect with other young couples! Those who are recently married, engaged, or partnered and want to meet other couples for monthly events are invited to call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

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, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, May 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).