



## 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: We come praising you, O God,

People: **for the gift of this day,**

Leader: for the gift of this place,

People: **for the gift of your love.**

Leader: We come hurting, O God,

People: **from the pain of loss,**

Leader: from the pain of confusion,

People: **from the pain of regret.**

Leader: We come hoping, O God,

People: **in the empty tomb,**

Leader: in your charge to us,

People: **in your Gospel promise.**

Leader: We come—hoping, hurting, praising—God, we come to worship you.

## \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers in Christ. 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.*

\*Song           “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

## \*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God, you commissioned us to go out into the world, but we do not always understand how to best fulfill this call. We give of ourselves, but we lack confidence—confidence that we give in correct ways, confidence that we give enough. Help to guide us and give us understanding. Aid us in fulfilling this great commission we are given. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## Musical Reflection

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 28:1–10, 16–20

(page 32, N.T.)

**Sermon** by Matthew J. Helms  
Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

## Musical Reflection

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Solo** “Trees”

*Margaret Pleasant Douroux*

**\*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.**

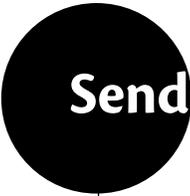
**The Communion**

**Communion Solo** "Just Taste and See"

*Traditional*

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

**Almighty God, this meal is a reminder to us that there are no categories of "us" and "them" here at this table. There are not divisions of "church" and "world. Instead, there are only guests at your table, and you open your arms wide as we eat with brother and sister. Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Song** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Song**

### **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

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

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**A letter from John Buchanan** reflecting on the PCUSA's vote to change the constitutional standards of ordination can be found in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/amendment10a.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/amendment10a.html).

**A groundbreaking ceremony** for the new building being built as part of Project Second Century will take place Sunday, June 5 following 11:00 worship. Part of that day's festivities will also include announcement and celebration of the final results of the Griffin Matching Challenge, in which so many generously participated in order to make the building a reality.

**Next Sunday is Bike the Drive day**, which will affect traffic on Lake Shore Drive. Those interested in joining the Fourth Church Cycling Club on this ride are invited to meet at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 29 at the southwest corner of Jackson and Columbus. To register for the ride, visit [activetrans.org](http://activetrans.org).

**The Book Nook**, which is available during morning Coffee Hour, will be having a sale on selected titles from now through June 12 and will then go on summer break.

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, via Facebook and Twitter, and by email: send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**Stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news, resources, photos:** "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

**A giving kiosk in the Narthex** makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give a gift to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School** will meet only at 9:30 a.m. beginning next Sunday and continuing through the summer.

**Family Camp registration forms** for the June 3–5 weekend in Saugatuck, Michigan, are available in Anderson Hall and online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 ([mscanlan@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mscanlan@fourthchurch.org)).

**A baby shower** for Fourth Church members who are expecting or have welcomed a new child into their family in the past year will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by contacting Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 ([enickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:enickerson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## Enrichment

### **Weekly Bible Study Opportunities**

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

*CLL*, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Martin Marty** will speak about "The Faces of Fundamentalism," the last presentation in a series sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning, on Thursday evening at the 737 building. For details and fees, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

## Volunteers

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Church members to teach Sunday School** this summer at 9:30 a.m.

**Helpers for Summer Day**, starting June 27.

Orientation will be June 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. or June 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Church members to usher** at the 8:00 a.m. worship service

**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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.*

## 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 12:45 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

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

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next service will be this Friday, May 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

## Music and the Arts

**Organist John W. W. Sherer**, Organist and Music Director at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**The Center for Life and Learning** annual art show opening reception will be Friday, May 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at ARC Gallery (832 W. Superior, Suite 204).

# News and Opportunities

## Mission and Outreach

**The Chicago Lights Associates Board**, a new leadership opportunity for young professionals, will hold an informational meeting Wednesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP to Erin Dalpini at 312.981.3596.

**Links for Lights, the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic**, will be held Monday, June 13 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Foursomes and individual golfers are invited to participate, along with non-golfers who may attend a day trip to Harbor Country. Reservations can be made in the Narthex or online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org).

**The Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) Hunger Walk** is Saturday, June 25, and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC) is organizing a team to participate. Funds pledged in support of the team will be used as credits the Social Service Center can spend at the GCFD. For more details about supporting or joining the EDSSC Hunger Walk team, call Sarah Esparza at 312.981.3388.

**A letter urging Illinois senators** to support fair, equitable, and appropriate treatment of mental illnesses is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html).

**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](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)).

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** will meet for a fellowship gathering Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Grami (160 E. Grand). They also meet Sundays for conversation and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building and Mondays for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

**The Sewing and Knitting Group** will gather this Tuesday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room at the 737 building.

**Cornerstones will host a trolley tour of Northside churches** on Friday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow the tour. Space is limited. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**The Men's Group** will host Father Michael Pflieger, who will be interviewed by Father Pflieger's biographer, Bob McClory, on Saturday, June 11 at 8:00 a.m. All are invited. To make reservations, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 8.

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

## 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, June 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, June 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).