



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.

***Song** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* Stand as you are able

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 1—3

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Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

***Song** “Stand by Me”

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As forgiven 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.

Sermon by John W. Vest

Every Story Has a Beginning

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music

*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 Music

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

For the bread that we have eaten,
for the cup of blessing we have tasted,
for the life that you have given:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
we will praise you as long as we have breath.
Amen.

Sending

***Song** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

***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

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Matthew J. Helms	Pastoral Resident
Cole Seaton	Cantor
Mary Clare Barker Jazz Ensemble	

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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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School for preschool through fifth grade meets at 9:30 a.m.

A drop-in playgroup for parents and their children through three years old is held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Moms' groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers at the Urban Farm on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and in the Urban Farm's office on weekdays to assist with community outreach

Helpers at the All-Church Cookout on June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to set up, serve food, assist with crafts, and cleanup

Helpers for Summer Day, starting June 27.

Orientation is June 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Current Donation Needs

Supplies for CHAMP summer camp at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (cereal boxes, paper, small plastic containers, two-liter plastic bottles, Cool Whip containers, glass jars, paper towel tubes, plastic grocery bags)

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 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be this Friday, June 24. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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

Music and the Arts

A new art exhibition, "Seeing with Indian Eyes," featuring artwork by P. Solomon Raj, will be on display in the Loggia through mid-August.

Organist Eric Budzynski will perform this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Music by the Fountain series will take the Friday noonday concerts outdoors this July and August to the courtyard. To view a full schedule, visit www.fourthchurch.org/concerts.

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study is offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the 737 building.

The Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, is hosting the workshop “Transitions and the Invitation of Change,” which will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. Led by CTC founder Al Gustafson, this workshop will help participants grasp the effects central to job transitions so they can better navigate change. Content will touch on the personal, emotional, and spiritual invitation of change, growth, and regeneration. For details or to register, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

“**Civil Unions in Illinois**” will be the topic of a panel presentation hosted by Changing Conversations on Friday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the 737 building. Caroline Staerk, a field director for Equality Illinois, and Richard Wilson, a Chicago attorney specializing in domestic relations, will speak about the Illinois Civil Union and Religious Freedom Act, which went into effect earlier this month and permits same-sex couples to enter into civil unions. For details, visit the Changing Conversations table during Coffee Hour or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will meet on Sunday, June 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

News and Resources

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

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 to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or Project Second Century. A receipt will be printed immediately. Gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

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.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Materials and funds for hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are being collected through tomorrow at reception by Women@Fourth Connect. The kits, which are sent to communities affected by crises and catastrophic events, will be assembled on Thursday, June 23. To view a full list of materials needed for the kits or to help with assembly, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Lakota mission trip participants currently in South Dakota through June 22 are concluding a week-long stay at the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations. Please keep these mission trip participants in your thoughts and prayers as they support the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. For more details about Fourth Church mission trip opportunities, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org) or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

A Holy Land Study Tour will take Fourth Church members on a journey through the land of the Bible on June 20–29. Please keep these participants in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. To follow the group on their journey, check the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) throughout the week for updates and reflections from the travelers.

A letter urging Governor Pat Quinn to oppose gambling expansion in Chicago is available at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

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. To sign up to walk or pledge, stop by the information table in the Narthex or contact Sarah Esparza at 312.981.3388 (sesparza@fourthchurch.org).

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 Mission Table during Coffee Hour after worship or contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays for fellowship and conversation at 12:30 p.m. in the 737 building. They also gather on Mondays for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Bridge lessons through the Center for Life and Learning are offered on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

An All-Church Cookout at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 12:00 noon. Pasta will be provided by Francesca's on Chestnut. There will also be grilled chicken, vegetables, and salad fixings harvested from the Urban Farm. All are invited. For more information, call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

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, June 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, July 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).