



## 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.*

### \*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.*

\* Stand as you are able

### **Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 89)*

Leader: Your love, God, is our song, and we will sing it!  
We are forever telling everyone how faithful you are.

People: **We will never quit telling the story of your love—  
how you built the cosmos and guaranteed everything in it.**

Leader: Your love has always been our lives' foundation;  
your fidelity has been the roof over our world.

People: **You once said, "I joined forces with my chosen leader; I pledged my word to my servant, David, saying, 'Everyone descending from you is guaranteed life; I'll make your rule as solid and lasting as rock.'"**

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

### **Call to Confession** *(unison)*

**Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Hear now our silent prayers . . .**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## **Hearing and Proclaiming the Word**

### **Musical Reflection**

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 22:1–14

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**Sermon** by Kerri N. Allen

### **Musical Reflection**

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Music**     “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

*Rev. Robert Lowry*

**\*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** "Communion: Of the Spirit, Born of Spirit"

*J. B. O. Clemm*

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

**Holy and gracious God,  
we thank you for your mercy upon us,  
loving, nurturing, feeding, and nourishing us  
with this meal and in our daily lives  
by the presence of your Spirit.  
Send us into the world strengthened in this meal we share  
that we might be sustained by your grace.  
Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Song** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Song**

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### **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**

**Kerri N. Allen**

Pastoral Resident

**Adam H. Fronczek**

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

# News and Opportunities

## 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 Friday, August 26. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes. For more information about the service, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html).

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the congregation and those in need.

## Music and the Arts

**Vocalist Arlene Bardelle** will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

**An art exhibition, "Seeing with Indian Eyes,"** featuring batiks, woodblock prints, copper etchings, and acrylics by P. Solomon Raj, will be on display in the Loggia through mid-August.

## Mission and Outreach

**A Guatemala Mission trip over Christmas break** will provide an opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. To apply, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Monday, September 19.

**The Annual School Supply Drive**, organized by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, is underway and continues through August 28. Donations can be dropped off during the week at the church reception desk or at the 737 building. For a complete list of the top items needed, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/women.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women.html).

**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, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 ([nholbert@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)).

**A letter urging U.S. senators to form a circle of protection around funding for programs for the hungry** in the U.S. and abroad is available online 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, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### 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.

**Nominating forms for the officers of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board** are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church. Recommendations will be received through September 30.

**The 2010 Chicago Lights Annual Report** has been published and mailed to member homes. Supporting the 2011 Church Alive Annual Appeal makes possible the mission and outreach of Chicago Lights and Fourth Church. For more information about giving to the 2011 Annual Appeal, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html) or call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

**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, and gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

**A tour of Brookdale Senior Residences** will take place on Thursday, August 4. The tour, sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning and the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, will include lunch and dessert. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 ([aelskus@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aelskus@fourthchurch.org)).

**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](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)).

### Enrichment

**Inquirers' Class** offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Monday, August 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

**A discussion on Palestine**, sponsored by the Mission Committee, will take place Sunday, July 31 at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room. Estephan Salameh, an advisor for the Palestinian Authority, will speak about the current state of Palestinian efforts to form an independent state. All are invited to attend this free presentation. For more information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Nia fitness classes** offered through the Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. For information or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

**Weekly Bible Study Opportunity**  
CLL Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

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## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's pants**, all sizes but especially sizes 32-36, are needed for the Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Clothes sorters** for the Elam Davies Social Service Center on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Assistants for Vacation Bible School** from August 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Cooks/servers** for the weekly Social Service Center Sunday night supper

**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

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

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.*

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meet for fellowship on Sundays by the Garth fountain following 11:00 worship. They also gather on Monday evenings for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

**A grief support group** for those dealing with significant losses meets every Monday through August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center (which is now on the third floor). For information, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**An excursion to the state fair in Wisconsin**, offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Monday, August 8. Those sixty years and more are invited to enjoy classic American tastes, sights, and sounds during this full-day trip. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

## Children, Youth, and Family

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

**The Chicago Lights Summer Day final performance**, "Rise Up," will be held Thursday, August 4 at 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend as these students showcase through acting, song, and dance what they have learned from this summer program.

**Vacation Bible School** for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be held on August 15-19 with the theme "Hometown Nazareth." Registration information is available from Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

**A drop-in summer playgroup** for parents and their children through ages three years old is held on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@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 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](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, August 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 28 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)).