



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

Leader: O praise the Lord with me;

People: **let us exalt God's name together.**

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

***Song** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,
we ask your forgiveness
because we do not trust and love you as we should.
You are a mysterious God,
and we become frustrated and faithless
when your will is not clear to us.
We have been impatient
and unwilling to wait for signs of your presence.
When we don't have the answers we want,
we doubt if you are there at all.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to be reminded, in this time of worship,
that you dwell with us in the good times and the bad
and will never leave us.
Help us to live as if you are with us, loving one another
and placing great value on each day we are given.
Hear our silent prayers . . .

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter

Psalm 25

Antiphon

(sung by the congregation)

Leader: To you, O God, I set my hope in you; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Antiphon

Leader: Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God. Gracious and upright is God, who teaches sinners the way, who guides the humble in doing right and teaches the way to the lowly. All the paths of God are love and faithfulness to those who keep the covenant and testimonies.

Antiphon

Leader: For your Name's sake, O God, forgive my sin, for it is great. Who are they who fear God? God will teach them the way that they should choose. They shall dwell in prosperity, and their offspring shall inherit the land. God is a friend to those who fear and will show them the covenant.

Antiphon

Leader: My eyes are ever looking to God, who shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and have pity on me, for I am left alone and in misery. The sorrows of my heart have increased; bring me out of my troubles. Look upon my adversity and misery and forgive me all my sin. Look upon my enemies, for they are many, and they bear violent hatred against me. Protect my life and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for my hope has been in you. Deliver Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

Antiphon

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10–22

(page 24, O.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek
“Dreams”

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” *African American spiritual*

***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 *Lucy Smith*

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 "Of All the Gifts Thy Love Bestows"

John Stevenson

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious and Holy God, we thank you that you feed
and strengthen us in this sacred meal. Though we do not know
how it happens, we are confident that in this bread and juice
you are present with us and remind us that we are never alone.
Thank you, God. Thank you. Amen.**

Sending

***Song**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*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

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Associate Pastor

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

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).

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Participants traveling to Northern Ireland with Fourth Church and Old St. Pat's will depart for an eight-day pilgrimage for peace and reconciliation today. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

The Chicago Lights Summer Day final performance, "Rise Up," will be held this 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.

A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break will provide an opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. To apply, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org) 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. The top five items needed are extra-large backpacks, scientific solar calculators, folders (two-pocket, three-prong), filler paper, and spiral notebooks. Donations can be dropped off during the week at the church reception desk or at the 737 building. For a complete list of items needed, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or visit 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).

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.

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, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

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. 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.

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.

News and Resources

Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

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.

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.

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, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

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.

Recent construction photos are on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. Fourth Church is also on Twitter: @FourthChicago.

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

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.

Nia fitness classes offered through the Chicago Lights 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.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

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

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

Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be held on August 15–19 with the theme “Hometown Nazareth.” (Preschool registration is now at capacity and thus closed.) Registration information is also available during Coffee Hour and from Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

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.

An excursion to the state fair in Wisconsin, offered through the 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, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

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.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men’s shoes and pants, all sizes but especially pant sizes 32-36, are needed for the Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Current Volunteer Needs

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

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

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.

Music and the Arts

The Illinois Brass Band Ensemble 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.

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

Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship

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.

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