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4:00 Order of Worship 08.28.11

## 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.*

### **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** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

**Gracious God, we come before you and confess our sin and the sin of this world. We know that you are a forgiving God, seeking us out as we run from you, loving us in the midst of our weakness, and helping us to accept forgiveness, and start over again. We admit that we have lived carelessly, ignoring our responsibilities to you and not loving each other well enough. We admit that we have worked ourselves senseless in pursuits that do not matter and that we have been lazy in parts of life that matter most. We admit that we have too often been selfish and cruel and that we have not extended to others the acceptance and forgiveness that we so crave for ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to know that we are forgiven; help us to be reconciled with others we have hurt; help us to hear your Word to us today with renewed and open hearts. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

<b>Psalter</b>	Psalm 46 ( <i>responsively</i> )	(page 489, O.T.)
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Genesis 42—46 ( <i>selected readings</i> )	(page 37, O.T.)
<b>Sermon</b>	by Adam H. Fronczek	

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Music**     “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”     *Thomas Dorsey*

**\*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** "One Bread, One Body"

*John Foley*

**Communion Music**

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

**Faithful God, we thank you for the signs  
of your steadfast love shown to us in this holy meal.  
We thank you for the sustaining power of bread  
and the richness of the fruit of the vine.  
May these gifts remind us of the importance  
of the strength of your Word to us  
and the blessing of the life you give us to live.  
Bless us as we go from this place.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

## \*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

**Adam H. Fronczek**

Associate Pastor

**Kerri N. Allen**

Pastoral Resident

**Andrea Pokrefke**

Song Leader

**Kevin Cline Jazz Trio**

### *Acknowledgments:*

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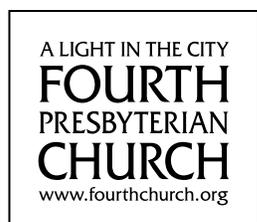
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## The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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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

## Mission and Outreach

**The last day to donate to the Annual School Supply Drive** is this Tuesday, August 30. The top five items needed are folders, wired notebooks, #2 pencils, washable markers, and dictionaries. Donations can be dropped off at Coffee Hour or, through Tuesday, 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women.html).

**New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program** are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall: Wednesday, September 7; Tuesday, September 13; or Thursday, September 15. For details, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 ([mstegemann@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mstegemann@fourthchurch.org)).

**A letter urging Governor Pat Quinn to oppose gambling expansion in Illinois** is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html).

**The “Get Connected” and Volunteer Fairs** will both be held on Sunday, September 18 during Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend and to learn about educational, fellowship, and community outreach opportunities available at Fourth Church.

**A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break** will provide an opportunity to help build a home and a school outside of Antigua. For information or to apply, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Monday, September 19.

## 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, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., is also a prerequisite for membership.

**New Academy for Faith and Life classes** will begin on Sunday, September 25. Details about this fall’s courses and Michigan Avenue Forum programs are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html)

**“Religion and Ideology in the Attacks on New York, Mumbai, and Oslo”** will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum presented by Michael Sells, of the University of Chicago, on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Autumn Open House** will be Thursday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. All those sixty and more are invited to come learn more about CLL opportunities. For information, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 ([aelskus@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aelskus@fourthchurch.org))

**T’ai Chi classes** will be held on Thursdays starting September 8 at the 737 building. To register, call the T’ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

### News and Resources

**Tickets are going fast for the Cubs game** on Tuesday evening, September 20, at which John Buchanan will throw out the first pitch. A limited number of seats have been reserved in a Fourth Church section. Tickets are being made available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) on a first-come, first-served basis.

**On September 11, a community service of commemoration** will be held at Fourth Church at 7:00 p.m. Cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, the Downtown Islamic Center, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral, it will include a reflection by John Buchanan as well as the world premiere of Aaron David Miller's "Voices of Peace," sung by a 95-member choir. A reception will follow the service.

**A giving kiosk in the Narthex** makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C. A receipt will be printed immediately. Gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

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

**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 by September 30.

**Those who have not yet completed a 2011 Giving Response Card** for the Church Alive Annual Appeal are encouraged to do so to help Fourth Church and Chicago Lights meet the need for the \$5.2 million in pledged gifts required for the 2011 budget. We are deeply grateful to the 1,019 households who have already made pledges, with commitments totaling \$3.7 million, helping to ensure that Fourth Church is truly a Church Alive. Pledges can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html) or by using the Giving Response Cards available in the pew racks.

### 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, September 23. 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, 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.

# News and Opportunities

## Children, Youth, and Family

**A drop-in playgroup** for parents and their children is held on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**Sunday School classes** will resume on Sunday, September 11.

**An open house** for parents of children who are three years old and transitioning from nursery into Sunday School will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Manse basement.

**A fall kickoff event** for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 11 and will include lunch and other activities.

## Music and the Arts

**The CLL Chestnut Street Players** will present the play "Old-Time Radio Show Boston Blackie's TV Poisoning" on Thursday, September 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building. All are invited to attend this free event.

**Anyone interested in singing** during the community service of commemoration at Fourth Church on September 11 is invited to join the combined choir for rehearsals on Thursdays, September 1 and 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For information, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

**The art exhibition "Bound for Glory,"** featuring Timothy Botts's expressive calligraphy inspired by African American spirituals, is on display in the Loggia now through late November.

**Mezzo-soprano Nina Heebink** will perform this Friday's free noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## Volunteers and Donations

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Church members to teach Sunday School or serve as an office assistant** in the fall at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

**Tutors for children** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at Fourth Church

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday suppers  
**Urban Farm helpers** on Saturdays and in the office during the week

**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

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

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Men's shoes and pants** for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).*

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meet Sundays following 11:00 worship for fellowship. They also gather on Mondays for volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

**Cornerstones** is gathering for an old-fashioned barbeque and potluck dinner on Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by August 31.

**The Benevolent Guild** will resume gathering on Wednesdays beginning September 7. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Knox Room at 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 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](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, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).