

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.

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.”

*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.

*Song “O for a World”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey;
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

People: **Please forgive and help us.**

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

People: **Please forgive and help us.**

Leader: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

People: **Please forgive and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Remembering September 11, 2001

Scripture Lesson

Reflection and Prayer

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “From a Distance”

Julie Gold

***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 "Power and the Glory"

Phil Ochs

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, in this holy meal
you take common elements of bread and wine
and use them to strengthen our spirits.
You remind us that you are with us
in both the extraordinary and ordinary times of our lives,
and you remind us that through it all
we are never alone, for you are with us.
As we are reminded of your love for us,
send us out into the world with renewed commitments
to love one another. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sending

***Song**

"Spirit"

*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

Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Kerri N. Allen	Pastoral Resident
Matthew J. Helms	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet	

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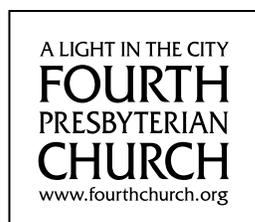
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Fourth Church Cares

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

Enrichment

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 Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Beginning bridge lessons will be offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Fridays starting September 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. For details, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

"Religion in Interfaith Homes: A Series for Couples and their Families," led by Joyce Shin and David Levinsky, will begin on Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). It will then meet one Sunday a month through May 2012. For details, call Joyce Shin at 312.274.3835.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes

will begin on Sunday, September 25 at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). "An Introduction to Howard Thurman," led by Carol Allen, and "The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology," led by Adam Fronczek, will meet at 9:30 a.m. "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" led by Matt Helms, will meet at 11:00 a.m. For details or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

T'ai Chi classes take place on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

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.

Mission and Outreach

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend an orientation session from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall on either Tuesday, September 13 or Thursday, September 15. For information, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

The Benevolent Guild will gather on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break will offer opportunity to help build a home and a school outside of Antigua. For details, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, September 19.

A new hands-on mission group, to do painting, construction, cleaning, and gardening together, is being formed by the Outreach Ministries Committee. To learn more, attend an organizational gathering on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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. Any remaining tickets in the Fourth Church section are available online at www.fourthchurch.org.

“Get Connected” Sunday will be next Sunday, September 18. All are invited to stop by Coffee Hour following morning worship to learn about educational, fellowship, and community outreach opportunities available at Fourth Church.

Judy Watt will be installed as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care on Sunday, September 25 during the 11:00 service.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. 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 Friday, September 30.

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2. Those who might be able to offer a vacation home stay as a silent auction item are asked to call Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: “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 or Chicago Lights or to fulfill pledges.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer work in the neighborhood. There will be a single drive lane only, with no parking or standing zones during that period.

Worship

Today 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.

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.

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 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. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to teach Sunday School or serve as an office assistant 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 Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and in the office during the week

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

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the 737 building to discuss *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

Changing Conversations will host a potluck on Friday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of members to offer opportunity to learn about upcoming Changing Conversations programs, which bring people together to explore in community issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning persons. For details or to RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Single parents interested in forming a group to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting are invited to contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Calvin Room, and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Space.

Fourth church youth and children's choirs rehearse Sunday mornings, with Youth Choir at 9:30 a.m. in the Third-Floor Conference Room, Cherub Choir at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, and Children's Choir at 11:00 a.m. in the Third-Floor Conference Room. Rehearsals for the fall musical are held in the sanctuary from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

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).

Music and the Arts

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.

Elyra, featuring harpist Kara Bershada and cellist Elizabeth Anderson, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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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