



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.

Call to Worship "Precious Lord"

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As sisters and brothers in one human family, gathered here to worship God, let us greet one another with the peace of Jesus 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.

***Opening Song** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, we confess that we have not been the people we, or you, have hoped for us to be. We are often jealous and mean-spirited. We don't treat our loved ones the way we should, and we forget all about people who are distant from us, even though many of them live in great need. Forgive us, Lord. May we be inspired by your word to live better lives. May we be inspired by your law to learn how to live together as a human family. May we be inspired by one another, living in forgiveness and striving for a better way of life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 63 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh yearns for you,
as in a parched and thirsty land that has no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
I am content, as with marrow and fatness
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper.
I will rejoice under the shadow of your wings.
My entire being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: May those who seek my life to destroy it
go down in to the depths of the earth;
let them fall upon the edge of the sword,
and let them be food for jackals.
But the ruler will rejoice in God;
all those who swear by God will be glad;
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture Exodus 20

(page 63, O.T.)

Sermon Adam H. Fronczek
A Way for the Journey

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Trees”

Margaret Pleasant Douroux

***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 ““Lord, the Ancient Types and Symbols”

W. A. Mozart

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you that on the journey of life, you feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We thank you for the guidance of your word. May it be for us a help and provide for us a way through the wilderness, this day and every day of our lives. Amen.

Sending

Closing Song Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***Benediction**

Sending Music

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.

The child being baptized this afternoon is Declan Oliver Cunningham,
son of Scott and Tracy Cunningham

Worship Leaders

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

Judith L. Watt

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).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet on Sundays 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, meet at 9:30 a.m. “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” led by Matt Helms, meets at 11:00 a.m.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building to discuss *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

Martin Marty and John Buchanan will talk about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his *Letters and Papers from Prison* on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newberry Library. (This is a free event.)

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

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 this Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

“**The King James Bible at 400,**” a special Michigan Avenue Forum at the Newberry Library, will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with Randall Zachman speaking, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. To register for this free event, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

“**The Branch We Seldom Climb,**” a discussion for men sixty years and more about the U.S. Supreme Court will take place on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the 737 building. Register for this Center for Life and Learning event by contacting Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386 (ssoltero@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for parents who are expecting a child or who have had a child in the last year will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

A Moms’ Group for moms of children ages 5-12 meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. at Oak Tree (900 N. Michigan). For information, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

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).

Worship

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray with a Deacon at that time.

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 on Friday, October 28.

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

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

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)

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

News and Resources

A Fall Festival, including a costume contest, pumpkin carving, and fresh food harvested from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, will take place on Saturday, October 22 at 12:00 noon at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago).

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. A receipt will be printed immediately, and gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church:

"Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

The 737 building, which provides additional off-site program and office space on the 19th floor during P2C construction, is located on Chicago Avenue, two blocks south of Fourth Church and just east of Michigan Avenue and Walgreens.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work. The number of lanes in use on Michigan Avenue will also be limited during October.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties will gather next Sunday, October 16 for “Face-to-Face” with guest John Buchanan at 12:30 p.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a picnic dinner on Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building and will then attend the concert in honor of John Buchanan at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A trip to Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday, October 19. Anyone sixty years and more is invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

For two Sundays only, Tutoring Holiday Cards will be available during Coffee Hour: October 16 and October 23. Cards are also available Monday–Thursday evenings during Tutoring this month. The cards being offered this year are cards remaining from previous years, as the Holiday Card program has been discontinued. Cards are available in 16-card packs, for \$5 per pack.

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

Music and the Arts

A special Fourth Church concert in honor of John Buchanan’s ministry at Fourth Church will be held on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fourth Church choirs and ensembles, including Tower Brass, will perform, and a piece composed by Aaron David Miller and based on a Walter Brueggemann text will be premiered. A reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

A Chicago Ensemble concert will take place on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

Pianist Mark Valenti will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert in the sanctuary.

The art exhibition “Bound for Glory” by Timothy Botts is on display in the Loggia through late November.

Annual Appeal

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks and online. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For information, contact Kathryn Johnson, Associate Director for Development Relations, at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@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 Judy 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

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

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 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 Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, October 23 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).