



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 "Amazing Grace"

***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 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God,
You have always been there for us,
but we so often forget you.
You have created us good,
but we rebel against you.
We think and act selfishly.
We forget the needs of others.
We strive for individual goals,
and then we wonder why we feel so lonely.
Forgive us, Lord.
Restore in us a sense of who
you have called us to be
and how you have called us
to live together as a community.
Help us to choose the good life
you have prepared for us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Welcoming of New Members

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
God makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
God renews my life
and guides me along right pathways
for the sake of God's Name.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God
forever.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15–20

(page 179, O.T.)

Sermon Adam H. Fronczek
The Choosing Is Not Yet Finished

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "The Decision"

V. Michael McKay

*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 "Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed" *French and Welsh Melody*

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**God, we thank you for the promises you have made to us.
We thank you that in this holy meal
you again show your presence in our lives,
keeping your promise to strengthen and care for us wherever we go.
Send us out into the world to care for others as you have cared for us.
Amen.**

Sending

Closing Song God of Our Life

***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.

Worship Leaders

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

John W. Vest

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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

News and Resources

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church:

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

The 2011 Covenant Network Conference,

“Reconciling: Voices, Visions, Vocations,” will be held November 3–5 in Durham, North Carolina. Registration details are available online at covnetpres.org.

The Ninth Annual Caring Luncheon Celebration

will take place on Thursday, November 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Registration is requested for this free event by Thursday, October 25. To RSVP, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

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.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship. They will also gather for a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Declan’s Pub.

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

Fourth for Bridge, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet at a member’s home on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 4.

Worship

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 this Friday, October 28. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

An All Saints’ Service featuring Brahms’ *Requiem* sung by the Morning Choir will take place on Sunday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary 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.

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 on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

This year’s children’s musical, 100% Chance of Rain, will take place on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

News and Opportunities

Annual Appeal

Next week is Commitment Sunday, when all are encouraged to make their pledges toward the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks and online. For information, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

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.

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place on Sundays at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). "Christianity without Heaven or Hell," led by John Vest, and "Expected Grace: Can Jesus' Interactions with Women Help You Get Over Your Fear of the Bible," led by Judy Watt, meet at 9:30 a.m. "Understanding Arab Spring," led by Azam Nizamuddin, and "At the Name of Jesus," led by Tom Rook, meet at 11:00 a.m.

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright will speak about his two newest books published this month, *Simply Jesus* and *The Kingdom New Testament*, at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. To register for this free event, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

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

Cornerstones will gather for "New Research on Aging" presented by Margaret Hellie Huyck, President of the Older Women's League National Board of Directors, on Friday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. To register, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Volunteers and Donations

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

Silent auction assistants for Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, on Friday, March 2.

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

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

Music and the Arts

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Music Director and Organist at Fourth Church, 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. An artist reception will take place Sunday, November 6 during Coffee Hour following 11:00 a.m. worship.

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 Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).