



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 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

***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** “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

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 Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Jazz Improvisation

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Isaiah 65:17–25

(page 654, O.T.)

Sermon Adam H. Fronczek
How Would It Look If God Was in Charge?

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “In the Garden”

C. Austin Miles

***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

Communion Music "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Robert Kreutz

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you are a comfort and a guide to us,
that you feed us for the journey of life, you challenge us along the way,
and you accept us back when we stray from your presence. Send us out
into the world to share your comfort and challenge with all whom we meet.
May we be instruments of your love and peace.
Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Be Thou My Vision"

***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

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).

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest

Sunday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.

At St. Matthew United Methodist Church (1000 N. Orleans)

This joyful service will include music by the Fourth Church Morning and Chancel Choirs along with several choirs from our partner congregations in the Near North Ministry Alliance. A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

At Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware)

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Holy Name Cathedral for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Thursday, November 24, 11:00 a.m.

*In the Sanctuary
Joyce Shin preaching*

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 12:30 p.m.

In Anderson Hall

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends at this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited; dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Linda Loving has accepted the position of Director of Pastoral Care/Chaplain at Avalon Square Presbyterian Homes in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Her last day at Fourth Church will be November 30. Next Sunday, November 20, there will be opportunity to greet Linda during Coffee Hour and thank her for her ministry at Fourth Church.

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church; beginning November 20, dropped off during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk; or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January.

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

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

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.

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 a.m. at 300 N. LaSalle in the Kirkland and Ellis office. To register, 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.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Mission and Outreach

A February Mission Trip to Mexico will be led by Donna Gray and Joe Pixler. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org). The application deadline is Thursday, December 1.

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, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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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. and 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 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.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. The next service will be Friday, January 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

Children, Youth, and Family

This year's children's musical, *100% Chance of Rain*, will take place this Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend this free production.

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.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion. They will also gather for a homemade-pizza dinner on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. For information, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available during the week at the Chestnut Street reception desk. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 24.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street).

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 24.

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Music and the Arts

The art exhibition “Bound for Glory” by Timothy Botts is on display in the Loggia now through Tuesday, November 22.

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Director of Music and Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fourth Church

Gift gatherers for the silent auction for Carnival 2012

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and during the week

Current Donation Needs

Children’s winter clothes for a family in need

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).

Advent and Christmas

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.

“Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Coffee Hour following morning worship each Sunday. Filled bags are to be returned to the Chestnut Street reception desk by Sunday, December 11. For information, contact Kathleen McKenzie at 312.981.3569 (kmckenzie@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 Street) 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, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 5 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).