



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 "Now Thank We All Our God"

***Litany of Thanksgiving**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: **God's love is everlasting.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

Leader: For the good world;
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors;

People: **thank you, God.**

Leader: For human life;
for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

People: **thank you, God.**

Leader: For work to do and strength to work;
for the comradeship of labor;
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People: **thank you, God.**

Leader: For children;
for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and startling frankness;
for their sudden sympathies;

People: **thank you, God.**

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;
for healing our diseases;
for preserving us in temptation and danger;

People: **thank you, God.**

Leader: For the church into which we have been called;
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in Christ;

All: **thank you, God. Thank you for all of your goodness to us.
Thank you for your everlasting love.**

***Opening Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God”

***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.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, you give us everything we have. You promise steadfast presence with us. We forget your blessings and sometimes don't even notice. We forget that you are with us. Forgive our forgetfulness. Forgive our thinking that we are dependent only on ourselves. Hear us now, as we lift up our own personal prayers of confession. . . .

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Jazz Improvisation

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture John 6:1–14

(page 91, N.T.)

Sermon Judith L. Watt
Offering Gifts and Experiencing Abundance

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "All Good Gifts"

Stephen Schwartz

*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 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

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** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

***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

Judith L. Watt

Associate Pastor

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

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

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 at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Observing Advent

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Featuring the combined choirs of Fourth Church, this service celebrates the season through scripture and song. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception follows in Anderson Hall.

News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this 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 in the service.

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

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

News and Resources

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, dropped off 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.

Hardy Kim will be installed as Associate Pastor for Evangelism on Sunday, November 27 during 11:00 a.m. worship. A reception in Hardy's honor will follow in Anderson Hall after the service.

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

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Advent and Christmas

An Advent Wreath Workshop for families will take place on Sunday, November 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

The "Light Up a Life" holiday giving program is underway. Through "Light Up a Life" gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks.

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available by calling Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the 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.

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.

The "Christmas Gift Bag" project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Coffee Hour on Sundays. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 11.

Enrichment

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

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

A performance of Handel's *Messiah*, sung by Bella Voce, will take place this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

Tower Brass will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

Chicago Ensemble will perform a concert on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.com.

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 Carnaval 2012

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).

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church youth meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

Fellowship

Young Adults will gather for fellowship on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Fadó Irish Pub (100 W. Grand Ave.). They also meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for discussion.

The Sewing and Knitting Group will meet Tuesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

A Cornerstones Christmas Party will take place on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the the 737 building. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454, by Tuesday, November 29.

Worship

World AIDS Day Morning Prayer, in which those affected by HIV and AIDS will be remembered, will take place on Thursday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Loggia.

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

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, online, and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815. 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, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

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 Anderson Hall (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 Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, December 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).