

First Sunday in Lent

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 (*unison*)

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Song** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As brothers and sisters 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.

Confessional Psalm Psalm 51

Antiphon (*sung by the congregation*)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion
blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin
for I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will teach me secret wisdom.

Antiphon

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.

Antiphon

Deliver me from death,
O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
Open my lips, O God,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
O God, you will not despise
a broken and contrite heart.

Antiphon

Be favorable and gracious to Zion,
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations;
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

Antiphon

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture James 1:22–27

(page 215, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Jazz Improvisation

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!**

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"

Vicar Earle Copes

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
In his holy name, we pray. 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

Judith L. Watt Associate Pastor

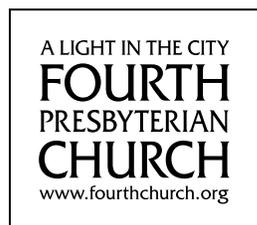
Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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 Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Lent

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, March 23 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

ThirtiesForties meets on Sundays for a Lenten study on “The Way of Forgiveness” at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Worship

World-renowned biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, March 4. The following two Sundays, March 11 and 18, Deborah Kapp, a former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church and currently a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, March 23.

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

Mission and Outreach

The online auction for Carnival closes Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. A wonderful assortment of items available for bidding are posted online at biddingforgood.com/carnaval.

A food drive for Central City Housing Ventures, an interfaith nonprofit founded by Fourth Church and other congregations, will begin next Sunday, March 4. Nonperishable food items will be collected at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour each Sunday throughout March.

A screening and discussion of *The Interrupters*, a documentary on the work of CeaseFire’s violence interrupters, will be held on Monday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. A reception with light refreshments will take place at 5:00 p.m. preceding the screening.

Applications for the Lakota Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations mission trip (June 16–23) are due Monday, March 19. Details and application forms are available in the literature racks or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults gather for fellowship and discussion on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Photos of congregational life are posted on Facebook. You’ll also find there reflections on the daily readings that are part of our journey through the entire Bible and information about upcoming events. To be sure not to miss out on the latest at Fourth Church, “Like” Fourth Church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone)—and invite your friends to like us too!



News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Organist Aaron David Miller, former Associate Organist at Fourth Church and the composer of the 9/11 "Voices of Peace," will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be received.

Visit the new website dedicated to the Fourth Church organ, www.fourthchurchorgan.org, to learn more about this magnificent instrument and how you can help rebuild it before it becomes unplayable. To make a pledge or gift, please use the gift intention card found in the pew rack; make a gift online at www.fourthchurchorgan.org; or call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to help before and during Carnival on Friday, March 2

Tutors for children in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

Current Donation Needs

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).

News and Resources

Complimentary certified tax preparation assistance is available courtesy of AARP and the Center for Life and Learning. For details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 368.

Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, March 4 at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson): "The Three Ds of Faith and the Good News of Temptation" will meet at 9:30 a.m. "Reading the Bible as Literature" will meet at 11:00 a.m. To register, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (defedaj@fourthchurch.org).

"Change Your Story: Change Your Life," the Midwinter Conference through the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

Men's Group will attend the "Change Your Story: Change Your Life" Midwinter Conference, offered through the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, on Saturday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. Call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 to register.

"Vocation and Daily Work: Faith, Values, and Choice" will be held on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

A film screening and discussion, "Eating Mercifully," will take place on Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). RSVP to Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! A Bible study meets at the 737 building Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html and in a brochure in the literature racks. Daily devotions reflecting the texts are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and by email (send addresses to devotions@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 Pastoral 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 Pastoral 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 Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) after worship for coffee, 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 \$8.00. 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, March 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, March 25 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).