

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

Leader: God, God the Maker, maker of color, sound, texture, quietness,
and the restless beauty in living things,

People: **we praise you, God.**

Leader: God, God the Maker, maker of granite and mustard seed,
of grey cloud and starlight, of earthquake and heartbeat,

People: **we praise you, God.**

Leader: God, God the Maker, maker of all that is unseen, of all that has been,
of all that words could never capture,

People: **we praise you, God.**

Leader: God, God the Maker, we the children of your love, the creatures of your kindness,
the guardians of your creation, bless you.

People: **We praise you, God, for your making, your trusting, your loving,
your goodness. Amen.**

*Opening Song "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of real life, we often find ourselves in places
where we have tough choices to make,
difficult trials to face, or unfair situations in which to live.
And we confess that sometimes we have not done the right thing,
we have ignored your call on our lives, or we have acted less than faithful.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to know that you created us good and your will for us is good,
and help us to live up to that challenge, wherever life may lead us.
And hear our silent prayers for the things in our lives
and our world that are not as they should be . . .**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As forgiven children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,
but sisters and brothers in Christ. Please stand and greet one another
with the peace of 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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 146 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in God, their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed
and food to those who hunger.
God sets the prisoners free;
God opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those bowed down;
God loves the righteous. God cares for the stranger
and sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: God shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture Ruth 1:1–18

(page 230, O.T.)

Sermon A Sermon Series on Ruth: Part 1

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 “The Gift of Love”

American folk tune (O Waly, Waly)

*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 “Just Taste and See”

Traditional

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
thank you for meeting us here at this table
in the bread and the cup, regular things of this world,
showing us your care and concern for the everyday concerns of our lives.
Send us out into the world, ready to embrace what is before us
in the week to come and to seek to live more generous and faithful lives.
Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

***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 Quartet

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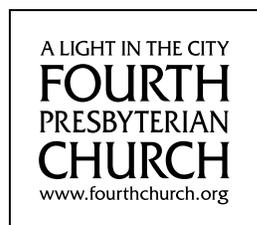
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News and Resources

A time of tailgating fellowship with Associate Pastors John Vest and Hardy Kim, followed by a brief worship service, is taking place this afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the upper level of the Waldron Parking Deck at Soldier Field. The Communion service will begin at 6:00 p.m. A ticket to the Bears game is not required for tailgating.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates and begin to learn more about those individuals, an undertaking that requires the strictest confidentiality given that the candidates are currently serving elsewhere. Information about the PNC process, including a checklist, is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center will be available on the following dates for all who are interested. They will be offered on Sundays, November 25 and December 2 and 9 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. They will also be offered on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. No reservations are necessary for these tours.

Thanksgiving

The annual Thanksgiving Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street). The service will include music sung by the Fourth Church choirs along with several choirs from our partner congregations in the Near North Ministry Alliance. A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating, and Rabbi David Levinsky will preach.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 22.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets are available today and during the week at the reception desk. This traditional dinner, which will include roast turkey, whipped potatoes, gravy, dressing, fall vegetable medley, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie, will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 22.

Join us next Sunday for a historic day in the life of Fourth Church. At 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, we will dedicate and celebrate the official opening of the Gratz Center. We will also join together with John and Sue Buchanan in marking the dedication of the new Buchanan Chapel. Details about this festive event are online at www.fourthchurch.org.



News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

A Gratz Center Family Night, complete with a scavenger hunt, will take place this Friday evening, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. Details are available online. RSVP to Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

Mission and Outreach

Dominican Republic trip applications are due Sunday, December 2. The application form and information about this March mission trip are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips/html. Information and applications forms about other 2013 trips, including ones to Mexico, Guatemala, and Tennessee, are also available online.

Enrichment

The first Academy for Faith and Life classes in the Gratz Center will begin on Sunday, November 25. Details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

“Our Pastors and Their Call to Ministry,” led next week by Judy Watt, takes place at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Books by Women will discuss *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett this Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Associate Pastor Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. For details or application forms, contact Adam at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Help create the ceremonial ribbon that will be cut at the Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center on Saturday, January 12 when we celebrate with our neighbors in the community this wonderful new building. Ribbon pieces to decorate are available by calling Rob Koon at 312.981.3593.

The Chicago Ensemble will perform a concert this Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

Handel’s Messiah, sung by Bella Voce, will be performed next Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at www.bellavoce.org.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties will gather for a social hour this Thursday, November 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Cantina Laredo (508 N. State).

Young Adults will meet for a game night on Thursday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. For location information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

A CLL outing to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Rockettes, will take place on Friday, December 21. Adults sixty and more are invited to RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, November 20.

News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Volunteers are needed to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, job searches, housing rights, public benefits, life skills, and art appreciation. For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to set up and take down the

Fair Trade Bazaar on Friday, November 30 and Sunday, December 2

Sewers with machines to cut and hem muslin panels to be used for the Gratz Center Community Grand Opening on Saturday, January 12

Substitute tutors and In2it Café leaders for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening each week

Current Donation Needs

Men's winter clothes in larger sizes (winter coats, pants, sweaters, boots, etc.)

For more information or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

Worship

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 on Monday, December 31.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel 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 Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Advent

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).

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

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 or at www.fourthchurch.org.

The "Christmas Gift Bag" project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at reception. Bags are to be returned to reception by Sunday, December 9.

"The Music and Meaning of Advent," an event hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life and Children and Family Ministry, invites adults and children to a musical program on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center.

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Commons.

"Center Yourself for the Holidays," offered through our Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

An Advent contemplative retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 7–8 at The Well (1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park). To register, 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 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.

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.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

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 for children, are available from a greeter.

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/index.html.

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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, December 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 8 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).

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

Interested in Baptism or Membership? Time is set aside in the 4:00 service on a regular basis for the purpose of offering opportunities for persons to be baptized and to become members of Fourth Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in discussing baptism and membership for yourself or for your child, you are encouraged to mention that to one of the ministers present at today's service or to contact one of us during the week.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.