

Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

Gathering Music Favors
Chelsea Bridge

Claus Ogerman
Billy Strayhorn

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: Come, Lord Jesus. You too were tired when day was done;
you met your friends at evening time.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. You too enjoyed when nights drew on;
you told your tales at close of day.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. You kindled faith when lamps were low;
you opened scriptures, broke the bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus. Meet us here.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
forgive us, for we have let Christmas pass us by too quickly.
Overcome by our own busy schedules and concerns,
we have already forgotten the peace and promise of the Christ child.
Open our minds to the story of Jesus,
the lessons spoken through his life,
and the joy that comes from keeping you, God,
at the center of our lives.
Silence in us any voice but yours,
and knowing that you wait to forgive us,
hear us as we lift to you our silent confessions . . .**

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.

*Song "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.
Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

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*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.
Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

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*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.
Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

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

Antiphon (*unison*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.
Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

Scripture Luke 4:14–21 *(page 57, N.T.)*

Sermon One of the Most Important Things He Said Adam H. Fronczek

Song for Reflection “God Will Take Care of You” *W. Stillman Martin*

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Anthony J. Showalter

*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 “Now to Your Table Spread”

John Ireland

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, we thank you for these gifts,
through which you strengthen us for the journey of life
and call us back to your ways.**

**Help us to take the hope and the challenge of your good news
out into the world this week. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

***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
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Jennifer Schultz	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	

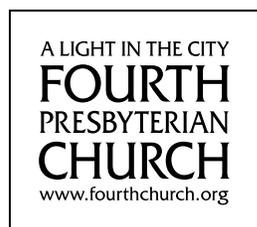
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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Interested in computers and AV? Able to make a regular commitment to helping record worship services at Fourth Church? A rotation of volunteers is needed to help with this important ministry on Sunday mornings and for special services. For details, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (fronczek@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life and activities, keep up-to-date on the latest Fourth Church news, and access resources, including excerpts from devotions, sermons, and prayers.

The Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, offers a variety of programs and resources for those engaged in job searches or career transitions. For information, call 312.906.9908 or visit www.ctcchicago.org.

Mission and Outreach

Carnival invitations for the February 22 gala at the Radisson Blu are in the mail. Visit www.chicagolights.org to learn more—and to purchase drawing tickets for a Vespa! Information is also available by contacting Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Martin Luther King Jr. service projects will be held this Saturday, January 19 at Casa Central Casa Infantil (2222 N. Kedzie), “The Studios” of Central City Housing Ventures (1801 S. Wabash), and Erie House (1701 W. Superior). Details about the projects are available in the literature racks, online, and by contacting Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

The deadline to submit applications for the 2013 mission trip to Guatemala (July 6–14) has been extended to Thursday, January 31. Tom and Sue Schemper will lead this intergenerational trip. More information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

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).

An evening with Imam Feisal; midday labyrinth walks; poetry and piano meditations in Buchanan Chapel; afternoon youth gatherings in the Loft; a screening of *Consider the Conversation*, a documentary about end-of-life issues; and more are on our calendar of events for this Grand Opening month of the Gratz Center. Check out the details on our website—www.fourthchurch.org/gratz—and make plans to join us!



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Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center for fellowship and discussion.

Changing Conversations will host a potluck this Saturday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at a member's home.

The CLL Jazz WinterParty will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. Adults sixty and more are invited to attend this free open house.

Worship

J. Herbert Nelson II will be preaching at Fourth Church during the 9:30 and 11:00 services next Sunday, January 20.

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

Music and the Arts

Violinist Michelle Wynton will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Chicago Young Musicians: A Music Institute of Chicago Concert will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This concert is free and open to the public.

Mass of the Children by John Rutter will be performed by the Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Morning Choir, in honor of the ministry of Donna Gray, during 9:30 and 11:00 worship on Sunday, January 27.

Enrichment

"Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (USA)," an Academy for Faith and Life six-week class led by Vicky Curtiss, is held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Men's Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

Bible Trivia and Fellowship Night will be held this Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Pizza and beverages will be served. To RSVP, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due this Friday, January 18. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

"Commonalities and Differences in Celebrating Communion among our Christian Traditions," which will include a tour of St. Peter's in the Loop, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, and Fourth Church, will take place this Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register (required), visit www.eiaparishes.archchicago.org.

The "Religion in Interfaith Homes" series will continue with the topic "Circumcision or Baptism or Other Birth Ritual" on Sunday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Pl.).

"The Labyrinth as a Source of Strength for One's Life Journey" will be the topic of this year's Midwinter Retreat, led by labyrinth expert Lauren Artress, on Saturday, February 16. Details will be available later this month.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

“Does the Shape of Families Shape Faith?” a program for pastors and lay leaders about the impact of divorce on the faith lives of young people, will take place this Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4G of the Gratz Center.

An “Arts, Music, and Dance” Family Night will be held Friday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. To RSVP, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

Youth are participating in Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day projects on Saturday, January 19. For details, see the information under “Mission” or visit www.fourthchurch.org/youth.

Fourth Church Rising will be participating in a homelessness immersion January 25–26 at PADS shelter in Maywood. To register (required), call Kimberlee Frost at 312.981.4035.

“Electric Chapel: Confronting Hate and Empowering Youth,” a worship event about ending bullying and that will feature the music of Lady Gaga, will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A children, youth, and family luncheon event, in celebration of the ministry of Donna Gray upon her retirement later this month, will take place on Sunday, January 27, with a gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel and lunch following in Borwell Dining Room. To RSVP, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Data entry person for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Members to teach Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. for a mixed-age class

A shopping aide to assist guests at the EDSSC consumer choice food pantry on Thursdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Energetic individuals to share hobbies and activities with Chicago Lights Tutoring students, one evening a week, January 7–March 7

Members to transcribe recorded oral histories, flexible hours

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Members to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, job searches, housing rights, public benefits, life skills, and art appreciation

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a chronically ill ten-year-old girl

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

Double paper/plastic bags with handles from Treasure Island for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Items for a new baby

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

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, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, February 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 16 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), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Presbyterian Church, please see Adam Fronczek or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on January 27, February 24, March 24, and April 28.

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.