

First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music India
Calling You

John Coltrane
Robert Telson

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** "Here I Am, Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon (Psalm 142:1, sung by the congregation)

Leader: God of creation, we confess that we have taken our world for granted.
We have not been good stewards.
We have been selfish in our exploitation of resources.
We have not been mindful of future generations.

Antiphon

Leader: God of goodness and love,
we confess that we have taken each other for granted.
We have not lived as sisters and brothers.
We are divided against each other.
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

Antiphon

Leader: God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have taken Jesus for granted.
We have not walked in his path.
We have resisted his radical ways.
We have tamed his powerful message.

Antiphon

Leader: God of second chances,
we confess that we have taken your grace for granted.
We give up too easily.
We don't learn from our mistakes.
We forget that you love us no matter what.

Antiphon

Leader: Help us, God, to follow when you call.
Help us to see beyond our limitations.
Help us to resist temptation.
Help us to let go of whatever keeps us from you.

Antiphon

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** "We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Acts 9:1–19

(page 119, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Song for Reflection "Amazing Grace"

Traditional

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name"

African American spiritual

***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 "If the Path I Travel"

Mark Diedrich and Margaret E. Barber

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of grace,
we thank you for your call on our lives,
given in ways we cannot ignore,
seeking us out wherever we go,
sending us out into a world in need of your love.
Bless us as we go this night.
Keep us in your care. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "I Surrender All"

***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
Lucy Smith Quartet

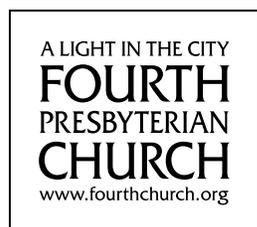
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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

The Covenant Network Regional Conference will be held this Thursday, February 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Fourth Church with Brian Ellison as the keynote speaker. For details and to register, visit covnetpres.org.

As the Pastor Nominating Committee reported at last week's Annual Meeting, the PNC is in a several-month quiet phase as they review and research possible candidates for the position of Pastor. For details about the PNC process, see www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Children, Youth, and Family

The annual Day School Benefit will be held this Saturday, February 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. All are invited to attend this free event, which will include face painting, balloon artistry, a scavenger hunt, refreshments, and a performance by Joel Frankel.

A children, youth, and families lunch will take place next Sunday, February 24 at 12:00 noon in Borwell Dining Room.

The "Parenting in Faith" series continues with the workshop "How Do We Incorporate Bible Stories in Our Family Life?" on Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop.

Christian Century discussion and study groups meet twice a month, with the next gathering this Wednesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

"Computer Fundamentals," a CLL minicourse for adults sixty and more, will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning February 19. To register (required), call Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

Next Sunday new classes from the Academy for Faith and Life begin: "A Bible Study on the Letters and Travels of Paul," led by Adam Fronczek, and "Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening," led by Carol Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and "To Stand Alone—By Kierkegaard's Help," led by Randall Zachman, and "Reflections on the Civil War and the Reconciliation of Loss and Suffering," led by Claudia Boatright, at 11:00 a.m.

Music and the Arts

Submissions of graphic novel art based on scripture are due this Wednesday, February 20 for the upcoming "Testament" exhibit. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org or contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org.

Receive Lent devotions in your Facebook news feed

—and share them with your friends. Devotions for Lent, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are posted daily on Facebook. Simply "Like" www.facebook.com/fourthchurch to receive them. Devotions are also available to share via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).



News and Opportunities

Lent

The Contemplative Retreat before Holy Week will be held on Friday–Saturday, March 22–23 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details, including a registration form, are available in the literature racks.

An Interfaith Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:15 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, March 11.

Worship

A special opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel will be available on Friday, February 22 between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

The monthly service in the style of Taizé will not take place in February but will resume on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Data entry person for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

A shopping aide to assist guests at the EDSSC consumer choice food pantry on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a ten-year-old girl

Men's winter clothes in larger sizes

Items for a new baby

For more information or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Mission and Outreach

Carnaval is this Friday! Today is the last day to purchase event tickets and to enter the drawing for the Vespa (winner need not be present at Carnaval). All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning. Visit www.chicagolights.org for more information.

A variety of mission opportunities are available, including trips to Mexico (May 14–21), Urban Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), and the Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry in Tennessee (July 14–19). There is also still room for those interested in going to Guatemala (July 6–14). Details are available in the literature racks.

Mission worker Todd Luke will join us next Sunday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4H to talk about the work of the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Campechano Presbytery of Mexico, which are partnering with Fourth Church for the mission trip to Mexico (May 14–21).

Fellowship

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

ThirtiesForties will ice skate at Millennium Park this Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Cornerstones will meet for “Forgiveness from the World’s Religions,” led by Dirk Ficca, on Friday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP, call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, February 27.

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 Monday, March 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 15 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).

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).

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 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.