



Palm Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music Very Early
Ride On, King Jesus

Bill Evans
African American spiritual

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: As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth
in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

People: **We open our eyes to see his glory.**
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love. Jesus is Lord.

***Opening Song** "Prepare Ye"

Stephen Schwartz

***Scripture** Luke 19:28–40

(page 78, N.T.)

***Song** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As 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.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Sermon Not a Tunnel, but a Cave

Adam H. Fronczek

Song for Reflection "He Nevuh Said a Mumbalin' Word"

Traditional

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "On the Willows"

S. 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 “Wayfaring Stranger”

Traditional

The Reading of the Passion Narrative Luke 22:24–23:56

(page 81, N.T.)



Sending

Closing Song “Were You There?”

African American spiritual

***Benediction**

Depart in Silence

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

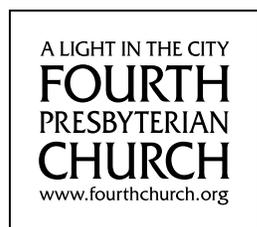
Adam H. Fronczek Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez Pastoral Resident
Lay Readers from the 4:00 Jazz Community
Lucy Smith Quartet

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Holy Week and Easter

On Easter Sunday, March 31, a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service will be held at Oak Street Beach, with Joyce Shin preaching. Easter worship in the Sanctuary will be held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m., with Calum MacLeod preaching, and an Easter jazz service with Communion will be held at 4:00 p.m., with Adam Fronczek preaching.

This year's Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Garth with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. Once inside there will be readings from scripture that cover the entire salvation story, from creation through redemption, and the service will conclude with a reaffirmation of baptismal vows and the celebration of Communion.

On Maundy Thursday, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service as well as a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus. At the conclusion of the service, the Sanctuary will be in darkness.

On Good Friday, there will be a 12:10 p.m. service and, at 7:30 p.m., a choral service, featuring the works of Allegri, Casals, and Poulenc. At 4:00 p.m. there will also be a service in Buchanan Chapel for children.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held on March 29, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Wayman A.M.E. Church (509 W. Elm).

Tickets for Easter Brunch, which will be held on Sunday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, are available at the Gratz Center reception desk today and during the week. For more information, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults will gather for Easter brunch in Chinatown following the 11:30 a.m. service next Sunday, March 31. For details, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones will meet for "The Real China Challenge," presented by John Rogers, on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, April 3.

Young couples are invited to a post-Easter brunch on Sunday, April 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Fourth Church.

Fourth Dimension will gather for "Native American Spirituality, Beliefs, Symbols, and Practices" on Friday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required in advance), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

It couldn't be easier to share your church with a friend: whether it's a thought-provoking quote from a recent sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, an invitation to attend the moving Tenebrae service on Thursday night or the candlelit Easter Vigil on Saturday, or joyful Easter greetings, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) this week. Why not share at least one with friends?



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Tie a blue bow today in the Commons following worship in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. On Tuesday, April 2, a Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service and press conference will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To volunteer on April 2, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are being collected by Women@Fourth Connect at Coffee Hour on Sundays, through April 21. A list of items to be included is available from Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org/women.

The Guatemala, Mexico, “Urban Regeneration: Chicago,” and Tennessee mission trips each still have room for additional participants. Details are available in the literature racks.

Newsprov for the Arts, a series of improv shows featuring local media personalities and benefiting Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools, will be held on Fridays at 8:00 p.m., April 5, 12, and 19 in Buchanan Chapel. For details, including ticket information, visit chicagolights.eventbrite.com.

“Learn How Advocacy Can Make a Difference,” a workshop cosponsored by the Fourth Church Mission Committee and Protestants for the Common Good, will take place on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details and to register, visit www.thecommongood.org.

Lobby Day in Springfield for commonsense gun laws is on Thursday, April 11. Those interested in forming a Fourth Church group to take part are asked to call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

A forum on gun violence and a screening of the documentary *Trigger* will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Jim Wallis and Eboo Patel will talk on Wednesday, April 24 at 12:00 noon in Buchanan Chapel about how a renewed commitment to the common good can transform public life.

Volunteers and Donations

Gently used guitars and keyboards are being collected for the youth music program of the Hispanic Ministries Covenant of the Presbytery. For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Current Volunteer Needs

Servers for Monday and fourth Friday suppers, 3:30–6:15 p.m.

Servers for Easter Brunch, March 31, 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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

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

Current Donation Needs

Laptop (PC) for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

Items for a new baby

Double paper/plastic bags with handles for Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Men's study winter/spring clothes in larger sizes (coats, jackets, sweaters, shirts, pants, etc.)

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

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago).

Reflections from the Pastor Nominating Committee on the ongoing pastor search process—which is currently in the silent phase of researching and reviewing candidates—are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin Sunday, April 14: “Ways to Pray,” led by Vicky Curtiss and Niala Boodhoo, and “Where Faith Meets Politics,” led by Edwin Estevez, at 9:30 a.m. and “Why Presbyterians Do the Things We Do,” led by Hardy Kim, and “Biblical Women with Bad Reputations,” led by Judy Watt, at 11:00 a.m.

A CLL tour of the Palmer House will take place on Wednesday, April 3. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by this Friday, March 29.

Worship

The monthly Taizé service, held on the fourth Friday of the month, will next be held on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Opportunity to walk the labyrinth will take place between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Family

A Good Friday service for children will be held on Friday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Children can be dropped off as early as 8:30 a.m.

Expanded nursery care will be available for children through the age of four on Easter Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Gratz Center.

The annual pancake breakfast served by the youth as a fundraiser for their summer work camp will be Sunday, April 28 in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets will be available beginning April 14.

New Moms’ Groups are meeting at Fourth Church on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

The Choir of King’s College will be in concert on Wednesday, April 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org.

To sing in the Dave Brubeck Tribute Concert on May 19, join the Fourth Church Choral Society for a series of Thursday evening rehearsals beginning April 11 at 7:00 p.m. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@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 Monday, April 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
or Monday, May 6 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 April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, and October 27.

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.