

Gathering

Gathering Music James
I Believe in You

Pat Metheny
Frank Loesser

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: On earth, in the heavens, in the thin places, in the sacred space,
in the sanctuary of God's grace,

People: **let everything that has breath offer joyful thanks!**

Leader: For God's steadfast love, for God's amazing grace,

People: **let everything that has breath offer joyful thanks!**

Leader: With song and dance, with music and art, with speech,

People: **let everything that has breath offer joyful thanks!**

Leader: I say again, with guitar, with drums, with piano, with trumpet,
with harp, with your very own body and voice,

People: **let everything that has breath offer joyful thanks!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Song "How Great Thou Art"**

Prayer of Confession

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

Leader: Merciful God,
in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against
ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

Antiphon

Leader: God of all grace,
the profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.

Antiphon

Leader: Loving God,
we abuse your good gifts of imagination
and freedom of intellect and reason
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
We neglect the needy and ignore injustice.

Antiphon

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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 John 20:24–31

(page 109, N.T.)

Sermon Believe

Edwin Estevez

Song for Reflection “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Samuel McFarland

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "I Believe" *Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman*

***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 "Of the Spirit, Born of Spirit"

J. B. O. Clemm

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**At your table, God of steadfast love,
you renew us with the bread of life and the cup of your healing grace.
May this food and drink strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "It Is Well with My Soul"

***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

Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Allison Maxwell	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	

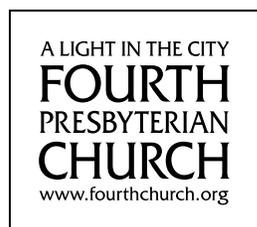
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News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes for children age four through fifth grade are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth gatherings are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“Praying as a Family” will be the topic of the Sunday, April 14 “Parenting in Faith” conversation at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G of the Gratz Center.

The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for youth summer work camp trips will take place Sunday, April 28 in the Borwell Dining Room.

Our last Spring Family Camp at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, will be held the weekend of Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2. For details, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

New Moms’ Groups are meeting on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at Fourth Church. For details or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

The Day School preschool for three- and four-year-olds is now accepting applications for the fall. For details, including application information, contact Ruthie Hornaday at 312.640.2579 (rhornaday@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

“Testament,” an art exhibit featuring graphic novel art based on scripture, is currently on display in the Loggia. An artist reception will take place this Friday, April 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.

Classical church architecture will be the topic of a lecture, led by Notre Dame University professor Duncan G. Stroik, this Tuesday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Rob Koon at 312.981.3593 (rkoon@fourthchurch.org) by this Monday, April 8.

The Adlai E. Stevenson High School Choir will perform a free concert this Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary.

This Thursday rehearsals begin for the Dave Brubeck Tribute Concert. Those interested in participating in the May 19 concert are invited to join the Choral Society this Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Pianist Yulia Lipmanovich will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Light, the newest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available on iTunes, online at www.cdbaby.com, and by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Did you see the “Last Supper” art exhibit created by Fourth Church members and program participants for Holy Week? If not, you can check out photos of each plate designed to depict one of the different qualities present at the Last Supper table: those photos and other highlights from Easter and Holy Week are available at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, for you to enjoy—and share with friends!



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

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

The “Urban Regeneration: Chicago” mission trip (May 17–19) still has room for participants. Details are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html, and by contacting Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

“Learn How Advocacy Can Make a Difference,” a workshop cosponsored by the Mission Committee and Protestants for the Common Good, will take place this Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, visit www.thecommongood.org.

Lobby Day in Springfield for commonsense gun laws is this Thursday, April 11. Those interested in forming a Fourth Church group to take part are asked to contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Newsprov for the Arts, comedy improv shows featuring local media personalities and benefiting Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools, will be held on Friday evenings, April 12 and 19 in Buchanan Chapel. Marion Brooks of NBC 5 Chicago will be this Friday’s media personality. For details, including ticket information, visit chicagolights.eventbrite.com.

A forum on gun violence and a screening of the documentary *Trigger* will be held this Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

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, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Current Volunteer Needs

Food pantry aide with the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, with flexibility to switch to Wednesday mornings in May

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

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

Current Donation Needs

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

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.

Worship

Preaching next Sunday, April 14 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services will be Laurie Kraus, coordinator of the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s Disaster Assistance program. Preaching on Sunday, April 21 at the 9:30 and 11:00 services will be J. Randall O’Brien, President of Carson-Newman University. Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Neal Presa will be preaching at the 4:00 p.m. jazz service that day.

Fellowship

Fourth Dimension will gather for “Native American Spirituality, Beliefs, Symbols, and Practices” this Friday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 5:00 p.m. this Tuesday, April 9.

Men’s Group will meet for a presentation on the Titanic, led by John Sherer, this Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon this Wednesday, April 10.

The Young Adults Spring Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, May 3–5 in New Buffalo, Michigan. Details, including registration information, is available online and by contacting Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work to identify a candidate to recommend as the next Pastor of Fourth Church. The committee is currently in the silent phase of the process, which includes researching, reviewing, and interviewing possible candidates. Information about that process and the PNC is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc, as is a new post about the PNC’s use of devotions to guide the process.

Be sure to 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).

Enrichment

Books by Women will discuss *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright this Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A workshop on Tonglen, a Buddhist meditation practice, will be held this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on the third floor of Parish House. To register, call 312.787.8425.

Beginning next Sunday are four new Academy for Faith and Life adult education courses: “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. For details or to register, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

Writers’ Workshop, which meets on the second Sunday of the month, will gather next Sunday, April 14 at 12:00 noon in Rooms 5E and 5D of the Gratz Center. For details, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

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. To RSVP for this free event, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@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 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.