

Gathering

Gathering Music "I Believe in You"
"So Many Stars"

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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: We are met in the presence of God.

People: **And we do not meet alone.**

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven,

People: **we gather to worship the Lord.**

Leader: With the saints of every age,

People: **we gather to worship the Lord.**

Leader: With the church throughout the world,

People: **God's holy name is praised.**

Leader: With children and newborns,

People: **God's holy name is praised.**

Leader: With drums, sitars, and trumpets,

People: **God's holy name is praised.**

Leader: In barrios and basilicas,

People: **God's holy name is praised.**

Leader: And here with our hearts and our voices,

People: **God's holy name is praised.**

Leader: We are met in the presence of God.

People: **And we do not meet alone.**

***Opening Song** "Here I Am, Lord"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you are kind and generous to us,
full of second chances, abounding in forgiveness.**

**We are sorry that often we have not accepted your forgiveness,
either because we have not paid attention
or have not believed it could be true.**

**We wallow in the mistakes of the past;
we refuse to believe we are good enough to be your servants;
and we hold grudges, refusing to forgive one another.**

**Help us to think again, to pay attention,
to take forgiveness seriously,
and to look to the hope that is before us. Amen.**

***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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace"

Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Genesis 25:19–34, 33:1–17

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Sermon Rebuilding Our Lives

Adam H. Fronczek

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "God Hath Not Promised Skies Always Blue"

Annie J. Flint and Grace Notes Brothers

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 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

Vicar Earle Copes and Louis F. Benson

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, we thank you for your presence at this table,
a place where we are given forgiveness and courage for life,
and where we may come back again
as often as we need a reminder of your love for us. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

***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

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| Adam H. Fronczek | Associate Pastor |
| Edwin Estevez | Pastoral Resident |
| Lucy Smith Quartet | Cole Seaton, song leader Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano |

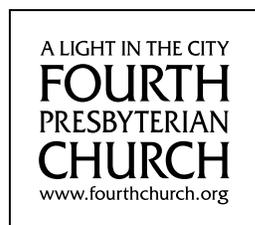
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News and Opportunities

Worship

Those interested in gathering for regular contemplative prayer are invited to attend an initial meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the second-floor Hospitality Suite of the Gratz Center. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held Friday, November 22 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is typically available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff to remember in prayer members of the congregation and those in need.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Mission and Outreach

Due December 15 are applications for the women's mission trip to Cuba (March 21–29) and the musical mission trip to Guatemala (February 22–March 1). Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks and online.

Save the date for Carnaval: Friday, February 28 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (221 N. Columbus).

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).

Music and the Arts

The Roosevelt University Choir will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

The art exhibit "Work: Curse or Calling?" is currently on display in the Loggia.

With Thanksgiving less than three weeks away and Advent beginning on December 1, lots of seasonal opportunities will begin to appear on the Fourth Church calendar, from caroling on the Sanctuary steps to the annual interfaith service celebrating Thanksgiving with our neighbors. Let www.facebook.com/fourthchurch keep you updated on all the holiday resources and details!



News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

The Center for Life and Learning Annual Harvest Home Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org) by Tuesday, November 12.

A **“Thanks and Giving” Family Night** will take place on Friday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, contact Matt Helms at 312.573.3362 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 24 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street). A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating, and Monsignor Dan Mayall will preach.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 28. Vicky Curtiss will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets, which are available today and during the week at the reception desk, are required for this traditional dinner, which will be served on Thursday, November 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

News and Resources

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets this Saturday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events, an archive of sermons, photos, and more.

Information about the pastoral search process is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Advent

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org.

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, December 13–14 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details are available in the literature racks.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held on Sundays: “A Community United: Understanding and Responding to Homelessness” and “An Introduction to the Bible” at 9:30 a.m.; “Bible Stories Ripped from the Headlines” at 11:00 a.m.; and “Hinduism 101” at 12:30 p.m.

Books by Women will discuss *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich this Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A CLL tour of “Opening the Vaults: Wonders of the 1893 World’s Fair,” a Field Museum exhibition, will be held this Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the museum. Space is limited; adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by this Monday, November 11.

“Immigration Dreams and Challenges: Entering the Conversation from a Place of Faith,” a Michigan Avenue Forum panel presentation, will take place on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties will meet for a discussion of “Life in Focus: Violence” next Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Men’s Ministry will gather to watch the Bears game on TV next Sunday, November 17 at 12:00 noon in the Manse. All men are invited to attend. For more information, contact Edwin Estevez at eestevez@fourthchurch.org.

Women@Fourth Connect’s next planning meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth in grades 6–12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The Cherub, Children’s, and Youth Choirs rehearse on Sunday mornings, with Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B, Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel, and Children’s Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

The “Parenting in Faith” series will explore the topic “Growing as a Parent in Your Faith” next Sunday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

The “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series will discuss “What Are We Doing This December?” next Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Librarian for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program
Teachers to lead a topical class for the Center for Life and Learning

Shopping aide for guests of the Consumer Choice Food Pantry at the Social Service Center, alternating Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Experienced website developer to help an AIDS agency improve their website

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s sturdy seasonal clothes

Small ladies pull-ups

Double paper/plastic bags

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, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, December 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 14 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).

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 November 24 and December 22.

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.