



Gathering

Gathering Music "Stand"

Sylvester Stewart

"High Hopes"

James Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn

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,

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has called people from the farthest places of the earth.

People: **From east and west, from north and south, the people of God are gathered.**

Leader: God had called the blind and the lame, pregnant women, and those with nursing infants.

People: **From all ways of life and every experience the people of God are gathered.**

Leader: Those who are weeping will be consoled, those who are thirsty will be led by brooks of water, those who stumble shall find a straight path.

People: **We hear God's call through prophet words, and we come as this congregation to be the gathered people of God.**

***Opening Song** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promises that the old passes away and that you make all things new, but we hear it amid our self-doubt. We confess our desire for guarantees when what you offer us is even greater: hope. When you call us to faithfulness, we set conditions. When you call us to follow, we ask "Where?" Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts in order to walk in your newness of life. Hear us now as we confess our failures and regrets.

A time of silence

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	Isaiah 65:17–18 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13	(page 654, O.T.) (page 195, N.T.)
Sermon	Keep On Keeping On	Judith L. Watt
Musical Reflection		

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Keep on Pushing”

Curtis Mayfield

*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 "Just Taste and See"

Traditional

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Thank you, great God,
for the reminder you have given us
in table, bread, and cup, that you are with us,
that you desire to feed and nurture us
into wholeness, and that no matter how far
we wander or how arduous the journey back,
you welcome us into your presence.
Open us to the spiritual food you offer,
and make us ever mindful of our blessings,
so that we can be signs of your love
to the world around us. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Take My Life"

***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

Judith L. Watt	Associate Pastor
Jean Marie Koon	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums 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 this 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 available on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Music and the Arts

The Alliance Brass Quintet will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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.

Thanksgiving

A "Thanks and Giving" Family Night will take place this 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 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 host the service. Joyce Shin will participate; 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.

"Christmas with Tower Brass," "Chanticleer Christmas," and "*Holidays a cappella*" (the latter held this year in Buchanan Chapel) are just some of the many musical offerings with which we will mark Advent and Christmas this year. A complete schedule of concerts and other seasonal events and programs can be found on the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org



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Advent

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at reception. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 8. For details, contact Dan Hula at 312.981.3567 (dhula@fourthchurch.org).

“Holidays a cappella” with Chicago a cappella will be held on Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org.

“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 through the concert cosponsor, Symphony Center Presents, 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, online at www.fourthchurch.org/community/retreats.html, and by contacting Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 13 for names to appear in the bulletin.

News and Resources

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago).

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

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

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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org.

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Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes will be held next Sunday: “Drum Circle,” led by Edwin Estevez, at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room and “Hinduism 101,” led by Yarina Liston, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5D.

Men’s Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather this Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

“Immigration Dreams and Challenges: Entering the Conversation from a Place of Faith,” a free Michigan Avenue Forum panel presentation, will take place this Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. To register, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

A creative workshop will be offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Thursdays, beginning December 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. This time to work on creative projects is open to anyone sixty or more.

Fellowship

Women@Fourth Connect’s next planning meeting will be held this Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org.

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

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.

Parent Space will be held next Sunday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Transcribers to type recorded interviews for the Oral History Committee

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 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, 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), 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.