

Christ the King Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music "Fields of Gold"

Sting

"I Never Missed Someone Before"

Chuck Mangione

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.

***Acknowledging God's Presence**

Leader: Let us offer thanks to God, the creator of heaven and earth.
Let us seek God with open minds and open hearts.

People: **May we feel the Holy Spirit among us.**

**As the scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
as prayers and music are offered, may we receive with
joy and thanksgiving what is offered for us.**

Let us worship God.

***Opening Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have acted without love,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have reacted without thought,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have withdrawn care,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have failed to forgive,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,

**People: God of all time,
forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret. 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 Luke 23:33–43

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Sermon The First Christians?

Edwin Estevez

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Come Ye Disconsolate”

Samuel Webbe Sr. and Thomas Moore

***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 "As Members of the Body"

Samuel S. Wesley

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of Grace,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace,
that in everything we may yield
ourselves, our wills, and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Amazing Grace"

***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
Lucy Smith Quartet Lucy Smith, vocals
Michael Caskey, drums
Bryan Doherty, bass
Marcin Fahmy, piano

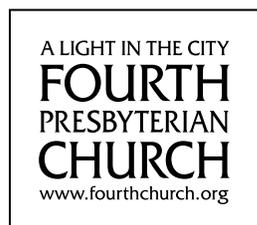
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News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this 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 this 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 this Thursday, November 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

Music and the Arts

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

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Morning Prayer is held this week in the Sanctuary on Monday at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church 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.

As you're shopping for gifts this Christmas, let Fourth Church and Chicago Lights help you spread double the joy with your giving: "Light Up a Life" gifts—which are easy to place online at www.fourthchurch.org and perfect for everyone on your list—provide a meaningful gift for recipients and make a lasting difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights and Fourth Church.



News and Opportunities

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). Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, contact Anne Ellis.

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held next Sunday, December 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at the reception desk. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 8.

“Holidays a cappella,” with Chicago *a cappella*, will take place next Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoaccappella.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 online at www.cso.org.

“Carols and Anthems of the Season,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.stcharlessingers.com.

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.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

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.

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. Registration forms are due by Sunday, December 8.

Mission and Outreach

Knitters and Crocheters, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, will next gather Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

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.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

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

A Cornerstones Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, December 4.

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.

Inquirers’ Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F, is also a prerequisite for membership.

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., Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 10:30 a.m., and Children’s Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Teachers and health professionals for the Center for Life and Learning

Librarian for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

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

Nonperishable food items for the Consumer Choice Food Pantry

Double paper/plastic bags

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

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 Judith 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 today 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.