



## Third Sunday in Lent

### Gathering

**Gathering Music** “Valdez in the Country”  
“Nefertiti”

Donny Hathaway  
Wayne Shorter

*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:** All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.  
All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.

**People:** **Why spend your earnings on what is not food?**  
**Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?**

**Leader:** Here, without money, here, without price,  
all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

**People:** **God speaks, and all who listen will have life.**

**All:** **Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Song** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**God of love and justice,  
we long for peace within and peace without.  
We long for harmony in our families,  
for serenity in the midst of struggle.  
We long for the day when our homes  
will be a dwelling place for your love.  
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,  
we do not trust each other,  
and we harbor violence.  
We are not willing to take the risks  
and make the sacrifices that love requires.  
Look upon us with kindness and grace.  
Rule in our homes and in all the world;  
show us how to walk in your paths,  
through the mercy of our Savior. 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

**Psalter** Psalm 139:1–18

*All sing the Antiphon*

God, you have searched me out and known me;  
You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeying and my resting and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O God, know it altogether.  
You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

## **Antiphon**

Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"  
darkness is not dark to you; night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same.

## **Antiphon**

For you created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb  
I thank you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made; your works are wonderful.  
I know it well.  
My body was not hidden from you, while I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb; they were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.  
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!  
I count them, but they number like sand;  
my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

## **Antiphon**

**Scripture** John 4:1–42 (*selected verses*)

(page 89, N.T.)

**Sermon** Chance Encounters

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** “Nature Boy”

*Eden Ahbez*

**\*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!**

**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*)

**God, we thank you for this table where we gather with one another  
and receive your care.  
Send us out into the world as messengers of your gospel to others,  
and as we share your love, may we grow in love as well.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Closing Song** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Adam H. Fronczek</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Edwin Estevez</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Liz Kurman</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

## 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.

## Acknowledgments

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor-Elect (*joining us May 1*)  
**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Temporary Head of Staff  
**Victoria G. Curtiss**, Associate Pastor for Mission  
**Adam H. Fronczek**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship  
**Matt Helms**, Minister for Children and Families  
**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**John W. Vest**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Edwin Estevez**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

## News and Opportunities

### Lent

**Remember loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, April 11 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter](http://www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter).

**To receive Lenten devotions** by email (if you do not already receive our daily devotions), send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org). Devotions are also available on the website and via Facebook and in printed format in the literature racks.

**An Interfaith Passover Seder** will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). A limited number of tickets are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) by Monday, March 31.

**A Lenten Contemplative Retreat** will be held Friday–Saturday, April 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. For more information or to register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)) by Sunday, April 6.

### Mission and Outreach

**Cuba mission trip participants** are currently spending a week with our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

**The Hygiene Kit project**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, collects supplies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Donations are being accepted at the reception desk. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**A Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service** and press conference will be held on Tuesday, April 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To volunteer on April 1, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Faith Build Day**, a Habitat for Humanity work day, will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registered adult volunteers are invited to meet at Fourth Church at 7:30 a.m. that day to carpool to the work site. To sign up to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).

#### It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:

whether it's an invitation to attend an upcoming event, a thought-provoking reflection from a Lenten devotion, an inspiring quote from a sermon, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or scan this QR code).

Why not share at least one with friends this week?



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**We look forward with great enthusiasm to welcoming Shannon Kershner**, Pastor-Elect, to Fourth Church beginning in May and her family beginning in June. Shannon's first sermon as Pastor of Fourth Church will be on Sunday, May 18, the day we celebrate the centennial of the Sanctuary and look ahead to our second century on Michigan Avenue. To learn more about Shannon and her call to Fourth Church, please visit the Fourth Church website: [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**In memory of John Boyle**, the Third Floor Conference Room in Parish House and a new bench to be placed in the Garth this spring will be dedicated in his honor during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, April 6.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:**  
(@FourthChicago).

**Life Line Screenings**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, will take place this Tuesday, March 25 in Anderson Hall. To register, call 800.324.9458 or visit [www.helpinghandsforhealth.com](http://www.helpinghandsforhealth.com).

**Stephen Ministry** provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://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.

## Enrichment

**A Foto Yoga Seminar**, led by Tom Schemper, will be offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Monday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of Parish House. To register, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**Academy for Faith and Life** classes are held on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Randall Zachman** will be teaching the "Becoming Calvin" Academy for Faith and Life Class next Sunday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

**"National Security and the Constitution,"** a Center for Life and Learning class, will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 1–10 at 10:30 a.m. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

**Cornerstones** will gather for a presentation about Millennium Park's Lurie Garden on Friday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, April 2.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School** classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Youth** (grades 6–12) gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**A Moms' Night Out** with Women@Fourth Connect will be held on Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Vineyard Vines (540 N. Michigan). To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at [lnickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnickerson@fourthchurch.org) by Tuesday, March 25.

## News and Opportunities

### Worship

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

**A new Presbyterian hymnal** has been published, which we will begin using this summer. In addition to all the beloved and familiar traditional music, it includes new settings of more Psalms as well as world music and meditative music from the Taizé community. Watch for more information between now and then about the new hymnal. In the meantime, as we prepare to transition from the current hymnals to the new ones, we are also undertaking a Lenten art project using materials from some of the already retired hymnals, which were previously in Blair Chapel. Contact Rob Koon at [rkoon@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rkoon@fourthchurch.org) to learn more.

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those in need, and mission partners around the world.

**A service in the style of Taizé** will next be held this Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

### Fellowship

**Young Adults** meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at [hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org).

### Volunteers

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Members** to serve as hosts and offer hot cider to worshipers prior to 9:30 and or 11:30 worship on Easter Sunday

**Aides** for guests of the food pantry

**Beverage pourers** for Sunday Night Supper, 3:30–6:30 p.m.

**Handbell ringers** for the Handbell Choir; rehearsals on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

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

**Cooks** to prepare and deliver casseroles and meals to a family with a chronically ill child

**Librarian** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

#### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's seasonal clothes** in all sizes

**Women's seasonal clothes** in larger sizes

**Department store bags** with handles

**Nonperishable** food items

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html).*

### Music and the Arts

**The Covenant Christian High School Choirs** will perform a free concert this Thursday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend this free event.

**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.

## 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.

**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 left-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](http://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](mailto: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 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 5, 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](mailto: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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth 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 27, May 25, June 22, and July 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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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