



**Gathering**

- Gathering Music** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” . . . . . *African American spiritual  
arr. Joe Utterback*
- “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” . . . . . *German chorale  
arr. Johannes Matthias Michel*
- “Spiritual” . . . . . *John Coltrane*

*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: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,  
the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

\* Stand as you are able

Leader: the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

Leader: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter-makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

Leader: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.

**All: Gather us in!**

**\*Opening Song.** . . . . . "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: Light up the darkness in our lives.**

Leader: In the darkness of our uncertainty, when we don't know what to do, when decisions are hard to take:

**People: Give us light to guide us.**

Leader: In the darkness of our anxiety, when we are worried about what the future may bring, when we don't know where to turn:

**People: Give us the light of your peace.**

Leader: In the darkness of our despair, when life seems empty, when we feel there is no future worth seeking:

**People: Give us the light of your hope.**

Leader: In the darkness of oppression, injustice, and poverty, when we don't have enough food to eat, when we don't have a place to live:

**People: Give us the light of your love.**

Leader: In the darkness of our sin, when we fail you and others, when we choose the wrong paths:

**People: Give us the light of your forgiveness.**

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: Light up the darkness in our lives.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but siblings 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

### Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** Psalm 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*): **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

God renews my life and guides me along right pathways  
for the sake of God's Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 14:13–21 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 15*)

**Sermon** You Are . . . . . John W. Vest

**Musical Reflection**



**Sealing the Word**

**Sharing of Gifts** (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

**Offertory Music** “Instant Karma” . . . . . *John Lennon*

**\*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** "When Thou Wakest in the Morning" . . . . . *Traditional, G. M. Taylor*

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**God of grace and love,  
at this sacred table you have shared with us  
the holy mysteries of bread that is broken  
and a cup that is poured out.  
Even as you feed us in this place,  
you send us out from here to feed your hungry children.  
Fill us with your Spirit  
as we go now to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>John Sherer</b>	Organist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Ernie Adams, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

### A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is 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.

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
**Victoria G. Curtiss**, Associate Pastor for Mission  
**Matt Helms**, Minister for Children and Families  
**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
**John W. Vest**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

## 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.

**To sponsor new hymnals**, please complete the sponsorship form, which can be found in the pew rack. Personalized bookplates will be placed in the hymnals to recognize the individual or family donating the hymnal or the persons being memorialized or honored by the gift. Information about the hymnals is also available from Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org) and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html)

**Contemplative Prayer Meditation Group** is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend.

**A service in the style of Taizé**, which is held on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, August 22 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.

### Children, Youth, and Family

**There will be no Sunday School** on August 10, 17, 24, or 31. On these Sundays, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them. Sunday School will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on September 7 with the Fall Children and Youth Kickoff Sunday.

**A Family Movie Night** will be held outdoors this Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Bumpus Room). For more information, contact Matt Helms at 312.573.3362 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

**A neighborhood play date** for families will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Oz Park (2021 N. Burling). For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**Vacation Bible School**, which will explore Moses' journey through the wilderness, will be held for children in preschool through fifth grade the mornings of August 11–15. Registration forms, which are due this Wednesday, August 6, are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html). To volunteer to help at VBS, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

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

whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor concert in the courtyard, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, 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)).

Why not share at least one with friends?



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Fourth Presbyterian Church** strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

**We welcome Layton Williams** to Fourth Church! Layton joined our pastoral staff as Pastoral Resident on August 1 and will be with us for the next two years. Please take opportunity to greet her in the weeks ahead.

**There is much going on during the summer** at Fourth Church—programs, opportunities, outreach, and services made possible by your gifts and pledges. If you will be away in the weeks ahead and in your absence want to continue to fulfill a pledge or make gifts, those gifts can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgiving](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgiving). Thank you for your important and continued support!

**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.

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

**Nominating forms** for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church no later than Monday, September 22.

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

**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 on Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**Sign up to receive the weekly newsletter** (News@Fourth Church) by sending email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also gather for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).

## Music and the Arts

**Cabaret duo Menzie and Michael** will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

**The Summer Film Series**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, is held on Tuesdays, through August 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. All 60 and more are invited to attend these free screenings.

**Those who would like to receive Music Notes**, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to [music@fourthchurch.org](mailto:music@fourthchurch.org).

### Volunteers and Donations

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Volunteers** to wash and dry clothing for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

**Dessert bakers** for Monday Night Supper

**Members** to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

**Bag lunch assemblers and distributors;** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays

**Aspiring gardeners** to help at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.

**Members** to serve as ushers at the 11:00 a.m. service

#### **Current Donation Needs**

**Colorful tablecloths** for Sunday Night Supper

**Men's and women's seasonal clothes** in larger sizes

**Small lady pull-ups** for a chronically ill child

**Nonperishable** food items

**Department store bags** with handles

**Individually wrapped food items** for the Bag Lunch program

*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)*

### Enrichment

**A Baha'i Temple excursion**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place this Friday, August 8. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 ([aelskus@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aelskus@fourthchurch.org)).

**Spiritual yoga and meditation** are offered on Tuesdays through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)

### Mission and Outreach

**Needed are Meals Ministry volunteers** to help with the Bag Lunch Program, Sunday Night Supper, Monday Night Supper, and partnerships that help provide meals for those in need. Information and signup opportunities are available by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).

**To minister to the immigrant children** flooding our country to escape dire conditions in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, we will receive a special Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) offering on Sunday, August 10. Gifts to support PDA's efforts to respond to the children's needs can also be made online at [www.bit.ly/PDAGifts](http://www.bit.ly/PDAGifts)

**The Annual School Supply Drive**, organized by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. For a list of materials and more information about the drive, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/women](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women) or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**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](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Chicago Lights Tutoring alumni**—students and tutors—are invited to join an alumni network to be notified about Tutoring's fiftieth anniversary celebration this fall and to stay connected with fellow program participants. To join the network, visit <http://bit.ly/TutoringAlum50>

**Save the date for Carnaval 2015:**  
Friday, March 6!

## 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 read aloud during 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, August 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, September 8, 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 contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; [lnickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnickerson@fourthchurch.org)) 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 August 24 and September 28.

**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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