



Gathering

Gathering Music "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" *Traditional*
"2 Degrees East, 3 Degrees West". *John Lewis*

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 meet in the name of God, creator of the universe,
source of true humanity, mother and father of all.

People: Amen.

Leader: We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh,
savior of fallen humanity, lover of all.

People: Amen.

* Stand as you are able

Leader: We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life,
midwife of new humanity, inspirer of all.

People: Amen.

Leader: Come then, eternal God:

**People: be present here,
befriend us here,
renew us here.**

***Opening Song.** "As We Gather at Your Table"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?

Leader: Giving God, you blessed us with saltiness,

People: but we became bland.

Leader: You trusted us with your Word,

People: but we did not keep it.

Leader: You lit a flame in our midst,

People: but we hid it under formality, smothered it with our fears.

Leader: God, in your mercy:

People: forgive us.

(silence)

Leader: Forgiving God, we believe that you have called us

People: to be salt and light;

Leader: that you offer us time and space and strength

People: to begin again.

(silence)

Leader: Giving and forgiving God,

People: we thank you.

Leader: Have salt in yourself, and be at peace with one another.

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

Psalter Psalm 119:105–112 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

ANTIPHON

I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O God, according to your word.
Accept, O God, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

ANTIPHON

My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

ANTIPHON

Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1–14 (*Old Testament, page 56*)

Sermon How You Eat It 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 “Go Down, Moses” *Traditional*

***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 "One Bread, One Body" *John Foley S. J.*

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.
Fill us now with a sense of urgency
so that we may hurry into the world
to share your love with others. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Curtis Evans	Lay Liturgist
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
John Sherer	Organist
Lucy Smith Quartet	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 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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Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
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Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Books by Women will discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson this Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Center for Life and Learning classes and activities for those sixty and over resume on Monday, September 8. Details about the many opportunities offered through the CLL are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

"Marriage: The Master Class," an eight-week series offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will discuss "Building Intimacy, Honoring Differences" this Monday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Spiritual yoga, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

Christian Century Study Groups meet every other Wednesday, beginning September 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

A conversation about global poverty—using the book *The Hole in Our Gospel*—will be held this Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

The Benevolent Guild resumes gathering this Wednesday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room: Thursday, September 11; Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday, September 17; or Monday, September 22. RSVP at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

A bake sale, hosted by the Chicago Lights Associates Board, will be held next Sunday, September 14 at Coffee Hour. Proceeds will benefit Chicago Lights.

A celebration of Tutoring's 50th anniversary will take place on Saturday, September 27 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. RSVP at www.bit.ly/Tutoring50th. Tutors who were active with the program during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s are asked to contact Alex Cornwell at 312.981.3565 (acornwell@fourthchurch.org) to be included in the celebration.

Personalized bookplates will be added to our new *Glory to God* hymnals before we begin using them. To sponsor hymnals in your name, your family's name, or the names of those you want to memorialize or honor, please fill out the form—by September 14—that is in the pew racks, at Coffee Hour, online at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html, or contact Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 14, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes, photos, and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on the news.

Conversations with Shannon—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our new Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sundays, September 14, October 5 and 19, and November 2 and 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the church. To RSVP (required in advance), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Shannon Kershner will be installed as our next Pastor on Sunday, September 21 during 11:00 a.m. worship. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will return to Fourth Church to preach that morning, and we will have a celebratory reception for Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan following the 11:00 service.

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

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 Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online. 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 by Monday, September 22.

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.

Fourth Church is on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Tunes for Tots, a time of singing and music for infants, young toddlers, and their parents, is held on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:20 a.m. in the Nursery.

Youth in grades 6 through 12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The Cherub, Children’s, and Youth Choirs rehearse on Sundays, 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.

Fall Family Camp will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, September 26 to Sunday, September 28. A registration form is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Handbell Choir rehearsal is held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Vocalist Marc Stingley will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Lyric Opera Chorus will perform music from *Il Trovatore*, *Tosca*, *Carousel*, and *Anna Bolena* on Friday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lyricopera.org.

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.

Light, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday worship services

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

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

Current Donation Needs

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper

Men's and women's sturdy, fall clothes

Small women's pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Nonperishable food items

Travel-size toiletry items

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

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., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.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 at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, September 26 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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.

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 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Dimension will gather for a presentation about the White Sox this Friday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, September 10.

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.

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, September 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or Monday, October 6, 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).

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

Church, please contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; 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 September 28 and October 26.

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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