

Epiphany Sunday

Gathering

- Gathering Music** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" *John Henry Hopkins*
arr. Johannes Matthias Michel
- "See the Eastern Star" *Puerto Rican carol*
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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.

***Opening Responses**

Leader: In a refugee child playing under a star . . .

Women: In an anonymous young man requesting baptism . . .

Men: In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman’s hand . . .

**All: God was waiting to be recognized and known,
to transform seeing and change the world.**

Leader: In the routine smallness of everyday life . . .

Women: In the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition . . .

Men: In the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine . . .

**All: God is waiting to be recognized and known,
to transform our seeing and change our world. Let us worship God.**

***Opening Song “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”**

Litany of Confession

Leader: Epiphany God waiting to be seen and known—

**People: forgive us for those times when submersion in unthinking routine
has dulled our perception of your Presence
and thwarted its life-changing possibilities.**

Leader: Epiphany God waiting to comfort and restore—

**People: forgive us for those moments when pride or fear
has restricted our openness to your Presence
and impeded its healing possibilities.**

Leader: Epiphany God waiting to challenge and transform—

**People: forgive us for those occasions
when preoccupation with comfort and familiarity
has stifled our response to your Presence
and subverted its radical possibilities.**

**All: Epiphany God—bright Morning Star—
may we know your Presence with us now,
and, in opening ourselves to embrace its possibilities,
find different ways by which to journey onwards. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 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 72:1–14 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Leader: He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.
His foes shall bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Saba offer him gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Leader: For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,
and he shall have pity on the needy and the weak.**

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1–6 (*Old Testament, page 649*)
Matthew 2:1–12 (*New Testament, page 1*)

Sermon Hardy H. Kim

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music “Do You Hear What I Hear?” *Gloria Shayne and Noel Regney*

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

***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 “Little Drummer Boy” *Katherine David, Henry Onorati,
and Harry Simeone*

Closing Responses

Leader: Emmanuel—bright Morning Star:

**People: Give us the perseverance and courage
to seek out and approach you,
wherever you are to be found.**

Leader: Emmanuel—bright Morning Star:

**People: Grant us the vision and understanding
to see and recognize you,
whenever we might meet you.**

Leader: Emmanuel—bright Morning Star:

**People: Gift us the grace and generosity
to respond freely and fully,
whatever you might ask of us.
So may our loving and living
become, in their turn, places of epiphany
where you can be recognized and known
and the transforming life
of your kingdom is unleashed.
Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Kelsey Koon	Lay Liturgist
John W. W. Sherer	Organist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

A note on inclusive language

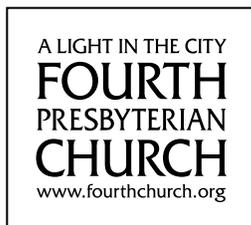
Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 11 following the 11:00 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee responsible for recommending a candidate to serve as Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry. Matt Helms, who is currently serving as Minister for Children and Families, will be among the candidates considered by the committee to fill this new Associate Pastor position.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
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Today we recall the gifts brought by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. Light Up a Life gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights that help neighbors whose needs are great this season. Gifts can be made using the Light Up a Life brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org

Enrichment

“Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room on weekdays January 7–27. For more information about the series and speakers, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Books by Women will discuss *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of the presentation “The Music and History of Bagpipes” this Friday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7.

ThirtiesForties’ “Faith in Focus” series continues next Sunday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on discipline.

The CLL January Luncheon, featuring the presentation “*Downton Abbey* Art and Fashion,” will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by this Tuesday, January 6.

It couldn't be easier to share Fourth Church with friends: whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday Noonday concert, 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).
Why not share at least one with friends?



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Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, will next meet this Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

Applications for 2015 mission trips "Racial Reconciliation" (May 2–9) and Guatemala (July 12–19) are due February 15 and April 11, respectively. Application information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The mission trip to Cuba, originally scheduled for March of 2015, will now take place May 11–18, 2015. Registration information is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Angels on Call is a volunteer opportunity offering home-cooked meals to Fourth Church families who have recently welcomed a baby or who are recovering from surgery. To learn more about Angels on Call and how to help, contact Judy Watt at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date for Gala of Hope, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being: Friday, March 6.

Music and the Arts

Chancel Choir rehearsal will resume this Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

Violist Jonas Benson will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday morning worship services

Members to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's sturdy, winter clothes

Nonperishable and individually wrapped food items for the Social Service Center

Department store bags with handles

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes and youth gatherings

will resume next Sunday, January 11.

"Mindful Parenting," a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, will be held next Sunday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and 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 hosted labyrinth walk will be held on Saturday, January 17 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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, January 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, February 2, 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 January 25 and February 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.

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