

Gathering

Gathering Music "Footprints" *Wayne Shorter*
"Wayfaring Stranger" *Traditional*

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 page 12.

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 come today to worship, and we remember
that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God.

**People: We open our eyes to see Christ's glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.**

Leader: Let us worship Christ!

People: Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession *(please hold silence)*

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 family in Christ.
Please stand and greet one another with the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

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 19 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies are the work of God's hands.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep God has set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Leader: The law of God is perfect and renews life;
the testimony of God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of God are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of God is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of God are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Leader: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Scripture Readings

Mark 8:27–38 (*New Testament, page 41*)

Sermon Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "Holy Land" Cedar Walton, John and Paula Hackett

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.

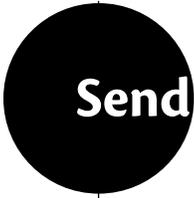
The Communion

Communion Music "Fill My Cup" *Isaiah Jones Jr.*

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son,
who is the true bread from heaven, and food of eternal life.**

**So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** “The Summons”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Shelley Donaldson	Senior High and Confirmation Youth Coordinator
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Patrick Mulcahy, bass Tom Vaitsas, 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

Music and the Arts

Cellist Ian Maksin will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The music of Shulamit Ran will be featured in an intermedia concert this Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Fourth Church Choral Society will perform Mozart's *Requiem* with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All who are interested in singing the *Requiem* are invited to the first rehearsal this Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The installation of the pipe organ continues, with work being done in the choir loft in preparation for the new console. The temporary electronic organ will thus be on the Sanctuary floor during the remainder of the project. We anticipate dedicating the rebuilt organ on Sunday, November 22. In the meantime, you can follow the project progress online at www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ as well as follow links to photos of the project.

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

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be offered on Monday, September 14; Wednesday, September 16; Tuesday, September 22; and Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cltutor2015. For more information, contact Fernie Tiflis (ftiflis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.981.3381.

The Care of Creation Committee, in conjunction with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and the Ocean Conservancy's International Cleanup, is hosting a cleanup of Oak Street Beach this Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cleanbeach15

A bake sale, hosted by the Chicago Lights Associates Board, will be held next Sunday, September 20 during Coffee Hour. Proceeds will benefit Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church. Baking volunteers are still needed; sign up at www.bit.ly/bakesale15

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.) holds volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A tour of the Farm for new volunteers (*required*) is held each Saturday at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Stephanie Budd (sbudd@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3801.

This Monday evening Nadia Bolz-Weber returns to Fourth Church to read and talk about her new book: *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. The Academy for Faith and Life invites you to hear this *New York Times* best-selling author and Lutheran pastor speak at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on September 14. There will be a book-signing afterwards in Anderson Hall.



News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

Fourth Church children and youth choirs rehearse on Sundays in Room 4G, with Cherub Choir at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir at 9:45 a.m., and Children's Choir at 10:30 a.m.

Tunes for Tots for infants, young toddlers, and their parents takes place on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

"Mindful Parenting," a series for parents led by Sue Schemper, will be held on Sundays, September 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

Fall Family Camp will be Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online at www.bit.ly/familycamp1015

Moms' groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly. For information, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org) at 312.247.3804.

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women's Bible study, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

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, meets this Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F and Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

A free lecture about Alzheimer's research—offered through the CLL in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter—will be held on Monday, September 28 at 11:30 a.m. RSVP with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

Worship

Jazz at Four worship will be in Buchanan Chapel today at 4:00 p.m. while Chicago Sinai prepares for Rosh Hashanah in the Sanctuary.

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. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Buchanan Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org. They are also available via Twitter ([@fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)) and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants to help lead Junior High youth on Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle to perform with the Morning Choir at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on occasional Sundays

Sunday School teachers at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m., with a partner, on rotation

Experienced cooks for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Thursdays, 3:00–6:30 p.m.

Identity Arts program assistants to work at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Tuesdays, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour hosts

Attendants to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

Audio-video recorders for the 11:00 a.m. service

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and sandwich teams, on rotation

Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Clothes washers to wash and dry clothes, on rotation, for a family with a chronically ill child and living in zip code 60618

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Current Donation Needs

Box fans

Jars of peanut butter

Rolling carts, all sizes

Umbrellas

Magazines

Men's and women's seasonal clothes

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

News and Resources

Three years ago Wednesday, September 16, 2012, we laid the Gratz Center cornerstone. Thursday, September 17 will mark the 103rd anniversary of laying the cornerstone for the Sanctuary in 1912.

We are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Rosh Hashanah services here in the Sanctuary this evening and tomorrow, as they have for several years.

Parking changes at the 900 N. Michigan garage mean that old validation tickets with the magnetic stripe are no longer valid. Please pick up, instead, a validation ticket with a bar code. These are available at the church reception desk. These tickets are valid on Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. only.

The tree at Michigan and Delaware, which was planted in the mid-1930s and has been dying for the past two years, will need to be cut down later this month, as it poses a safety hazard. A new tree will be planted in its place either later this year or next spring.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and volunteering at Fourth Church! Next Sunday, September 20, 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 volunteer activities.

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. 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 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 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) or go to www.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 Hardy Kim (hkim@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 27 or October 25.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk. The validation tickets with a magnetic stripe are no longer valid. Please be sure to pick up a new validation ticket, which has a bar code.

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