



Gathering

Baptism of the Lord

Gathering Music “Wade in the Water” *African American spiritual*
“Take Me to the Water” *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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: God of God, Light of Light,
true God of true God,

People: we bless you.

Leader: Object of the magi’s search, subject of an old man’s song,
fulfillment of the Baptist’s preaching,

People: we bless you.

Leader: Mary’s son, Joseph’s son,
God’s only son,

People: we bless you.

* Stand as you are able

Please note

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Litany of Confession

**Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism,
so that we may rise to new life
and live together in grace.
Amen.**

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 each other 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 29 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: Ascribe to God, you gods;
ascribe to God glory and strength.
Ascribe to God the glory due the name;
worship God in the beauty of holiness.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: The voice of God is upon the waters;
the voice of God thunders.
God is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of God is a powerful voice;
the voice of God is a powerful splendor.
The voice of God breaks the cedar trees;
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness.
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forest bare.
And in the temple of God, all are crying, "Glory!"
God sits enthroned above the flood;
God sits enthroned as ruler forevermore.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: God shall give strength to the people;
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. (New Testament, page 56)

Sermon "Becoming God's Beloved" Hardy H. Kim



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "Shall We Gather at the River" Robert Lowry

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: 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 "Out of Deep, Unordered Water" *C. Hubert H. Parry and Fred Kaan*

Closing Prayer

**God of heaven and earth, we have come in humility before you,
bringing the offering of our very selves.
As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John,
so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin
and be raised with him to new life.
By your Spirit confirm in our hearts the gift of knowing that,
having shared in the baptism of Jesus, we too are made your beloved ones.
Thus, help us to accept all we have and are, O God,
so we might give it all to your service in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sending

*Closing Song. "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Louise Gram	Lay Liturgist
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
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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A Light in the City

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Worship

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays in Buchanan Chapel at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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 6:00 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 Monday, January 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall in recognition of mass incarceration and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will be held on January 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 7:00 p.m.

Devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

A presentation about ministry in Cuba given by Carlos Emilio Ham, the President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, will be offered by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee this Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Applications for the young adult mission trip to Northern Ireland are due this Friday, January 15. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Save the date for Gala of Hope, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being: Friday, March 4. Early-bird tickets are available online at bit.ly/GalaofHope16 through Friday, February 5. For details, contact Andrea Miller at amiller@fourthchurch.org

To receive advocacy action alerts by email, send email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org with "Advocacy" in the subject line or sign up at the Mission table during Coffee Hour on Sundays.

Have you seen the Children's Pageant pictures?

Some are posted on the information kiosks in the Gignilliat Commons and even more are on Facebook. Also on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) you will find photos of church life; information about upcoming concerts, classes, worship opportunities, and events; as well as favorite quotes from recent sermons, devotions, and prayers of the people.



News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Food pantry volunteers to help unload the food truck for the Elam Davies Social Service Center pantry

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Coffee Hour hosts to serve refreshments during the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 12:00 noon Coffee Hours

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

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

Aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice Food Pantry

Book Nook attendants to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour

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

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets

Yoga mats, new or used

Men's and women's winter clothes

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

News and Resources

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 Saturday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

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.

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.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Music and the Arts

Bassoonist Karl Rzasa will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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.

Enrichment

The Multicultural Committee invites you to “Introduction to Systemic Racism,” a workshop about the origins and manifestations of the systemic nature of racism, this Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills (39 N. Prospect, Clarendon Hills). Register online at bit.ly/introtoracism by tomorrow, January 11.

This week’s January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room include presentations by Eboo Patel on January 11; Bethany Haley Williams on January 12; David Brooks on January 13; Jill Dougherty on January 14; and Ron Suskind on January 15. Visit www.calvin.edu/january to learn more.

“The Beloved Community: Restoring a Dream Deferred,” a free panel about Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision for community and offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held this Tuesday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Green-Murray Library at Roosevelt University (430 S. Michigan, Tenth Floor). Panelists include Fourth Church Associate Pastor Hardy Kim. Call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 to RSVP.

Books by Women will discuss *Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now: The Best of Mary Schmich* by Mary Schmich this Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will next meet Wednesday, January 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

“Look Around: The Cries Will Be Heard,” a Michigan Avenue Forum on mass incarceration, will be presented by Iva Carruthers, professor emeritus and former chairperson of the sociology department at Northeastern Illinois University, next Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Five Wishes Program, a workshop that helps participants discuss end-of-life needs, will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. Register online at bit.ly/fivewish

“The Eyes of All”—a panel discussion on mass incarceration with district attorney John Chisholm, the Presbytery of Chicago’s Barbara A. Wilson, Chicago Theological Seminary’s Christophe Ringer, and McCormick Theological Seminary’s Reggie Williams—will be held on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Author, Cook County defender, and Fourth Church member Jeanne Bishop will moderate this Michigan Avenue Forum Discussion.

Children, Youth, and Family

Family Ice Skating at Lincoln Park Zoo will be held next Sunday, January 17 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Helms at 312.573.3362.

The Grades 6–7 Winter Retreat will take place Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31 at Conference Point Center in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. For more information, contact Katie Patterson at kpatterson@fourthchurch.org

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Claiming Our Faith Stories,” a retreat for women, will be held on January 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Led by Layton Williams, Vicky Curtiss, and members of Fourth Church, the morning will include a variety of workshops. Contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for details and to register.

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 Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, February 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 January 24 or February 28.

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.

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