



First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Footprints" *Wayne Shorter*
"A Time for Love" *Johnny Mandel and Paul Webster*

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.

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.

***Calling Together**

Leader: Love the Lord your God

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Do this and you will live!

People: Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Please note

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Leaning on God’s Mercy

Leader: Remember. You were built for this, the ancient path inscribed upon your bones, the persistent pattern echoing in your heartbeat. Let this be the season you turn your face toward the One who calls you: *Return, return*. Let this be the day you open wide your arms to the wind that knows how to bear you home.

Litany of Atonement *(after each petition the people respond “God forgive us”)*

Leader: For remaining silent when a single voice would have made a difference . . .
. . . For each time that our fears have made us rigid and inaccessible . . .
. . . For each time that we have struck out in anger without just cause . . .
. . . For each time that our greed has blinded us to the needs of others . . .
. . . For the selfishness which sets us apart and alone . . .
. . . For falling short of the admonitions of the Spirit . . .
. . . For losing sight of our unity . . .
. . . For those and for so many acts both evident and subtle
which have fueled the illusion of separateness . . .

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

***Kyrie** “Blues Kyrie”

Words of Assurance

Leader: To receive this blessing, all you have to do is let your heart break. Let it crack open.
Let it fall apart so you can see its secret chambers, the hidden spaces where you have
hesitated to go. . . . And so let this be a season for wandering, for trusting the breaking,
for tracing the rupture that will return you to the One who waits, who watches, who works
within the rending to make your heart whole.

Hear this and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ you are known, loved, and forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Having received a love greater than we can understand, let us remember that love and share
it with one another in a greeting of peace. 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 "Soon and Very Soon"



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 25:1-10 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: To you, O God, I set my hope in you; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God. Gracious and upright is God, who teaches sinners the way, who teaches the humble in doing right, and teaches the way to the lowly. All the paths of God are love and faithfulness to those who keep the covenant and testimonies.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25–37 (New Testament, page 67)

Sermon “The Strong Power of Mercy” Nanette Sawyer



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music “In the Garden” C. Austin Miles

***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 "I Love to Tell the Story" *William Fischer and Katherine Hankey*

Closing Prayer

Leader: If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing.

**People: Do not leave without hearing who you are: beloved,
named by the one who has traveled this path before you.**

Leader: Do not go without letting it echo in your ears,
and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart, do not despair.
That is what the journey is for.

**People: I cannot promise this blessing will free you from danger, from fear, from hunger
or thirst, from the scorching sun or the fall of the night.**

Leader: But I can tell you that on this path there will be help.
I can tell you that on this way there will be rest.

**People: I can tell you that you will know the strange graces that come to our aid only
on a road such as this, that fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength,
that come alongside us for no other cause than to lean themselves toward our ear
and with their curious insistence whisper our name:**

Leader: Beloved.
Beloved.
People: Beloved.



Sending

***Closing Song.** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, vocals Ernie Adams, drums Curt Bley, bass Rob Clearfield, 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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Lent

To receive Lenten devotions by email (if you do not already receive our daily devotions), send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org. Devotions are also available on the website, on Twitter, via Facebook and in printed format in the literature racks.

“The Music of Lent” a one-session Academy for Faith and Life class led by WFMT’s Carl Grapentine, will be held next Sunday, February 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For more information or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

A Lenten service in the style of Taizé will be held next Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by a hosted labyrinth walk opportunity in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 13 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks. For more information, call Allie Williams at 312.981.3383.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

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

A “Cookies and Cocoa” Family Night will be held this Friday, February 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. There will be a shared meal as well as games and crafts.

“Mindful Parenting,” a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, meets next Sunday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

“Parenting over Pizza,” a new monthly opportunity for parents to connect over lunch, kicks off next Sunday, February 21 at 12:00 noon in Room 4G.

The annual Day School Benefit will be held on Saturday, February 27 between 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Gratz Center and Anderson Hall. There will be free face-painting, refreshments, and entertainment by Joel Frankel. All children and their accompanying adults are invited.

Do you have your “Joy Ride” drawing tickets?

This year’s Chicago Lights Gala of Hope drawing is for a one-month rental of an Infiniti Q60 convertible. The drawing winner need not be present at the Gala, so even if you’re not going to be with us on March 4, you could still win—while also supporting the community outreach work of Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center. Drawing tickets are available online at www.bitly/GalaofHope16



News and Opportunities

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.

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Light Elam Davies Social Service Center will be held on Monday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. or Thursday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m. RSVP online for one session at bit.ly/EDSSC16

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather on Tuesday, February 23 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Presbyterian Women will host a fashion-forward “Good News” Fellowship meeting on Thursday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All women are invited to a presentation by stylist Kathleen Ochab and an accessory swap that will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Relief. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Enrichment

Two Academy for Faith and Life classes continue next Sunday in Borwell Dining Room: “The Belhar Confession,” led by Jeff Doane, at 9:30 a.m. and “Theology, Racism, and White Supremacy,” led by Carolyn Roncolato, at 11:00 a.m. Visit fourthchurch.org/academy for details.

Men’s Bible study will meet this Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) at aellis@fourthchurch.org

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, February 22–March 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Replogle Center. To register (*required*), call the Center at 312.787.8425.

A screening of *Late in Life: A Conversation with Atul Gawande* will be hosted by the Replogle Center on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. To register (*required*), visit bit.ly/atulg16

“Thinking about Belief,” a lecture series offered by the Center for Life and Learning and hosted in conjunction with the University of Chicago, will be held on Thursdays, March 31–April 14, at 2:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Visit fourthchurch.org/cll for a list of lectures. To RSVP, call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386. All sixty and over are invited to attend.

Worship

Intercessory prayer is held in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in prayer boxes that are outside the Sanctuary south transept doors (between the Sanctuary and Anderson Hall).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Experienced cooks for the Melting Pot Cooking Club; Thursdays, through May 26; 3:00–6:30 p.m.

On-call truck unloaders to help unload the food truck for the Elam Davies Social Service Center Food Pantry

Sunday School teachers during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Hosts to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour after worship services

Artistic adults for the Identity Arts Program; Tuesdays, through May 24; 4:00–6:00 p.m.

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

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

Physicians, nurses, or pharmacists to serve as medical resources to guests of Sunday Night Supper

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

"Bucket Brigade" volunteers to help pass organ pipes to the east organ loft

Cooks to prepare and serve supper to residents of a Lincoln Park shelter on a sign-up basis

Current Donation Needs

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

Men's and women's winter clothes

Travel-size toiletry items

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

Music and the Arts

Organist Thom Gouwens will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For a full listing of 2016 concerts, please visit www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

An exhibition of art by Sergio Gomez, a Chicago-based visual artist, is on display in the Loggia through Monday, February 29. For more information about art exhibitions at Fourth Church, contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org

The Fourth Church Choral Society will perform Mozart's *Mass in C Minor* on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All who are interested in singing the *Mass in C Minor* are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information about the Fourth Church Choral Society, contact John Sherer, Organist and Director of Music, at jsherer@fourthchurch.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.

News and Resources

Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information and to access resources such as excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

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, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 19 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 February 28 or April 24.

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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