



Gathering

Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music "Affirmation" Jose Feliciano
"Sing Me Softly of the Blues" Carla Bley

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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord:
instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace!

People: We worship you, Lord.

Leader: Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble;

People: we worship you, Lord.

Leader: You lived among us, healing the sick,
proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

People: We worship you, Lord.

Leader: You came to unbind the chains of every slavery,
friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

People: We worship you, Lord.

Leader: Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

People: We worship you, Lord.

* Stand as you are able

Leader: Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life;
you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

People: We worship you, Lord.

Leader: Jesus, Lord of the universe, by your resurrection from the dead
you are alive at God's side, and there you prepare a place for us.

People: We worship you, Lord.

***Opening Song** "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

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Litany of Confession and Affirmation

Leader: Gracious God, we come before you in repentance, asking forgiveness, because we have not been the people you have created us to be. You created us to trust you, but we rely only on ourselves. You created us to serve you, but we are selfish. You created us to love our neighbors, but we see one another as strangers. Forgive us, Lord.

People: I call to you with the depths of my being! With loud voice, I cry to you.

Leader: Loving God, through the life of Jesus, you called us to be a people of love, but we have not heard your call. You create us for life together, but we isolate ourselves with our fear and anxiety. You create us for generosity toward others, but mostly we worry about what we might lose. You show us the meaning of love that takes risks, but we build up our defenses. Forgive us, Lord.

People: I call to you with the depths of my being! With loud voice, I cry to you.

Leader: Holy God, your Spirit inspires us to see the world through the eyes of faith,
but we are only attentive to what we can see. We are uncomfortable with your mysteries,
and we fear unanswered questions. We find it hard to trust in you. Forgive us, Lord.

People: I call to you with the depths of my being! With loud voice, I cry to you.

Leader: God, we are your creation, and you formed us out of love. Take our lives and all that is in us
and help us to live lives of faith, committed to your service. As we ask in humble faith for
your forgiveness, help us to accept the forgiveness you offer. May we hear the word you
have for us tonight in the knowledge that you love us and long for us to grow. Amen.

People: I call to you with the depths of my being! With loud voice, I cry to you.

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

***Kyrie** "Blues Kyrie"

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 sisters and brothers 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 “Soon and Very Soon”

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 122 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do your good.**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of God.”

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
to which the tribes make pilgrimage, the tribes of God
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do your good.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; “May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions’ sake, I pray for your prosperity;
because of the house of God, our God, I will seek to do your good.”

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do your good.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1–9, 31–35. (New Testament, page 71)

Sermon “The Church Goes to Marriage Counseling” Mark Eldred

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music “Saving Grace” Bob Dylan

***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 "Just as I Am". *Charlotte Elliott and William Bradbury*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for these gifts,
a reminder as the bread is broken and the wine is poured
that our own brokenness is nothing to fear.
We thank you that, in knowing our own weakness,
we can come to know the blessing of your power moving through our lives.
Carry us into the world and through the week that is before us.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Mark Eldred	Worship Coordinator and Interim Director of Adult Education
Matt Helms	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, vocals Ernie Adams, drums Philip Castleberry, 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

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.

A Lenten service in the style of Taizé will be held this 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.

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, March 11–12 at the Well in La Grange Park. For details, contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org (312.274.3815).

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, contact Allie Williams at awilliams@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3383).

Enrichment

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

A screening of *Late 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

Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes will be held next Sunday: "Roots of American Racism" at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B; "Christian Love and Christian Hate" at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, and "Understanding White Privilege" at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F. For more information or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Men's Bible study will meet next Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3369).

LEADing Change, an event hosted by Chicago Presbytery and McCormick Theological Seminary, will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at McCormick (5460 S. University). Register online at bit.ly/LEADm16

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. and Thursday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m. RSVP online for one session at bit.ly/EDSSC16

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather this 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

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

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.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet Wednesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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

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.

The annual Day School Benefit will be held this 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.

Family Ice Skating at Lincoln Park Zoo will be held next Sunday, February 28 at 12:30 p.m.

News and Resources

Be part of the legacy of Fourth Church: consider including this congregation in your estate plans, joining the generations before us who generously built a foundation for vital mission and ministry for those who would come after them. For information about planned giving, contact Katy Frey Bever at kbever@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3380).

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

“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.

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.

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

“Good Neighbors” for daytime street outreach on
Mondays and Fridays

Hosts to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour
after worship services

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;
Sundays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

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

Yoga mats, new or used

Individually wrapped food items for sack lunches

*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 John W. W. Sherer will perform this Friday’s
free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An exhibition of art by Sergio Gomez, a Chicago-
based visual artist, is on display in the Loggia through
this Monday, February 29.

Aberdeen University / Civic Symphony will be in
concert next Monday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. in
Buchanan Chapel.

The organ dedication concert, performed by
John Sherer, will be Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

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.

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).

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.

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, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 4 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 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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