



Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Mahjong" Wayne Shorter
"Pieces of Dreams (Little Boy Lost)" . . Michel Legrand, Alan and Marilyn Bergman

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: God, you have brought us to this life and this day.

People: You have brought us to this place and to each other.

Leader: You have sought us out and found us.

People: You have run to us and welcomed us home.

Leader: Open our hearts as we worship you this day.

**People: Help us to find you as you seek us,
that we might be your people in the world.**

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession

In silence, please reflect on this question: How have you wandered from your home in God?

Extinguishing the Third 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 32:1–7 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show me which way to go, counsel me with your eye upon me.**

Leader: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt and in whose spirit there is no guile!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show me which way to go, counsel me with your eye upon me.**

Leader: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show me which way to go, counsel me with your eye upon me.**

Leader: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show me which way to go, counsel me with your eye upon me.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11–32. (*New Testament, page 73*)

Sermon *Shannon J. Kershner*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" *Bob Russell and Bobby Scott*

***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!**

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 "Lead Me, Guide Me" *Doris M. Akers*

Prayer after Communion

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may offer ourselves,
our wills, and our works as a gift to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Litany of Benediction

Leader: The cross,

People: **we will take it.**

Leader: The bread,

People: **we will break it.**

Leader: The pain,

People: **we will bear it.**

Leader: The joy,

People: **we will share it.**

Leader: The gospel,

People: **we will live it.**

Leader: The love,

People: **we will give it.**

Leader: The light,

People: **we will cherish it.**

Leader: The darkness,

People: **God shall perish it.**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, vocals Philip Castleberry, bass Marcus Evans, drums 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

Mission and Outreach

You can participate in the Gala of Hope auctions and drawing even if you will not be in attendance Friday evening! For more information, visit www.bit.ly/GalaofHope16

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at bit.ly/tutorwinter15

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

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. For more information, contact Matt Helms at mhelms@fourthchurch.org

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

Confirmation youth will be away on retreat next weekend, March 11–13.

News and Resources

Taking Communion to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry this Lenten season. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

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.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, send email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

For those 70-1/2 years or older, the IRA Charitable Rollover was indefinitely extended through recent legislation. This means you are able to exclude from your gross income any qualified charitable distribution from your IRAs, up to \$100,000 each year. For questions about how you might use this opportunity to support the important work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.



News and Opportunities

Lent

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held on Friday–Saturday, March 11–12 at the Well in La Grange Park. To register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by next Sunday, March 6.

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.

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).

Fellowship

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

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

Fourth Dimension will gather for “Illinois Fights the Civil War,” led by Robert Girardi, on Friday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org by Wednesday, March 9.

Enrichment

Two Academy for Faith and Life classes continue next Sunday: “Roots of American Racism” at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B and “Christian Love and Christian Hate” at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

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

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

Books by Women will discuss *Ghost Hero* by S. J. Rozan next Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will next meet Wednesday, March 9 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

The Interfaith Resource Committee is hosting a screening of the documentary *Love Is a Verb*—a film about Muslim scholar and humanitarian Fethullah Gulen—on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to this free event.

Worship

A World Day of Prayer labyrinth walk will be held this Saturday, March 5 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays in Buchanan Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Aberdeen University / Civic Symphony will perform a free concert on Monday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An exhibition of art by Sergio Gomez will be on display in the Loggia until this Monday, February 29.

Chicago Ensemble will perform in concert this Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org or by calling 773.558.3448.

Soprano Susan Lageson Lundholm will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The annual Center for Life and Learning (CLL) art show will open this Friday, March 4 in the Loggia. Students in the Memoir, Watercolor, and Drawing classes will showcase their work, and there will be an open reception at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall that evening.

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

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 at jsherer@fourthchurch.org

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 April 24 or May 22.

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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