



Gathering

Gathering Music "I'm Beginning to See the Light" *Don George, Johnny Hodges, Duke Ellington, and Harry James*
 "I Walk the Line" *Johnny Cash*

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 the back cover.

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the house of God, and we are, by grace, the guests.

People: Yes, this is the house of God, and we are, by grace, the guests.

Leader: Sing to God, who is our strength! Shout and cheer the God of deepest joys!

People: Lift up our songs, make joy with piano, strum the guitar, and let our feet dance!

Leader: This is the house of God, and we are, by grace, the guests.

People: Let us worship!

* Stand as you are able

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful One, forgive us when we think too highly of ourselves,
and forgive us when we don't think we are worthy of your love.
Forgive us when we forget you are our strength,
and forgive us when we assume
we have to make it through this life on our own.
Open us up to your Spirit. Help us to learn from and serve all people.
Teach us to walk in your way of mercy and grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Sacrament of Baptism

***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 81:1–3, 10–16 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I hear a voice I had not known.**

Leader: Sing with joy to God, our strength,
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.
Blow the ram’s horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I hear a voice I had not known.**

Leader: I am God, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
“Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.”
And yet my people did not hear my voice; Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts
to follow their own devices.
O that my people would listen to me!
That Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.
Those who hate God would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.
But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy them with honey from the rock.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I hear a voice I had not known.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7–14 (*New Testament, page 72*)

Sermon *Shannon J. Kershner*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

Commissioning of Pastoral Resident

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

Offertory Music "Instant Karma" *John Lennon*

***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 “Softly and Tenderly” Will L. Thompson

Litany of Prayer after Communion

Leader: May Christ’s food be in our souls,
People: may our food be shared like his.
Leader: May Christ’s life be in our hands,
People: may our lives be shaped by his.
Leader: May Christ’s love be in our hearts,
People: may our love be warmed by his.
Leader: May Christ’s peace be on our path,
People: may our path follow his. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song.** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Associate Pastor
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Barbara Harper Norman	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, vocals; Paul Bedal, piano Bryan Doherty, bass; Marcus Evans, drums

Baptized during worship today

Grace Smith Grider, child of Andrew and Rachel Grider
Shepard Lynn Grider, child of Andrew and Rachel Grider

Fourth Church welcomes Abbi Heimach-Snipes, our new Pastoral Resident. Abbi will be with us for the next two years, participating in the Pastoral Residency program, which was begun in 2000. This program provides recent seminary graduates with the opportunity to work in a congregational setting and as a member of a pastoral staff while being mentored—by staff and congregation—in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. As her second year in the program draws to a close, Abbi will pursue a call to ministry elsewhere, sharing her gifts and leadership with others in the Presbyterian church.

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Matt Helms, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry
Hardy H. Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Rocky Supinger, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Nanette Sawyer, Minister for Congregational Life
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Tuesday, August 30; Tuesday, September 6; Tuesday, September 13; Wednesday, September 14; and Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

Fresh produce is available at the Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at Horner Park Farmers Market (2741 W. Montrose) on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee on Saturday, September 24. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) holds open volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. For details, contact Stephanie Budd at sbudd@fourthchurch.org (312.274.3801).

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Details are available by contacting Andrea Miller at amiller@fourthchurch.org (312.640.2576).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School and Sunday youth gatherings will resume on Sunday morning, September 11, when we kick off another exciting year of programming for children, youth, and families!

A camping trip for youth and their families will be held this weekend, September 2–4 at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan. Register online at www.bit.ly/youthcamping16

Choirs begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 11 in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 9:30 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Eighth-grade Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. For details and to register, see www.bit.ly/fpccconfirmation

Worship

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., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

“Racial Justice and the Vocabulary of Faith” will be the topic of a Saturday morning program on September 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Hosted in partnership with Princeton Theological Seminary, the event will include a panel discussion with Shannon Kershner and others. All are invited to this thought-provoking conversation on the role the church can play in the racial crisis. For details, see www.bit.ly/2bShfhj



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study that follows a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H. For details or to sign up, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3369)

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

A screening of the film *The Age of Love* will be offered through the Replogle Center on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/rcfilm0716

"How We Learn: Discipline and Discipleship in Old Testament Wisdom," a one-session Academy for Faith and Life course taught by Anne Stewart of Princeton Theological Seminary, will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Author Mark Osler will talk about his new book, *Prosecuting Jesus*, on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The book is a memoir of reenacting the trial of Jesus in various places, including at Fourth Church in January 2012.

Books by Women will hold its first meeting of the program year on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. That evening they will discuss *The Lost Tudor Princess: The Life of Lady Margaret Douglas* by Alison Weir. Details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/education/books or by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also meet for volleyball on Monday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group hosted by couples and singles fifty and over, will gather for the presentation "Generation Z," led by Jane Hunt, this Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, August 31.

Music and the Arts

The Ondas Ensemble will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.

The Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

The Choral Society resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information, contact John Sherer 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

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Pianists to play during Children's Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

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

GED tutors for staff of the Urban Farm, Mondays–Saturdays

Greeters and ushers for the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship services

On-call aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice food pantry.

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

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

Good listeners and typists to transcribe recorded audio interviews for the Fourth Church Oral History program.

Hosts to serve refreshments at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's spring clothes

Cloth ribbon, thread, and washable yarn for Benevolent Guild and Knitting and Crocheting

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items

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

News and Resources

New Stephen Ministers will begin fifty hours of training in September. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister are encouraged to complete an application (available at www.bit.ly/stephenminister) and return it to the church office by August 31.

A new Center for Life and Learning program year kicks off Thursday morning, September 8 with the annual CLL open house. Adults sixty and over are invited to explore the many opportunities to take part in classes, exercise programs, and day trips. More details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership online—are available at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

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

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org/contact/nominating_form.html. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for the latest church life and worship information, and be sure to “like” us to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

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 silence all electronic devices 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 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 3 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 25 or October 23.

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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