



Gathering

Gathering Music "Inner City Blues" Marvin Gaye and James Nyx Jr.
"What Am I Here For?" Duke Ellington and Jon Hendricks

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 sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Inspirer.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of truth, Midwife of change.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy and gracious God,
you have entrusted us with much treasure and commissioned us to use it wisely,
always working for what is truly your treasure—love and justice.
Yet we have shown ourselves unfaithful, even with small things you have entrusted to us.
Forgive our carelessness with your treasures.
Forgive us for how we trust human-made systems and structures more than you.
Stir us up by your Spirit to dedicate back to you all you have so richly bestowed upon us.
Keep us ever-mindful of the gifts you nurture within us for your work on earth.
Empower us to use these gifts for a new way of being in community with your creation.
In Jesus’ name we pray. 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 79:1–9 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **How long, O Lord? How long, O Lord? Will your fury blaze forever?**

Leader: O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **How long, O Lord? How long, O Lord? Will your fury blaze forever?**

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you
and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.

For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1–13 (*New Testament, page 74*)

Sermon “Utilizing Our Gifts in a Dishonest System”. *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Gotta Serve Somebody" *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 "Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table" *Herbert H. Booth*

Closing Responses

Leader: In life, in death, in life beyond death,

All: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader: Over powers and authorities, over all who govern the life of the world,

All: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader: Of the poor, of the broken, the sinned-against and the sinner,

All: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader: Above the Church, beyond our best thoughts of him,
and in the quietest corners of our hearts,

All: Jesus Christ is Lord.



Sending

***Closing Song.** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, 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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A Light in the City

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rocky Supinger, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
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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

Fellowship

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

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create handmade stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters and taggies for infants in the NICU at Lurie Children's Hospital. All are invited to join the group; no prior sewing experience is necessary.

Christian Century Study Groups will meet this Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

ThirtiesForties will meet for brunch at Lyfe Kitchen (831 N. State) next Sunday, September 25 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "The Genetics of Adulthood: What Every Adult Should Know about Ancestry Testing, Pharmacogenomics, Cancer, and Beyond," presented by Carmen Williams. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org by (312.573.3369) by Wednesday, October 5.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A. The Confirmation Fall Retreat will be held this coming weekend, September 23–25.

Youth in grades 6–12 come together for spiritual practices at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and hold gatherings at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Music and the Arts

The Choral Society rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Organist Roderick Demmings Jr. will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A music mission trip to Northern Ireland will be held July 10–19, 2017. Register online at www.bit.ly/NIreland2017 by October 15. More information is available in the literature racks or by contacting Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3598).

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days and months ahead. You'll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Just visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

A Bible study of the Gospel of Luke, led by Judy Watt, begins this Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Men's Bible study will meet this Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Compelling Communication," a presentation by former radio personality Catherine Johns and HR specialist Elinor Hite about the ways we connect to one another through speaking and listening, will be hosted by Women at Fourth this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All are invited.

"Humanitarian Crisis in Syria: Realities and Responses" will be held next Sunday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Presented by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago and the Syrian American Council, this discussion is sponsored by Fourth Church, Chicago Sinai Congregation, and Temple Shalom. All are invited. For details, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

"A Sacred Pause" will be offered each Tuesday morning at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel beginning September 27. Hosted by the Replogle Center and Tom Schemper, Vicky Curtiss, and Nanette Sawyer, this meditative time will offer space for twenty minutes of silence.

Discussion of *Waking Up White*, led by Vicky Curtiss, continues on Thursday, September 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Beginning Thursday, October 6 Nanette Sawyer will lead us in discussion of *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*.

A spiritual pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland, will be held July 19–31, 2017. Space is limited; register online at www.bit.ly/FPCLona2017 by October 15. More information is available in the literature racks or by calling Vicky Curtiss (312.981.3598).

Mission and Outreach

More tutors are needed for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program! A one-session orientation for new volunteers will be held this Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee this Saturday, September 24. Donations should be brought to the Delaware entrance of the Gratz Center between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. that day. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope, co-chaired by Elaine Scales and Martha Sabol, will be Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, contact Andrea Miller at amiller@fourthchurch.org

Worship

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for this weekly opportunity to remember in prayer members of the congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

This Friday's Taizé worship service will be held 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 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

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

In2It Café instructors to teach thirty-minute classes to Chicago Lights Tutoring students

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 Tuesdays and Fridays

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

Gardeners at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago); Saturdays, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Hosts to serve refreshments at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s seasonal 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, email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org, call 312.981.3382, or go online to www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

News and Resources

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. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Benjamin Reynolds has joined the Fourth Church staff as our new Director of Volunteer Ministry. Please join us in welcoming Benjamin to Fourth Church!

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Have you made a 2016 pledge to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights? If not, please take a moment to do so, as we still need \$100,791 to be pledged for 2016 to make our pledge goal. If you have already made a 2016 pledge, thank you! Pledged gifts make up approximately 40 percent of our annual revenue budget, meaning fulfillment of those pledges is critical to our annual planning and programming. New 2016 pledges can be made using the cards in the pew racks or by contacting Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576. Online gifts toward your pledge can be made at www.bitly/FPCgiving

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!

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, October 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 7 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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