



Gathering

Gathering Music "James" Pat Metheny and Lyle Mays
"House on the Hill" P. Metheny

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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: All you who are thirsty,

All: this is the place for water.

Leader: All you who are hungry,

All: this is the place to be fed.

Leader: God speaks,

All: and all who listen will have life.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**In the community of the church
and in the presence of God's people,
we confess to God that we have not lived the way God calls us to live.
We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility, and we pray for God's forgiveness. 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 91 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **They will bear you up, you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

Leader: They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
They shall say to God, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."
God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.
God shall cover you with pinions, and you shall find refuge under God's wings;
God's faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;
of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not come near you.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **They will bear you up, you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

Leader: Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked,
because you have made God your refuge and the Most High your habitation;
there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For God shall give his angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and the adder: you shall trample the lions and serpents.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **They will bear you up, you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

Leader: Because they are bound to me in love, I will deliver them;
I will protect them because they know my name.
They shall call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and bring them to honor.
With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **They will bear you up, you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91 (Old Testament, page 518)

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 "You Have Me" Gungor

***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 "Now to Your Table Spread" *John Ireland and Shirley E. Murray*

Prayer after Communion

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song. "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
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

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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 next Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones will meet next 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 next Wednesday, October 5.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin.

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.

Youth in grades 6–12 come together for spiritual practices on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and hold gatherings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

The annual Smorgasbord of Schools will be held next Sunday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Families are invited to come learn about elementary schools in Chicago.

Music and the Arts

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The deadline for 2017 officer recommendations is this Friday, September 30. Before then, please share with the Nominating Committee suggestions of Fourth Church members who you think would serve this church well as elders, deacons, trustees, or Chicago Lights Board members. You can do that by completing the form in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

Two adult education classes continue next Sunday: "Jeremiah and Discipleship," led by Jeffrey Stackert, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F; and "Charisma in One Week," led by Tom Payne, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

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

A sacred sound meditation will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details, call 312.787.8425.

Discussion of *Waking Up White*, led by Vicky Curtiss, continues this 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*.

An "Introduction to Systemic Racism" workshop, sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago, will be held this Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Friendship Presbyterian Church (6988 N. Northwest Hwy). Details are available by visiting the Mission table during Coffee Hour or by contacting Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

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. Details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/spirituality

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Another orientation will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 10:40 a.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This Friday Women at Fourth will tie purple bows on the trees outside the Manse, as they do annually, to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 2. All are invited to visit Coffee Hour that day to learn about Fourth Church mission partners and 2017 mission trips.

Musicians from Northern Ireland will perform at an information session about the music mission trip to Northern Ireland and pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland, next Sunday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Peace and Global Witness Offering, which supports efforts toward peacemaking by our denomination as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago through CureViolence, will be received next Sunday, World Communion Sunday.

Deadlines for 2017 mission trip applications for trips to Northern Ireland (July 10–19) and Guatemala (July 2–9) are October 15 and 30, respectively. Information is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

Save the date for the Gala of Hope: February 24, 2017

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Shower Ministry Attendants to check in and provide supplies to guests of the Meals Ministry program; Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m.

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

Have you seen the dunk-tank photos and other pictures from our Kickoff and Get Connected Sunday events? You can view the pictures online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch (even if you don’t have a Facebook account).

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

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 \$57,268 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 calling Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576. Online gifts toward your pledge can be made at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving

Worship

“Sacred Pause” will be offered each Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel beginning September 27. (Enter at 123 E. Delaware.) Hosted by the Replogle Center and Tom Schemper, Vicky Curtiss, and Nanette Sawyer, this meditative time will offer space for twenty minutes of silence.

World Communion Sunday is next Sunday, a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord’s Supper. We will celebrate Communion at all four worship services that day.

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 October 23 or November 27.

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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