



Gathering

Gathering Music “Primal Urge” Charles McPherson
“How My Heart Sings” Earl Zindars

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: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

People: a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

People: a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

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Litany of Confession (*unison*)

Leader: Merciful God, you are the hope of your people in every age.
On this day we confess that we have not always reflected your hope
because we are wrestling with other powers that try to overtake us.

People: Some of us fight the power of addiction that tries to rule our days and our nights.

Leader: Others of us fight the power of depression that tries to dim our vision of what is possible.

**People: Some of us fight the power of weariness
that tries to make us stop caring about anything and anyone else.**

Leader: Many of us fight the power of cynicism that tries to tell us nothing will ever change.

People: All of these fights can wear us out, O God.

Leader: So please forgive us when we get so caught up in these daily struggles
that we forget you give us our every breath and will never abandon us to ourselves.

**People: Renew your covenant within us, for only in you will our lives be healed.
Guide us and lead us in your ways this day and forevermore. 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 65 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The fields are clothed with grain, the hills are bursting with song.**

Leader: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you vows are paid.
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come;
our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, your holy temple.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The fields are clothed with grain, the hills are bursting with song.**

Leader: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, O hope of the ends of the earth and the distant seas.
You make fast the mountains by your power; you are girded with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The fields are clothed with grain, the hills are bursting with song.**

Leader: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften it with heavy rain and bless its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with plenty.
The fields of the wilderness overflow and the hills are clothed with joy.
The meadows are covered with flocks, the valleys cloaked with grain;
let them sing and shout for joy.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The fields are clothed with grain, the hills are bursting with song.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9–14 (New Testament, page 76)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Musical Reflection**

Commissioning of Ushers and Greeters

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

Offertory Music "I Surrender All" Judson Van De Venter and Winfield Weeden

***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 "One Bread, One Body" *John Foley, S.J.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**If our lives, our love, and our gifts are not shared with others,
the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow.
So as we receive the gifts of your table, receive what we offer, Holy God.
And may our lives do the work of your justice and bring hope and healing to all.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "When We Are Living"

***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

Today's commissioning of Fourth Church ushers and greeters is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors. Jazz at Four ushers commissioned today are Gordon Addington, Linda Bergdahl, Martha Brown, Clark Costen, Cary Donham, Lynne Driver, Pam Greanias, Judy Kerch, Jean Marie Koon, Adrienne Kostreva, Connie Logelin, Barlow and Jonnie Nelson, Eric Olsen, Samme Orwig, Jennifer Pickard, Arlene Raine, Steve Schlegel, and Roger Wilson.

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

Worship

A hosted All Saints' labyrinth walk, with opportunity to meditate upon the people of faith who have gone before us, will be held this Friday, October 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. It will be followed by a service in the style of Taizé at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Our sermon podcast link has been updated. To listen or subscribe to the Fourth Church sermons podcast, visit www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast

November 6 is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2016 will be read during morning worship. Duruflé's *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"Sacred Pause" is offered each Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel. (Enter at 123 E. Delaware.) Hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and Tom Schemper, Vicky Curtiss, and Nanette Sawyer, this meditative time offers space for twenty minutes of silence.

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 games and fellowship 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).

A Junior High Lock-in will be held October 28–29 in the Bumpus Room.

News and Resources

Shannon Kershner will be running the fortieth Chicago Marathon as part of Team Chicago Lights in October 2017, and we're hoping to recruit thirty-nine more runners to join her in helping support the community outreach work of Chicago Lights. Recruitment begins this week. Contact Kate Solis Silva at ksolis@chicagolights.org or 312.981.3564 for details.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

We are 20 percent of the way to our Let Your Light Shine goal of \$3 million for Fourth Church and 29 percent of the way to our \$500,000 goal for Chicago Lights! To date we have received 14 percent of our goal of 1,200 total pledges for the church. If you have not yet had opportunity to make your 2017 Annual Appeal pledge, please do so by November 6! Pledge cards are in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

"Using the Enneagram for Spiritual Growth," led by Vicky Curtiss, concludes next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

"Standing at the Wall: The Life and Legacy of Howard Thurman," led by the Reverend Carol Allen, concludes next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. Details about adult education classes at Fourth Church can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy or by contacting Mark Eldred at meldred@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3367).

The Young Adults Bible study on the Song of Songs continues this Monday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Declan's Irish Pub (1240 N. Wells).

Clarence Page of the *Chicago Tribune*, Robin Lovin of Princeton University, and Fourth Church members Niala Boodhoo and Mary Schaafsma will discuss "Morality, Christian Ethics, and Political Discourse," the topic of our next Michigan Avenue Forum, this Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

"Love after Love: Self Encountering God," led by Nanette Sawyer, will be the topic of a Women at Fourth gathering this Thursday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All are invited.

A book study on *Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds*, ed. David Maxwell, will be led by Mark Eldred on Tuesdays, November 1, 15, and 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A Bible study of the Gospel of Luke, led by Judy Watt, continues on Monday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Fellowship

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

Knitting and Crocheting will gather next Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 4J for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material for new projects.

ThirtiesForties will meet in the Narthex after the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, October 30 to go to brunch at Lyfe Kitchen (831 N. State). For details or to RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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

Cornerstones will gather for "From Chicago to Syria #RefugeesWelcome," led by Suzanne Akhras Sahloul, next Friday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org by November 2.

Music and the Arts

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare's Characters, Plays, and Sonnets" is on display in the Loggia.

Mozart's Mass in C Minor will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society and the orchestra Camerata Chicago on Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.cameratachicago.org (Use code FPCC at checkout for a 50 percent discount.)

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers and assistants to teach and help during 9:30 a.m. worship services
Shower Ministry Greeters to check in and provide supplies to guests of the Meals Ministry program; Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m.

Gardeners for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm
Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday–Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m. RSVP for an orientation session at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

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

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

Liturgists for morning 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

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

Clean underwear

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

Mission and Outreach

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse. Volunteers are needed to help remove the bows this Friday, starting at 1:00 p.m. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Sunlight Project will host Selah Freedom, a nonprofit organization working to end sex trafficking, this Saturday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. President and CEO Elizabeth Fischer will discuss ways to volunteer with the organization. RSVP to volunteer@selahfreedom.com

A mission trip to Guatemala will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper next July 2–9, 2017. Details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Register online at www.bit.ly/Guatemala2017 by Sunday, October 30.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

The Interfaith Coalition against Racism will host “One Year Later”—a community forum reflecting on how our city can improve police conduct, training, and accountability—on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Speakers include Lori Lightfoot and members of the Police Accountability Task Force.

Roger Thurow will discuss his book *The First 1000 Days*, which explores the impact of malnutrition on children and how to prevent and reverse it, at a soup supper hosted by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee and Opportunity International on Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP (*required*) to events@opportunity.org by November 3.

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, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, December 5 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 November 27 or December 25.

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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