



Gathering

First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music "Blues March" *Benny Golson*
 "Prayer for Peace" *Bob Mintzer*

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** *Tom Waits*

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* Stand as you are able

***Advent Wreath Lighting and Responses**

Leader 1: We light the first candle of Advent:
the candle of longing,
the candle of solidarity with the yearnings of the people
and with the hopes of our forebears in faith.

Leader 2: If we walk by the divine light, we shall not go astray,
either to the right or to the left.
We shall always keep on the way of justice,
chanting with the ever-hopeful Psalmist:
"O my God, light up my darkness,
for through you I shall be delivered."

(The first Advent candle is lit)

Leader 1: The candle of longing for Christ, the light of the world.

Leader 2: Where people long for an end to injustice,

All: shine into their hearts.

Leader: Where people long for conflict to cease,

All: shine into their hearts.

Leader: Where people long to right inhuman working conditions,

All: shine into their hearts.

Leader: Where people long to restore the scarred places of the earth,

All: shine into their hearts.

Leader: Where people long for wholeness in community and dignity in human relationships,

All: shine into their hearts.

Come, God of justice.

Come, Prince of Peace.

Come, Liberator of the people.

Come, Savior of the earth.

Come, Friend of all. Amen.

***Opening Song**

“Prepare the Way,
O Zion”

Litany of Confession

Leader: All of creation groans, O Holy God, for redemption from brokenness
and waits upon the promise of your salvation.

**All: Yet we confess that we have been reluctant to hope for that which we cannot see.
We have put our faith in idols of our own making.**

Leader: In this moment of silence, we confess

All: to all the ways we have failed to remain true to our hearts’ longing for you.

(Please hold silence)

Leader: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.**

**Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***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** "While We Are Waiting, Come"



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 122 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do your good.**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God."
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
to which the tribes make pilgrimage, the tribes of God
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.
For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do your good.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity;
because of the house of God, our God, I will seek to do your good."

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do your good.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5 (*Old Testament, page 594*)

Sermon "Longing for Salvation" *Hardy H. Kim*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Border Song" *Elton John and Bernie Taupin*

***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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Robert Kreutz and Omer Westendorf

Closing Responses

Leader: Desire of every nation, we bring to you those who are empty and who long to find meaning.

All: Come to them, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Desire of every nation, we bring to you those who are overlooked
and who long to know their worth.

All: Come to them, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Desire of every nation, we bring to you those who are exploring
but who do not know what they search for.

All: Come to them, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Lord, keep us waiting for signs of hope. Keep us looking for ways in which you come.
Keep us attentive to the pain of the world, the anguish of the people
who cry out to you, O Lord.

All: Come to them, Lord Jesus.

Sending

***Closing Song** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Billy Barkhausen	Lay Liturgist
Stephanie Jenks	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Marcin Fahmy, piano

Baptized during worship today

Anne Baldwin Wise, child of Matthew and Katherine Wise

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

An intergenerational mission trip to Havana, Cuba, will take place March 25–April 1, 2017. Register at www.bit.ly/HavanaCuba2017 by December 1.

Shannon Kershner will be running the 2017 Chicago Marathon for Team Chicago Lights. We're recruiting more runners to join her in supporting Chicago Lights. Contact Kate Solis Silva at ksolis@chicagolights.org for details.

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope, cochaired by Elaine Scales and Martha Sabol, will be Friday, February 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

"Dancing in the Dark: Nurturing Healing and Resilience" is the subject of a seminar sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago on December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vicky Curtiss will preach that day. To register (*required*), visit dancinginthedark.bpt.me by December 1.

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

Music and the Arts

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

Bach's complete Brandenburg Concertos will be presented in a free concert by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago this Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Soprano Anne Slovin and pianist Brian Locke will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

"Candlelight Carols," a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

"Holidays a cappella," with Chicago a cappella, will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoacappella.org

Are You Ready for an Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge?

Posted on www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo is a word for each day in Advent. (Today's is #Prophecy.) We invite you to take a photo that captures what that word means to you this season and post it to Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter. Tag the photo @fourthchurch on Instagram and Facebook and @fourthchicago on Twitter. Then add the hashtags #adventfpc and #[whatever the theme of the day is].



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study that uses a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, meets next Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

The January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College will be shown via live Internet video feed—cohosted by the Center for Life and Learning and the Academy for Faith and Life—on weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, visit www.calvin.edu/january

"The Music of Advent" class will be led by Carl Grapentine on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Fellowship

Cornerstones will gather for their annual Christmas party this Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G and the Fourth Floor Lounge in the Gratz Center. RSVP (*required*) by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Wednesday, November 30.

Young Adults gather on Sundays for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. The group will partner with the Chicago Lights Associate Board for an Advent dinner and gingerbread-house-decorating contest on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Worship

Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

"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.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of 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 on Sundays 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).

Adult leaders are needed for the Cuba trip that senior high youth will be taking in the summer of 2017. Details are online at www.bit.ly/CubaLeader2017

News and Resources

We are counting on gifts pledged for 2016 to be fully fulfilled by year end to ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met. If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576) so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach 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.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Fair Trade Bazaar volunteers to take down the Bazaar on December 4

Greeters and ushers for worship services

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes

Travel-size toiletry items

For details or to volunteer, email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org, call 312.981.3382, or go online to www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Advent

Holiday Bags are being collected by Fourth Church Meals Ministry for guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate are available at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. Items are to be returned to the Meals Ministry cart by Sunday, December 11.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall. Volunteers and bakers are needed to help bake cookies and set up the reception; to help, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@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 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, December 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 December 25 or January 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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