



Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

Gathering Music “Down by the Riverside” *African American spiritual*
“Take Me to the Water” *African American spiritual*

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: Exciting God, Glorious God,

People: baptize us with wonder.

Leader: Wise God, Righteous God,

People: baptize us with justice.

Leader: Holy God, Covenant God,

People: baptize us with love. Let us worship!

* Stand as you are able

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Litany of Confession

Leader: Timeless God, you cast Light into sin’s shadow places
and call us your beloved. Forgive us

**People: when we still linger in the shadows;
when we treat others in hurtful ways;
when we speak ill of your friends.**

Leader: As he knelt in the waters of Jordan
you proclaimed Jesus as your Son,
pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us

**People: when we put ourselves ahead of him;
when we think he is no longer needed;
when we fail to see him in the broken of our world.**

Leader: You would have us, baptized and blessed in your living waters,
be your servants in our time. Forgive us

**People: when we fail to welcome the stranger;
when we refuse to forgive as we should;
when we believe we are too good to meet the eyes of the marginalized.**

Leader: Forgive us, O God, and make us new again. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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 29 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: Ascribe to God, you gods; ascribe to God glory and strength.
Ascribe to God the glory due the name;
 worship God in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of God is upon the waters;
 the voice of God thunders.
God is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of God is a powerful voice;
 the voice of God is a powerful splendor.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: The voice of God breaks the cedar trees;
 God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of God shakes the wilderness.
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forest bare.
And in the temple of God, all are crying, "Glory!"
God sits enthroned above the flood;
 God sits enthroned as ruler forevermore.
God shall give strength to the people;
 God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:15–17 (New Testament, page 3)

Sermon Abbi Heimach-Snipes

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Baptism**

Leader: In Baptism God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God.
In Baptism God joins us, loving us in our humanity.
In Baptism God frees us, empowering us to act and live with Christ.

**People: By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the church,
the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace, and justice.**

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility,

People: and also knowing our true power and strength.

Leader: Remember your baptism and be glad!

People: We remember and our lives are filled with joy!

***Musical Reflection**

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

Offertory Music “Wade in the Water” *African American spiritual*

***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!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

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 "Out of Deep Unordered Water". *C. Hubert H. Parry and Fred Kaan*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

**Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth;
who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism;
who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost—
send us out with open hearts and minds,
helping us feel the collective and moving waters of your baptism,
leading us into your presence and power. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "Down to the River to Pray"

*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 Amr 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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News and Opportunities

Worship

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel. (Enter the chapel at 123 E. Delaware.)

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray for members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday, January 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, January 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mark Eldred, former Worship Coordinator and Interim Director of Adult Education, will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament this Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. He has been called as Associate Pastor to Old Stone Church in Cleveland.

News and Resources

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class, a prerequisite for membership, meets this Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation and assist with the city's recycling program.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

Children, Youth, and Family

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

Family Ice Skating will be held on Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 p.m. on the skating ribbon at Maggie Daley Park.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

In2it Café teachers to share hobbies and interests with Tutoring students a half-hour a week

Greeters and ushers for worship services on Sundays

Nursery caregivers on Sundays

Sunday School teacher for 9:30 a.m. class

Communion-bread cutters for 8:00 a.m. worship on Sundays

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper

Current Donation Needs

Sturdy winter clothing, especially coats, gloves, hats, pants, and boots

Clean blankets

Paper or plastic bags with handles

Nonperishable food items

For more opportunities or to volunteer, email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a lectionary-based women's Bible study, meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible Study meets monthly, including this Wednesday, January 11 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

"Suffering and Hope in Second Isaiah," an adult education class led by Tom Dozeman and John Buchanan, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

"Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*," a class led by Reggie Williams, begins Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Calvin College's January Series of one-hour lectures is shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays (except January 16) at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For topics and a list of speakers, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Books by Women will discuss *The Girl Next Door* by Ruth Rendell at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 10 in the Bumpus Room.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss "An Informed Evangelical Witness: Preaching at Fourth Church." For details, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Men's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A book study on *With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman* led by Judy Watt meets Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Christian Century Study Groups will meet Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"What if we live love in our community?" is the topic of one conversation hosted by the Presbytery of Chicago at three different times in Anderson Hall: Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m., January 18 at 1:30 p.m., and January 19 at 6:30 p.m. To RSVP for the date you'd like to attend, email dpomey@chipres.org

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

Cornerstones, adults fifty and over, will meet on Friday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for a program about on Christian meditation and centering prayer, led by Nanette Sawyer. RSVP (required) to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A women's retreat on discipleship will be held Saturday morning, February 4 at Fourth Church. For details, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

The Gala of Hope Committee is in need of donations of restaurant gift cards and tickets to local cultural institutions, sporting events, and other one-of-a-kind experiences. To donate, email Allie Williams at awilliams@chicagolights.org

A one-session orientation for new Chicago Lights Tutoring volunteers will be held Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP to Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

Music and the Arts

Chicago Ensemble will perform Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets will be available at the door and at www.thechicagoensemble.org

The free Friday Noonday Concert this week will be performed by organist Jacob Reed at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The St. Olaf Choir will be in concert on Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available through St. Olaf at www.bit.ly/stolaf17

Tickets for the 2017 Gala of Hope are here!

It's time once again to make your reservations for what promises to be another fun and festive Gala of Hope. To be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago this year, the Friday, February 24 event will again support our outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For details or to order tickets online, see www.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 Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, February 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 18 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 January 22 or February 26.

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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