



Gathering

Gathering Music “Steeplan Faith” Kenny Kirkland
“All Across the City” Jim Hall

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: When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

People: we live as God asks us to live.

Leader: When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to others,

People: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,

People: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty God,
we confess that we are not always faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.
We can be selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We can allow fear to divide us from those who seem different,
or let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your light into our shadowed hearts.
Save us from divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ,
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world!

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: 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 27 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
God is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;
and though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in God.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing have I asked of God; one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of God and to seek God in the temple.
For God shall keep me safe in shelter; in the day of trouble
hide me in the secrecy of a dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
Even now God lifts my head up above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will sacrifice in God's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to God.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Harken to my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, God, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper. Cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and mother forsake me, God will sustain me.
Show me your way, O God; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of God
in the land of the living! O tarry and await God's pleasure;
be strong, and God shall comfort your heart. Wait patiently.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (*New Testament, page 155*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

Responding to the Word

***Musical Reflection**

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

Offertory Music “If I Had a Hammer” *Pete Seeger and Lee Hays*

***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

Litany of Commitment after Communion

Leader: Where there is anger,

People: where there is pain,

Leader: where there is injustice,

People: where there is grief,

All: we are called to love.

Leader: We are called to love when we are afraid.

People: We are called to love when we are weary.

**All: Together, we promise to love God and God's people in this city of Chicago,
in this country, the United States, and in all the world. May God bless our promise.**

Leader: Because we love this city and love this world,

People: and long for healing;

Leader: because we love the people whose faces are alike and unlike ours

People: and strive for justice;

Leader: because we love the gospel of Jesus Christ

People: and believe in the Spirit,

**All: we promise this day to heal and to hope, to serve and to love,
with our feet on the pavement, with our arms around each other,
with courage in our hearts, with our hands in the hands of God. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

Baptized during worship today

Tessa Jane Rowland, child of Thomas and Jennifer Rowland

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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Chicago Lights

Making a Difference. Changing Lives.

One of the ways that we, as a congregation, live out our call to be a light in the city is through the work of Fourth Church's nonprofit community outreach organization, **Chicago Lights**.

Through supportive relationships and diverse programs, Chicago Lights provides hope and opportunity to Chicago's children, youth, and adults facing the challenges of poverty. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

- * **The Dance Academy** as it promotes learning and creative self-expression through dance classes taught by professional artists for more than 1,000 students attending under-resourced and underperforming schools in Chicago.
- * **The Elam Davies Social Service Center** as it meets the basic human needs of 1,800 persons who are hungry, homeless, or in transition and helps individuals on their journey toward self-sufficiency through case management, a food pantry, and clothing assistance.
- * **Summer Day** as it reduces summer learning loss for 100 first- through ninth-grade students who are at risk of struggling academically. This six-week full-day program offers academic and arts classes, career prep, and field trips.
- * **Tutoring** as it encourages 400 students living in under-resourced neighborhoods to graduate from high school and pursue higher education. Matching first- through twelfth-graders one-to-one with tutors, it promotes long-term academic and social success.
- * **The Urban Farm** as it cultivates a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through educational and economic opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and access to fresh, local, and sustainably grown produce.

How can you support the ministry of Chicago Lights?

Visit www.fourthchurch.org to learn more about the Chicago Lights programs! Make your early-bird reservations for the Gala of Hope, a fun-filled benefit on Friday, February 24 that supports the work of this community outreach program. Participate in the Gala drawing or make a Gala of Hope contribution. Details are available online at www.bit.ly/galaofhope2017



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 both Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and again on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This Friday a service in the style of Taizé will be held at 7:30 p.m., as it is on the fourth Friday of each month, in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to take part in a labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org

News and Resources

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church and Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, a membership prerequisite, will next be offered on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.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, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and share favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and daily devotions.

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).

Youth will be leading our Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5, when we will collect canned goods for the Social Service Center Food Pantry.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper

Greeters and ushers for worship services on Sundays

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

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

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

Nursery caregivers on Sundays

Current Donation Needs

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

Clean blankets

Nonperishable food items

Paper or plastic bags with handles

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. This month they are joining the Isaiah Bible study.

"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 Borwell Dining Room.

"Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*," a class led by Reggie Williams, meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

Calvin College's January Series of one-hour lectures, which is shown via live video feed on weekdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room, concludes this Tuesday, January 24 with N. T. Wright speaking.

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

Women's Ways of Discipleship, a morning retreat for women, will be held Saturday morning, February 4 at Fourth Church. Email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org to register.

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, January 24 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

The Sunlight Project will host a Selah Freedom Volunteer Connect Meeting Saturday, January 28, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. There will be opportunity to learn about various ways to volunteer to make a difference in the lives of survivors of sex trafficking. RSVP to volunteer@selahfreedom.com

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. The deadline to sign up for their summer BorderLinks mission trip is January 29. For details, email Abbi Heimach-Snipes at aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org

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

The Women at Fourth Jewelry Swap will be this Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Proceeds from this fellowship event will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4G.

Books by Women will discuss *The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jennifer Ruth Rendell at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14 in the Bumpus Room.

Music and the Arts

The exhibition "Woven Quilts" by Betty Jane Lau is currently on display in the Loggia through February 27.

The free Friday Noonday Concert this week will be performed by Fourth Church organist John Sherer at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Camerata Chicago will be in concert on Saturday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Enter FPCC for 40 percent off tickets at www.cameratachicago.org

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

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, February 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, March 6 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 February 26 or March 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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