



Gathering

Gathering Music	"Be Thou My Vision"	Zsolt Gárdonyi
	"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"	Calvin Taylor
	"Talk about a Child That Do Love Jesus"	Joe Utterback

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: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God was.

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

All: God is.

Leader: in all that is to come,

when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

All: God will be.

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it; not condemning the world,
but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We come to you in prayer today, O God, because of the ways we've messed up.
We confess how your work and word can seem foolish to the wisdom we see in front of us.
We confess how we turn to the wisdom of the world because it is easy,
because it shapes us, because it often makes more sense to us than your mysterious word.
Forgive us, God, for forgetting that you make a space within us
for your work, for your hope, for the openness that you'll use us.
Forgive us for losing that trust—both in you and also in our own capacity to do your work.
Renew us, O God, so that we may move from this place trusting in your mystery. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

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

***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 19 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies are the work of God's hands.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep, God has set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Leader: The law of God is perfect and renews life;
the testimony of God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of God are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of God is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of God are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Leader: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–31 (*New Testament, page 156*)

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music “We’ll Understand It Better By and By” *Charles A. Tindley*

***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 "God Has Smiled on Me". *Isaiah Jones Jr.*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

Carry with you today the wisdom and strength that the world calls foolish and weak.
We look from the manger to the cross to find redemption and sense life's meaning.
Blessed are the meek and the humble-minded.
Blessed are the merciful and the peacemakers.
Mourners shall find comfort, and the pure in heart shall see God.
Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be satisfied.
Those who are persecuted and reviled shall dwell in the realm of heaven.
Rejoice and be glad, for God is with us in all the difficult places of life.
Jesus Christ, the power and wisdom of God, is our refuge and our strength. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Be Thou My Vision”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Km	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano
John W. W. Sherer	Organist and Director of Music

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 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.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will be held on February 24 in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Music and the Arts

The exhibition “Woven Quilts” by Betty Jane Lau is currently on display in the Loggia.

The free Friday Noonday Concert this week will be performed by Avanti Guitar Trio at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

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.

The annual Day School Benefit will be held on Saturday, February 11 between 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Gratz Center and Anderson Hall. There will be free face-painting, refreshments, and entertainment by Joel Frankel. All children and their accompanying adults are invited.

Volunteers Needed

Greeters and ushers for 4:00 p.m. jazz worship
Shopping aides for guests of the Food Pantry

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

Get early-bird pricing on Gala of Hope tickets!

All proceeds from this Friday, February 24 gala event at the Hyatt Regency Chicago will support our life-changing outreach work in the city through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Reserve your tickets at www.bit.ly/galaofhope2017 by Friday, February 10 for early-bird pricing.



News and Resources

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 12:00 noon and will include the election of new officers. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided.

A congregational luncheon will follow the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, February 12. Lunch reservations can be made online at www.bit.ly/2k6GFiy or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Find a wide variety of resources and information at www.fourthchurch.org

Enrichment

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

Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, February 5: "The Gospel of Matthew," led by Anna Case-Winters at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, and "Roots of American Racism: Part II," with Claudia Boatright at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Yoga nidra meditation will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For fee details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Christian Century Study Groups will meet Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Women's Ways of Discipleship, a morning retreat for women, will be held this Saturday morning, February 4 at Fourth Church. Register online at www.bit.ly/wfretreat2017 or by emailing Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

The Interfaith Resource Committee invites you to hear Newton Minow speak at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware) on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, email Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

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

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. A one-session orientation will be held Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP to Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

Sunlight Project is cosponsoring the presentation "Sex Trafficking in Chicago: The Real Story" on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Loyola University (111 E. Pearson). RSVP at www.bit.ly/2kqypHN

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 today. 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*) by February 1 at www.bit.ly/2jWiYqM or contact Anne Ellis at (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4G. This group meets on the second Saturday of the month. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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.

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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