



Gathering

Gathering Music “Speak Like a Child” *Herbie Hancock*
“This Little Light of Mine” *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: God promised through a prophet long ago: “I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.”

People: **Our children will prophesy, the young see visions, and the old dream dreams.**

Leader: God’s spirit opens minds and hearts to make the commonplace exceptional.

People: **We want to see, hear, and feel what the Holy Spirit has in store for us.**

Leader: Listen for the wind and feel the flames; be alert for God’s surprises.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, to make all things new; light the flame of love in our lives.**

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Amazing God, we are bewildered by our continuing inability to make sense out of life.
Our visions and dreams sometimes paralyze us instead of empower us,
and our expectations of ourselves are seldom realized.
We do not do the good we intend,
and the evil we thought we had left behind comes back to haunt us.
In our relations with others there seems to be no common language to unite us,
and we resist including everyone in our concerns.
Forgive our sluggish responses and our resistance to be in community with your people.
Enliven us and help us live courageously by your Spirit at work within and among us.
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 104:24–35 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.**

Leader: O God, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan which you made for sport.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
Hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die, returning to dust.
Send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.**

Leader: May the glory of God endure forever;
may God rejoice in all works.
God looks at the earth, and it trembles;
God touches the mountains, and they smoke.
I will sing to God as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine be pleasing;
I will rejoice in God.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless God, O my soul. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.**

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 2:14–17 (*New Testament, page 169*)

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

Testimony *Alyson Kung*

Prayer after Testimony (*unison*)

**In Christ we speak as persons of sincerity,
as persons sent from God and standing in God’s presence.
Thank you, God, for your people and for your community and church.
May we be moved by our siblings in Christ;
may we continue to hold up and support one another through the gifts you shape in us.
May we all continue to witness to you in this world and place. Amen.**

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Talking to the Sun" *Abbey Lincoln*

***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 “Blessed Assurance” *Phoebe P. Knapp*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

**The fire is burning in your life—don’t let it go out.
God has set us ablaze with new possibilities,
and we are excited about where God may lead.
You have a message to share—don’t mute or silence it.
The wind blows where it will, and we will not seek to divert it.
As God sent Jesus into the world, so Christ sends us to make a difference.
We will go where Christ leads and be alert to God’s continuing surprises.
Sing to the Holy One as long as you live; praise God with your whole being.
We will declare God’s creative power to all and speak of the manifold works of the Spirit.
Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
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 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.

Youth will be leading worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, February 19.

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.

A free Friday Noonday Concert is presented each week at 12:10 p.m. This week it will be in the Sanctuary.

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).

“Cookies and Cocoa” Family Night will be this Friday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2579).

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer at the 2017 Gala of Hope on Friday, February 24 and help support our community outreach organization, Chicago Lights, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Email Allie Williams at awilliams@fourthchurch.org for more information.

For more volunteer opportunities, email Robert Crouch at volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

The Gala of Hope is less than two weeks away!

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 for this festive evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions at www.bit.ly/galaofhope2017



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 Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a message at 312.573.3365.

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

"The Gospel of Matthew" Bible study led by Anna Case-Winters meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

"Roots of American Racism: Part II," a class taught by Claudia Boatright, meets Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

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

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Author of *Escape from Nigeria: A Memoir of Faith, Love, and War*, Maudlyne Ihejirika, will talk about her book next Sunday, February 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room as part of our Black History Month observances.

A book discussion of *It's Complicated: the social lives of networked teens* by danah boyd will be led by Rocky Supinger on Tuesdays, February 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A "Caring for the Caregiver" four-week seminar will be offered on Mondays, February 27–March 20 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Space is limited; call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 to register.

Sue Smith of Keep America Beautiful will speak at the next Women at Fourth gathering on Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Path to Discipleship, a weekly Lenten opportunity to explore with Fourth Church pastoral staff a variety of spiritual practices using Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*, begins on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Space is limited; sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2017

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.

A mission trip with BorderLinks in Tucson to learn about the immigrant experience in the Southwest will be July 22–29. For information about the trip, email Abbi at aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org

Fellowship

Young Adults have a weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. On Monday, February 13 they begin a new Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at Guthrie's Tavern (1300 W. Addison). On Thursday, February 16 they gather for their monthly SpeakEasy fellowship at 7:00 p.m. at Maria's (960 W. 31st).

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (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 Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, March 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 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 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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