



Gathering

Gathering Music "Mornin'" Al Jarreau, David Foster, and Jay Graydon
"Pick Yourself Up" Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields

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: God's Spirit dwells in us,

People: for we are God's temple.

Leader: We belong to Christ,

People: and Christ belongs to God.

Leader: We are servants of Christ

People: and stewards of God's mysteries

Leader: Let us give thanks!

People: Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song**

“My Soul Cries Out
with a Joyful Shout”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness,
but we forsake your commandments.**

We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled.

We have not been truthful in our daily business.

We have been unjust in our judgment of others.

We have sought vengeance against our enemies.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Awaken our hearts and minds to full awareness of our failures.

Fill us with compassion for ourselves and each other.

Move us to action that changes us and heals your world.

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live
as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 119:33–48 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.
Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.
Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.
Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Elevate my understanding. Ever in my heart keep watch.**
Find my strength in your commandments for your truth is all I've sought.

Leader: Let your loving-kindness come to me, O God,
and your salvation, according to your promise.
Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me,
because I trust in your words.
Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your judgments.
I shall continue to keep your law; I shall keep it forever and ever.
I will walk at liberty, because I study your commandments.
I will tell of your decrees before kings and will not be ashamed.
I delight in your commandments, which I have always loved.
I will lift up my hands to your commandments,
and I will meditate on your statutes.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Elevate my understanding. Ever in my heart keep watch.**
Find my strength in your commandments for your truth is all I've sought.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:38–48 (New Testament, page 5)

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 “The Greatest Love of All” Linda Creed and Michael Masser

***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 "If the Path I Travel" *Margaret E. Barber and Mark Diedrich*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of blessing.
Help us to receive your commandments,
not as an impossible achievement, but as a life-giving promise.
Make us joyful in going out into the world in the name of Jesus,
to love friend and enemy, neighbor and stranger, the righteous and the lost.
Make us instruments of your generous love, Holy God. Amen.**

Sending

*Closing Song. "God of Our Life"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	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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A Light in the City

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Nanette Sawyer, Minister for Congregational Life
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
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John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

The annual Youth Bake Sale will be next Sunday, February 26 during morning Coffee Hours to raise funds for the youth's summer mission trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat.

Mindful Parenting meets next Sunday, February 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft.

Tunes for Tots, an opportunity for parents and children up to two years old to sing together, 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. Their spring retreat will be the weekend of March 3–5.

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).

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).

Worship

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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.

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

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.

Music and the Arts

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

Fourth Church organist John Sherer will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Poulenc's *Organ Concerto* will be performed by John Sherer and the Academy Orchestra of the Music Institute of Chicago as part of a free concert on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Gala of Hope registration closes this Monday!

Don't miss this festive event Friday evening supporting our life-changing outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being! Tickets—and details about how to bid in the auctions if you can't attend—are available during Coffee Hour and online at www.bit.ly/galaofhope2017



News and Resources

Our commissioners to the Presbytery of Chicago were commissioned during 9:30 a.m. worship this morning. These members of Fourth Church participate, on our behalf, in matters of the Presbytery of Chicago and thus the work of the wider church.

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

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

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Gong Healing Meditation will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For fee details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

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.

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.

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 (*required*).

A dramatic reading of Richard Durham's *Railway to Freedom*, about Harriet Tubman, will be presented Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as part of Black History Month.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

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

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

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which 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—are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour or by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

PCUSA World Mission will be the topic of a four-week Academy for Faith and Life class, taught by staff of the PCUSA General Assembly, beginning Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Volunteers Needed

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 Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP to Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

Additional Volunteer Needs

Greeters and ushers for the 4:00 p.m. service

Shopping aides for guests of the food pantry in the Social Services Center

Current Donation Needs

Paper or plastic bags with handles

Clean blankets for Social Service Center guests

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

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their Bible study meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Guthrie's Tavern (1300 W. Addison).

“On an Elder’s Trail: The Later Life of Charles M. Charnley” will be the topic of a program, presented by author Jack Perry Brown, at a 6:00 p.m. gathering hosted by Cornerstones on Friday, March 3 in Borwell Dining Room. Register (*required*) by March 1 at www.bit.ly/CFPC0317

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

Lent

Ash Wednesday services with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Shannon Kershner preach at both services.

Path to Discipleship, a weekly Lenten series using Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* to explore—with pastoral staff—various spiritual practices, begins Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required: www.bit.ly/fpcpod2017

A contemplative Lenten retreat will be held Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Contact Nancy Davis (312.274.3815; ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by March 1 to register.

This year's Lenten sermon series will follow Jesus through the Gospel of John.

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, March 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 3 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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