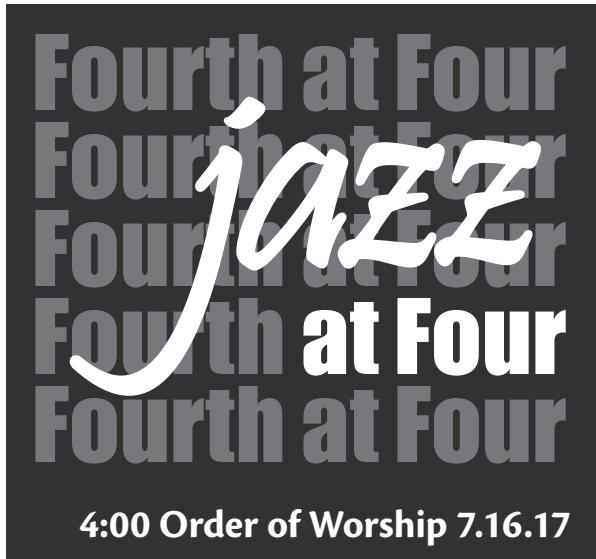




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A Light in the City



Gathering

Gathering Music "What's Going On?" Marvin Gaye
"Across the Universe" John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: We meet in the presence of God.

People: And we do not meet alone.

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven,

People: we gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With the saints of every age,

People: we gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With the church throughout the world,

People: God's holy name is praised.

Leader: With children and newborns,

People: God's holy name is praised.

Leader: With drums, sitars, and trumpets,

People: God's holy name is praised.

Leader: In barrios and basilicas,

People: God's holy name is praised.

Leader: And here with our hearts and our voices,

People: God's holy name is praised.

Leader: We are met in the presence of God,

People: and we do not meet alone.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your beauty and goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that binds us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our brother and Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love,
walk in your ways,
and serve you to the glory of your holy name. 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

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 78:1–16 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Hear my teaching, O my people,
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times;
that which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide from their children; we will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God, and the wonderful works God has done.
God gave decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel
which commanded them to teach their children;
that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn,
that they in their turn might tell it to their children,
so that they might put their trust in God
and not forget the deeds of God but keep the commandments
and not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

ANTIPHON (unison) **Give your ears, my people, to the lessons of the past.**

Leader: The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, turned back in the day of battle;
they did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in the law.
They forgot what God had done, and the wonders shown them.
God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
God split open the sea and let them pass through;
and made the waters stand up like walls
God led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
God split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink from the great deep.
God brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

ANTIPHON (unison) **Give your ears, my people, to the lessons of the past.**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 25:19–26 (*Old Testament, page 20*)

Sermon *Shawn Fiedler*

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided."

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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.

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

Offertory Music "Love's in Need of Love Today" Stevie Wonder

***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*

The Communion

Communion Music "If the Path I Travel" *Mark Diedrich and Margaret Barber*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

You renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** "Amazing Grace"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shawn Fiedler	Worship and Adult Education Coordinator
Kathi Rodak	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Jeremy Kahn, 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

Our weekly Jazz at Four service will be held outdoors

in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Sundays,
August 13 and September 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshiping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

The new “I Am” banners were made for the liturgical season of Ordinary Time by Vicky Curtiss. In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them.

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

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. Friday, July 28 will be our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song, prayer, and meditation.

News and Resources

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon,

Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating as well as in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make gifts and pledge contributions online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving (or by clicking on the “To Make a Gift” button at the top left of www.fourthchurch.org).

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church and Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

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.

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, outreach, and services that fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Chicago Lights Summer Day to Urban Youth Mission to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving. Thank you for your support!



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Departing for Scotland this Wednesday, are participants in our Spiritual Formation Pilgrimage to Iona. Please keep these travelers in your prayers in the days ahead.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, July 18 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Book Club will discuss *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil de Grasse Tyson on Monday, July 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room.

Horizons Bible Study, a monthly Bible study for women, next meets Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Fellowship

Young Adults meets each summer Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of beach volleyball. On Sundays they come together for a weekly Sunday Gathering time of discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

This week we will welcome youth groups from the First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing, Minnesota, and Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church from Kansas City, Missouri, as they join us for a weeklong Urban Youth Mission experience of learning and serving.

Outdoor Family Movie Nights continue this Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Bumpus Room). They take place each Thursday evening in July.

Summer Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Vacation Bible School—which this year will take us back to ancient Rome as we travel with the Apostle Paul—will be held the mornings of August 7–11. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17

Youth who are entering eighth grade this coming school year are invited to register for Confirmation, which begins in September and continues through April. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico to build cisterns in Yucatan over Christmas break (December 26 to January 2). Register by Thursday, August 31. Details and a registration form are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details or to sign up (*space is limited*), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2017–18 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

School supplies are being collected by

Women at Fourth for children taking part in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, and Summer Day programs. For a list of materials and information about the School Supply Drive, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369).

Those interested in prison ministry, either as a pen pal with a prisoner or by making visits in a prison, are asked to contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org by Tuesday, July 18.

Fresh produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase in a variety of ways: during Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 23; on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago); and through the Community-Supported Agriculture program. For more information, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

Knitting and Crocheting meets on Tuesday afternoon, July 25 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials for additional projects.

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 by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Volunteers Needed

Cooks to prepare meals for Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper, 2:00–6:00 p.m.

Liturgists to read scripture during Sunday 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. services

Taizé greeters and liturgists on the fourth Friday of the month

Shower Ministry greeters (men) for a rotating schedule on Tuesdays between 1:15 and 4:00 p.m.

Urban Farm volunteers on Saturdays during open volunteer hours, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Farm (444 W. Chicago)

To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

After School Matters will present this week's free Friday Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lucy Smith will be performing a free outdoor concert on Friday, July 28 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard as part of our Music by the Fountain series.

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 prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

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.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

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 Sunday, August 6 or Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For membership information, contact Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3815 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 July 23.

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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