



Reformation Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music “Metamorphosis” Horace Silver
“Everything Must Change” Bernard Ighner

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

We have gathered in God’s holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth 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.

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Your words are given to us so we might be reformed,
but we are intent on changing others.

Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed,
but we are focused on conforming to our culture.

Your words are spoken to lead us into new life,
but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of wonder.

Continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.

Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,
even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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

Minute for Discipleship

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 111 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of God!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

God's work is full of majesty and splendor,
and God's righteousness endures forever.

God makes marvelous works to be remembered.

God is gracious and full of compassion
and gives food to those who fear him;
God is ever mindful of the covenant.

God has shown the people powerful works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

The works of God's hands are faithfulness and justice;
all the commandments are sure,
standing fast forever and ever,
wrought in truth and equity.

God sent redemption to the people
and commended the covenant forever;
holy and awesome is the name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14–21 (New Testament, page 170)

Sermon Abbi Heimach-Snipes



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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.**

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

Offertory Music “Turn! Turn! Turn!” *Ecclesiastes and Pete Seeger*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" . . *Vicar Earle Copes and Louis F. Benson*

Closing Prayer

From where we are to where you need us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal,

Jesus, now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on.

For you alone are God and all things are made new in you.

Jesus, now lead on.

Sending

***Closing Song**

“Today We All Are
Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Cathy Flaa	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Roger Wilson on behalf of "Called to Be a Church Alive," the 2018 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

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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News and Resources

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther posted his hopes for the church on the doors of the Wittenberg Castle church, and the Protestant Reformation began. Today we invite you to post, on specially constructed doors displayed in the Commons, your hopes and prayers for the Church of Jesus Christ in this new century of Christian faith. The doors will be on display in the Allison Library this week.

The names of those who have made pledges to the 2018 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights will be printed in the November 12 bulletin as part of our gratitude expressions. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Lucy Forster-Smith was elected at last Sunday's congregational meeting to serve as our Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education. We look forward to Lucy joining us in ministry in January!

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 5: be sure to set your clocks back an hour!

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets Sunday, November 12 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.

Worship

November 5 is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2017 will be read during worship. John Rutter's *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on both Monday and Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Pause 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 with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (with Communion), 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and, for Jazz at Four with Communion, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Today We Celebrate Commitment Sunday!

As we place our 2018 pledges in the offering, we dedicate them to the work of God's kingdom. If you have already submitted your pledge or made it online, please take the "I Pledged!" card inserted in your bulletin, fill in your name, and place the card in the offering. If you are making your pledge today, pledge cards are also available to complete and place in the offering.



Mission and Outreach

Representatives of Hope4All, a group of women dedicated to supporting Chicago Lights, will be available in the Morse Lounge between morning worship services next Sunday, November 5 to talk about ways to get involved with the group.

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; to Mexico to build rain cisterns; and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and also in brochures in the literature racks.

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

A screening of *Tapped*—a documentary that examines the role of the bottled water industry and its effects on our health, climate change, pollution, and our reliance on oil—will be hosted by the Care of Creation Committee on Sunday, November 12 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F.

Slots for the 2018 Marathon Team of Chicago Lights are now open and are being awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. For details, email Kate Solis Silva (ksolis@chicagolights.org).

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 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date! Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Men's pants for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Individuals to staff the Book Nook during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

Tutors one evening a week at the church; orientation is offered this Thursday

Volunteers to help with Fair Trade Bazaar setup or takedown (December 1 and 3); for details, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Lage shopping bags for guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Single-serving snack items for Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Social Service Center

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for their weekly Sunday Gathering—a time to discuss a different topic each week—at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather on Friday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program by Don Allerton on the history of Fourth Church from 1871 to the present. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) or register online at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1017 by Wednesday, November 1.

Men's Breakfast meets on Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

Music and the Arts

Soprano Alisa Jordheim and pianist Yana Reznik will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Bach's *Magnificat*, and Handel's *Zadok the Priest* will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society and the orchestra Camerata Chicago on Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at cameratachicago.org (use code FPCC for a 50 percent discount).

Jan Kraybill will present an organ concert on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, marking the second anniversary of the Andrew Pipe Organ's dedication.

"Palestine: Unlimited," a photo exhibition, is on display in the Loggia.

Art by the congregation will be on exhibit in the Loggia beginning in January. The deadline for submissions is November 30: only two-dimensional work, please (drawings, paintings, collage, and photography). Details and guidelines are available from Rob Koon (rkoon@fourthchurch.org).

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 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth groups and Confirmation meet next Sunday, November 5 for a weekly time of fellowship at 10:30 a.m., after which they will worship together at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Choirs for children and youth meet on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Enrichment

New adult education classes begin next Sunday, November 5: "The Reformations of the Sixteenth Century," taught by Ken Sawyer, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G and "God in the Modern Wing of the Art Institute," moderated by Walter Hansen, at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, of which Fourth Church is a member, is sponsoring a free viewing and discussion of the documentary *I Am Not Your Negro*, based on a manuscript by James Baldwin, Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Chicago Theological Seminary (1407 E. 60th). RSVP to chicagoicar@gmail.com

A new Grief Group will begin Monday evening, November 6. For details, contact the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

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

Women's Horizons Bible Study meets Wednesday noon, November 8 in 5H.

Books by Women will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Newcomers are always welcome!

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. Attend Sundays, November 12 or December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) 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 November 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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