



# Gathering

## Transfiguration of Christ

**Gathering Music** "Stolen Moments" . . . . . *Oliver Nelson*  
"I Saw the Light" . . . . . *Hank Williams*

**Greeting**

**\*Opening Responses**

*(The congregational responses are in boldface type)*

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

**God was.**

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

**God is.**

In all that is to come,  
when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

**God will be.**

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,

**God was, God is, God will be.**

\* Stand as you are able

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*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*)

Holy One,  
you are a persistent God.  
Often our minds are flooded with our to-do lists,  
our worries, our fixations, and we miss you.  
Even when we manage to hear you,  
we fear that we won't find you again  
and miss the full moment of your presence.  
Yet you keep finding us.  
You come to us loudly in bright mountaintop experiences,  
and you speak to us in the darkness of the night.  
Forgive us for missing your presence.  
Help us be mindful of you,  
and may your persistent presence give us strength for your work.  
Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*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**

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 104:1–4, 31–35 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

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

Bless God, O my soul;  
O God, my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.  
You wrap yourself with lights as with a cloak  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain  
You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.

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

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**

Mark 9:2-9 ..... (New Testament, page 41)

**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** “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” ..... Thomas Troeger and George H. Day

**\*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** "Let Us Break Bread Together" . . . . . *Traditional*

## Closing Prayer

We break from the doings of our day and make space to notice you.

You are always with us in surprising guises.

**Jesus of the flesh, we meet you in worker and friend,  
stranger and pilgrim,  
needy and needed,  
questioner and questioned.**

So when we meet you, may we deepen trust,  
deepen life, deepen justice, and deepen joy.

**And when you meet us, help us approach our activities  
with presence and power, with love and humility,  
with courage and dignity. Amen.**



# Sending

**\*Closing Song** ..... "Spirit, Open My Heart"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Abbi Heimach Snipes</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Shannon J. Kershner</b>	Pastor
<b>Summer Zhao</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	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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**CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
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**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry  
**Nanette Sawyer**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry  
**Rocky Supinger**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Abbi Heimach-Snipes**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



## News and Opportunities

### Lent

**Ash Wednesday services** with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held this Wednesday, February 14 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The imposition of ashes**, which will take place during the two Ash Wednesday services as well as the 9:30 a.m. time of Morning Prayer, will also be available throughout the day on Ash Wednesday, February 14 for those unable to attend worship.

**Lenten devotions** will be available daily beginning Ash Wednesday at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org); via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); and in booklets in the literature racks.

**An Ash Wednesday labyrinth walk** will be hosted in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14.

**The “Path of Discipleship” Lenten series** hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council will meet Tuesday evenings, beginning February 20, and includes a shared meal, presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, small-group discussion, and worship. Registration is required and due today, February 11: [www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018)

**A Lenten Taizé service** will be held on Friday evening, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection will be preceded by a labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:15 p.m.

### Worship

**Sacred Pause meditation** 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 join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members and those in need.

**The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel** is available to walk this week on Monday (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Tuesday (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Wednesday (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), and Saturday (8:00 to 10:00 a.m.).

### Mission and Outreach

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

**The 2018 Chicago Marathon team** for Chicago Lights is recruiting runners. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served. To sign up, contact Lauren Suppes (312.981.3383; [lsuppes@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lsuppes@fourthchurch.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](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### The Gala of Hope is less than three weeks away!

All proceeds from the Friday, March 2 Gala of Hope at the Radisson Blu Aqua will support our life-changing outreach work in the city through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Tickets for the event and the drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) are available at [www.bit.ly/gala-2018](http://www.bit.ly/gala-2018)



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## Enrichment

**Books by Women** will discuss *Girl in Disguise* by Greer Macallister this Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study** meets this Wednesday noon, February 14 in Room 5H.

**Men's Bible Study** meets next Tuesday, February 20 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**"Conversations on Ministry,"** a time for informal dialogue with Fourth Church ministers to explore the topic of God's call to ministry and Christian discipleship, continues next Sunday, February 18 at 12:10 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room with John Sherer and Shannon Kershner.

**"Christian Spirituality: What It Is and Why It Matters,"** a new adult education class taught by Carol Allen, former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Fourth Church, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

**A meditation group** hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Those who would like to stay for a time of discussion afterwards are invited to do so.

**"How the Constant Use of Technology Is Changing Us"** will be the topic of a one-day conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturday, February 24 at Fourth Church. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Family Night Olympics** takes place this Friday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room with time for a meal and Olympic-themed crafts and games.

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Youth** gather for fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, followed by youth group meetings at 11:00 a.m.

**Tunes for Tots**, for parents and children up to two years old, is held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

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

## Fellowship

**The Young Adults** group for those in their twenties and thirties meets weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for small-group discussion and on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A for a time of discussion and fellowship.

**Women at Fourth's** monthly gathering will be on Thursday evening, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**For ways to connect with the community** of Fourth Church, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/community](http://www.fourthchurch.org/community)

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Tutors** to work one-to-one with Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; more tutors are needed so we can partner with additional students from the South Side

**Elam Davies Social Service Center** volunteers  
(orientation this Thursday, February 15 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4E)

**Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship**

**Volunteer to help an older member** (*who lives near the church*) get to and from Sunday morning worship services

**Shower Ministry greeters** (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

**Men's clothing** (*all sizes*) for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**Large paper shopping bags** for use by guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

**Individually packaged snack items** for Meals Ministry Bag Lunches and Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

*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).*

## News and Resources

**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on Sunday, March 11 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those attending the class are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

**Training for new Stephen Ministers** began this past week. Please keep the training participants, current Stephen Ministers, and care receivers in your prayers.

## Music and the Arts

**An exhibition of art by members and friends** is on display in the Loggia Gallery. There will be opportunity to meet the artists after 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, February 18.

**Silver-Rose Flute and Guitar Duo** will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## 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" or "T-coil" 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](http://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](mailto: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, March 11, April 8, or May 13 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 Nancy Davis ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org); 312.274.3815) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 February 25.

**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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