



We Approach God

Gathering Music "Peace" Horace Silver
"O, Give Thanks unto the Lord". Judith Christie McCallister

Greeting Shannon J. Kershner

***Joining Our Voices.** Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey
(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

We have come to worship God, the living God
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the powerful God
who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, the all-gracious God
who chooses even you and me
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

* 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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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Lucy Forster-Smith

Holy One, you call us again and again to turn toward your light,
to grow toward your grace, to blossom with your love.
Forgive us when we turn away from your call,
when we limit our own growth, when we resist your nourishment.
Open our hearts, relieve us of fear, strengthen us with a conviction for justice.
Forgive us, change us, bless us, and use us for the good of your kin-dom,
the commonwealth of justice and grace.

(Please hold silence.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Christ is risen! Rise up and rejoice; be witnesses to the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we also are raised to new life.

Turn your hearts toward Christ and receive this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!

***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 Shannon J. Kershner

We Proclaim the Story

Psalm 100 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*) Alise Barrymore

Leader: Be joyful in God, all you lands; serve God with gladness; come before God's presence with a song. Know this: God is the Most High, who has made us, and we are God's; we are God's people and the flock of God's pasture.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Leader: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, the courts with praise. Praise God! Bless God's name! For God is good; God's mercy is everlasting; and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Scripture Reading

John 15:1–8 (*New Testament, page 103*)

Sermon *Shannon J. Kershner*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Statement on the Ministry of the Church John Chu

Litany of Covenant John Chu, Nanette Sawyer, Joe Fong, and Dirk Ficca

Pastor's Covenant

Congregational Covenants

Ruling Elder: Do we, the participants of Fourth Presbyterian Church, affirm Nanette as our pastor and teacher and affirm our support of her ministry?

Congregants: We do.

Ruling Elder: Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregants: We agree. We will listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her leadership as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus.

Ruling Elder: Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us?
And will we stand by her in trouble and share in her joys?

Congregants: We do and we will. We welcome and we celebrate our mutual and shared ministry.

The Colleagues in Ministry Covenant

Leader: We gather to celebrate our mutual ministry in God’s name.
Do we pledge to work with Nanette to build up the church of Christ,
to learn and grow in understanding, and to lead the people of God
with compassion and vision?

Clergy: We do. We promise to support Nanette in her ministry
by helping her sustain gladness and strength, discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of God’s presence.

Blessing by Laying on of Hands Randall Blakey
Declaration of Installation John Chu
Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor Terra Winston
Charge to the Congregation Beth Dammers
Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts, pledges, and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*) . . . Emily Sutton
Offertory Music “Sermon on the Mount”. Dave Brubeck
***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”. Words by Brian Wren

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Nanette Sawyer

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 "All My Hope" Dave Brubeck

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*) Chukwuma Ezeokoli

Spirit of Life, God of all joy,

we thank you for all that you have given us and all that you task us to do.

Send us now with a blessing out into the world to share your love

and embody your strength and justice in the world. Amen.

***Closing Song** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

***Benediction** Nanette Sawyer

Sending Music

Installation Commission and Worship Leaders

John Chu, Moderator, Presbytery of Chicago

Beth Freese Dammers, Presbyterian Church, Clarendon Hills, Teaching Elder (Clergy)

Terra Winston, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Teaching Elder (Clergy)

Dirk Ficca, Social Cohesion Project, Teaching Elder (Clergy)

Joe Fong, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ruling Elder

Emily Sutton, Friendship Presbyterian Church, Norwood Park, Ruling Elder

Chukwuma Ezeokoli, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, Ruling Elder

Randall Blakey, LaSalle Street Church, Chicago, Clergy

Alise Barrymore, The Emmaus Community, Chicago Heights, Clergy

Shannon J. Kershner, Teaching Elder (Clergy)

Lucy Forster-Smith, Teaching Elder (Clergy)

Nanette Sawyer, Teaching Elder (Clergy)

Monica Brown, Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Renee Golas, Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey, Executive Director, DOOR Network

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Members of the Morning Choir

Musicians Allison Orobias, vocals
Bryan Doherty, bass
Marcus Evans, drums
Amr Fahmy, piano

Today's offering is designated for the Presbytery of Chicago's Ministers' Emergency Fund, which supports pastors during times of financial emergency. All cash gifts not placed in an envelope—as well as any checks with "Emergency Fund" noted on the memo line—will be given to this fund.

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.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities.

In addition to this 4:00 p.m. jazz service, on Sundays we also offer an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

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Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor

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Rocky Supinger, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

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Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults

Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Pastoral Resident

John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

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Join us for a reception in honor of Nanette Sawyer in Borwell Dining Room following the service.

Joe Morrow is joining us on May 1 for a two-year appointment as Minister for Evangelism and as the primary pastoral presence at the Jazz at Four service.

World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 5, a day when people around the world walk labyrinths at 1:00 p.m. in their time zone. A hosted labyrinth walk will take place here in Buchanan Chapel on Saturday between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. for those familiar with and also those new to this prayer practice.

Next Sunday morning new Fourth Church officers will be ordained and installed during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. See www.fourthchurch.org/caring for information.

Music and the Arts

Flutist Joanna Turska will present this week's free Friday Noonday concert in Buchanan Chapel.

The Fourth Church Choral Society will present their spring concert on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Worship

Sacred Pause meditation, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held 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 as well as for those who are in need.

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study meets Tuesday morning, May 1 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Two new adult education classes begin next week in Room 5D: "The Confession of 1967" at 9:30 a.m. and "Race: The Power of an Illusion," at 11:00 a.m. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Horizons Women's Bible Study meets next Wednesday, May 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

Inquirers' Class, a one-session class that provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs and is a prerequisite for membership, will be offered on Sunday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Congregational Meeting: Next Sunday, May 6

All members are encouraged to attend the congregational meeting that has been called by Session for Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the recommendation that Fourth Church acquire a new manse for the use of our current and future senior pastors. For the letter mailed to members and the proposal synopsis, visit www.bit.ly/fpcmanse



Mission and Outreach

A Community Farm Day will be held at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) on Saturday, May 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. An orientation (*required for first-time volunteers*) will be held at 12:00 p.m. Sign up at www.chicagolights.org

World Fair Trade Day will be celebrated at Fourth Church on Friday, May 11 with a fair trade sale in Anderson Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and panel discussions at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

“Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism” training will be offered May 24–26 here at the church. To register, contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

The Gospel Run 5K/10K (and a half-mile walk for children) on Saturday, June 2 will provide opportunity to walk, run, or pledge to raise funds in support of anti-racism training programs at Fourth Church through the Interfaith Council Against Racism. To register or pledge, sign up at www.raceroster.com/16612 by May 15.

Needed for meals ministry are 10,000 snack items by Mother’s Day.

Children, Youth, and Family

Family Camp will be held the weekend of Friday, May 18–Sunday, May 20 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. For information, contact Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org; you can register online at www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18

The Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2018–19 early childhood programs, including a tot-and-parent class, a three-morning preschool class, and an extended-day option. Space is also available for June 5–8 and June 11–14 summer programs. For details, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

A new men’s discussion group, “How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” will meet for three months on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. beginning in May. Come learn more about this opportunity this Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Cornerstones—a group for those fifty and older—will meet this Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on “The Rise and Fall of Cabrini-Green” presented by Bradford Hunt of the Newberry Library. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cfpc0518 or with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) by this Wednesday, May 2.

Fourth for Bridge will gather to play bridge this Saturday evening, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. For details, call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Books by Women will discuss *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation* by Natalie Y. Moore on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men’s Breakfast next meets Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Administrative volunteer for the Urban Farm to help two to three hours weekly

Greeters for the 4:00 Jazz worship service

Coffee Hour Hospitality Team members one Sunday morning a month

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

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).

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, 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, May 13, June 10, or July 8 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; 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 May 27 or June 24.

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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