



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Whoever we are,

we are known to God.

Whatever we've done,

we belong to God.

Wherever we go,

we are loved by God

Every day, every moment,

God is with us.

We are God's people:

we are held in the music of God's love.

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound!

* 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.

***Opening Song** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**O God, forgive us for the times when we complain about our sinfulness.
Forgive us for the times that the confessing of our sins
has left us proud that we have kept our side of the pact between us—
we confess and you forgive. There is more to it than that.
Help us to understand that the times we recognize
we have fallen short of the standards of love and honesty
are opportunities to grow closer to you.
Teach us to recognize that we can never fall out of your loving.
Help us to find ways to heal where we have hurt,
build where we have damaged, begin again and again in love.
This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

The Holy Spirit is upon us and has given us 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.

Welcome

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 98 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Sing a new song to God,
 who has done marvelous things;
 whose right hand and holy arm
 have won victory.
God has made known victory
 and displayed righteousness in the sight of the nations.
God remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
 all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: Shout with joy, all you lands;
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to God with the harp—
 with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 shout with joy before God, the Most High.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
 let the hills ring out with joy
 before God.
 who comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness, God shall judge the world
 and the peoples with equity.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:1–17, 34–35 (*New Testament, page 120*)

Sermon *Shannon J. Kershner*

We Offer Ourselves

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

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**Thank you, O God, for the love made known to us at this table.
Send us forth to serve you where your love needs to be known.
Take us where life needs to be announced, recreated, and shared.
Encourage us with your presence,
for your grace sustains us today and every day.
Amen.**

***Closing Song.** "We Will Walk with God"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Shawn Fiedler	Ministerial Associate for Worship
Mary Lenox	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Allison Orobia, 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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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating; please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

Inquirers' Class next meets on Sunday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. This one-session class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church, membership, and to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation.

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

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory or honor of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults group meets today for their weekly Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Each summer Monday, they also meet at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of volleyball.

Horizons Women's Bible Study will discuss *Clothed with the Sun—Biblical Women, Social Justice and Us* by Joyce Hollyday when they meet this Wednesday, July 11 at 12:00 noon in Room 4E.

Men's Bible Study next meets Tuesday, July 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth will meet on Thursday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 5G to prepare backpacks for Summer Day and Dance Academy students.

It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:

Whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor concert in the courtyard, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). Why not share at least one with friends?



Worship

“A Spirit Revolution,” our summer sermon series on the Acts of the Apostles, invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church. Next week’s sermon will be on Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1–17, 34–35).

Sacred Pause meditation is held 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.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is offered at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, which will next be held on Friday, July 27 in Buchanan Chapel for this contemplative time of song and meditation.

Devotions written by both Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Volunteers to help with laundering towels and washcloths for the weekly Shower Ministry

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

Adult-size men’s and women’s socks for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

School Supply Drive volunteers and donations. Contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org or 312.573.3369

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).

Children, Youth, and Family

Registration for eighth-grade Confirmation and the fall Confirmation retreat are due by September 1. For details and registration, go to bit.ly/8thconf

This week Urban Youth Mission welcomes youth groups from College Street Congregational Church (UCC) of Burlington, Vermont; the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and Calvin Presbyterian Church of Tigard, Oregon, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving.

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2018–19 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Vacation Bible School, which will explore the Old Testament prophets in Babylon, will be held the mornings of August 6–10. Register online at bit.ly/fpcvbs18

Enrichment

The Center for Life and Learning summer exercise classes begin tomorrow, July 9. To register for these eight-week classes, sign up online or contact Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386; squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

The Tuesday meditation group meets this Tuesday, July 10 from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

Couples Group meets this Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

A Tools for Well-Being Workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Anderson Hall South Balcony. Brochures with more information are in the literature racks. Register online (*required*) at bit.ly/wellbeing0718

The Circle of Healing Sound will be offered through the Replogle Center on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Brochures with more information are in the literature racks. Register online at bit.ly/healingsound0718

Music and the Arts

Music by the Fountain continues this Friday, July 13 with Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael performing at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

“Paradigm Shift,” a collection of paintings by Gerald Griffin, is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day. A reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, July 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Borwell Dining Room.

Mission and Outreach

Fresh produce is available at the Urban Farm's Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Weekly produce shares are available through the Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program. For details on the CSA program, visit bit.ly/2nDjvSL

The Urban Farm's next Community Farm Day is on Saturday, July 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago).

Knitting and Crocheting next meets on Tuesday, July 24 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.

The Chicago Lights Summer Dance Intensive Showcase will be held on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—a way to give to those in need on the streets knowing that each \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available for \$5 per booklet at the reception desk.

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, August 12, September 9, or October 14 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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 22 or August 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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