



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

For the joy of human company,
shared stories, friendly laughter,
and conversations that change us—

thanks be to God.

For a place that spans the ages
and is home to all who gather—

thanks be to God.

For the wonder of life,
and the decision of God to come among us—

thanks be 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)*

**Patient God,
your works deserve to be magnified.
Your love exceeds our imaginations.
Your grace is profound.
And yet we confess how we confuse your works—
taking credit and attributing credit to human powers.
We may even confuse human works with you,
ascribing your power to something you will have no part of.
Forgive us, Holy One. Give us clarity. Give us focus.
Give us wisdom so that we may better know you
and the glory of your works in us and in our communities.
Hear us as we silently pray.**

(Please hold silence.)

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 113 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of God; praise the name of God.

Let the name of God be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down, let the name of God be praised.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: God is high above all nations, and God's glory is above the heavens.

Who is like God, our God, who sits enthroned on high

but sees what is below, the heavens and the earth?

God takes up the weak out of the dust

and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

setting them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

God makes the woman of a childless house

to be a joyful mother of children

Hallelujah.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:1–3, 14:8–18

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

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)*

**God of amazing compassion,
lover of wayward humanity,
you have birthed a pilgrim people
cleansed in the waters of baptism
and nourished at the Lord's table.**

You call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world.

**We pray for grace to take your generous gift
and step with courage on this holy path,
confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us,
made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Shawn Fiedler	Ministerial Associate for Worship
Barb Norman	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

Please take a moment to sign the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or a member, whether you have updated contact information to share or whether it is the same—so that we might know you are with us.

To recommend yourself or others for the office of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board, please use the forms that are available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating; the Nominating Committee is receiving these suggestions through September 30.

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

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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.

Fellowship

Young Adults group meets next week 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.

Men's Bible Study meets this 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.

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than 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 (www.fourthchurch.org). Thank you for your support!



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 Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:1–12).

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. This contemplative time of song and meditation will next be held on Friday, July 27 in Buchanan Chapel.

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.

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Volunteers/Donations Needed

Walker with a seat for a friend of Fourth Church in need

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

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. service

Volunteers to launder towels and washcloths for the weekly Shower Ministry

Individually packaged snack items for Meals Ministry guests

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).

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

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 by Tuesday, July 31 at bit.ly/fpcvbs18

Summer Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

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 needed and details about the School Supply Drive, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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 meets next 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 next Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Community Cookout will be held on Saturday, August 4 at 12:00 noon at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). All are invited to this free lunch. Volunteers are needed. Contact Deja Stout (dstout@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Enrichment

The Tuesday meditation group meets this Tuesday, July 17 from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

The Circle of Healing Sound will be offered through the Replogle Center next 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

Another session of the men's discussion group "How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels" will be offered on Wednesdays from September through November. Space is limited. Information sessions will be offered on Sunday, August 5 after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For more information contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Forty members and friends will depart this Wednesday, July 18 on the South Africa music trip. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they take part in this sixteen-day journey.

Music by the Fountain continues this Friday, July 20 with jazz musicians Mark and Anne Burnell performing at 12:10 p.m.

Gerald Griffin's collection of paintings, "Paradigm Shift," is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

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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