



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Before the thought of you enters our minds,

O God, you know us and search for us.

Even when we falter in faith or our future seems unsure,

you come to steady our feet and guide our path.

Knowing that you are present and gather us in your broad embrace,

let us meet you Lord with worship, thanks, and praise.

* 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)*

**God of compassion and mercy,
we confess that in the face of opportunity and crisis that our faith is weak.
Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned.
We seek our own safety and abandon those you love,
refusing to yield our resources or turn from our fears and prejudices.
Instead we trust in objects we can create and control,
rather than in your ability to rescue and redeem.
We speak much and risk little.
But you, O God, have given your promise that you will never forsake us.
Forgive our failure to take you at your word. Amen.**

(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 34:1–10, 15–22 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: I will bless God at all times; praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in God; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of God; let us exalt the Name together.
I sought God, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon God and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and God heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of God encompasses those who fear and will deliver them.
Taste and see that God is good; happy are they who trust!
Fear God, you that are saints, for those who fear lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

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

Leader: The eyes of God are upon the righteous, the ears of God are open to their cry.
The face of God is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and God hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.
God is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous, but God will deliver them out of them all.
God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
God ransoms the life of servants, and none will be punished who trust.

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 16:9–15. (*New Testament, page 127*)

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

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 grace and welcome,
we give thanks for the hospitality and generosity we have received at your table.
You have satisfied our hungry hearts with comfort and hope.
In the company of your people, partaking of the bread and cup,
we have glimpsed a community of true equality and dignity.
May the goodness we have experienced at this feast
be shared with all those we encounter in our daily lives. Amen.**

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

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow	Minister for Evangelism
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Anita Balodis	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

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To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board any Fourth Church members—or yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating; when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will next be offered on Sunday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 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. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

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

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.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:

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

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—

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

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Individually packaged salty snack items, such as chips and pretzels, for the Meals Ministry Bag Lunches

T-shirts, sizes XL and larger, for guests of the Social Service Center

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

Walker with a seat

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

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. service

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).

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 “Singing in the Jail” (Acts 16:16–34).

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.

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.

Fellowship

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.

Children, Youth, and Family

VBS registration is due this Tuesday, July 31 for our Vacation Bible School journey to ancient Babylon the mornings of August 6–10. Register at bit.ly/fpcvbs18; youth and adult volunteers are also needed (email Matt: mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Ten of our senior high youth will be spending this week in North Carolina at the Montreat Youth Conference, a time of worship, recreation, community building, and spiritual reflection involving hundreds of Presbyterian youth from across the U.S. Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers.

This week our Urban Youth Mission program welcomes youth groups from the First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Minnesota, and the First Presbyterian Church of Statesville, North Carolina, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving.

There will be no Sunday School in August. Families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Family worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 9.

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. Contact Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Enrichment

The Tuesday meditation group meets this Tuesday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

Horizons Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, August 1 with Rabbi Amanda Greene at 12:00 noon in Bumpus. Their study on *Clothed with the Sun* by Joyce Hollyday will meet next Wednesday, August 8 at 12:00 noon in the Bumpus Room.

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

A new men's discussion group on the Gospels will begin meeting in September. 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. Contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org;).

Music and the Arts

Our South Africa travelers—forty members and friends led by Shannon Kershner and John Sherer—return later this week after a week and a half of singing with local choirs and learning from our South African Christian siblings about efforts to realize antiracism, healing, and reconciliation.

Marimba player Matthew Coley will present this week's outdoor Music by the Fountain concert this Friday, August 3 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Gerald Griffin's collection of paintings are on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

Mission and Outreach

Women at Fourth's School Supply Drive

continues. Backpack donations are due today. For a list of additional materials needed by August 12 and other volunteer opportunities, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org

A performance by the Summer Day students will take place this Thursday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to come show support for these youth.

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. Visit bit.ly/2nDjvSL to sign up for weekly produce shares—which include eggs and fruits—through the Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program.

A Community Cookout will be held this Saturday, August 4 at 12:00 noon at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). All are invited to this free lunch and time of fellowship with neighbors. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, contact Deja Stout (312.252.3559; dstout@fourthchurch.org).

The Urban Farm's Community Farm Day will be held next Saturday, August 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago).

Fourth Church's Sunlight Project will host a volunteer interest meeting next Saturday, August 11 at 10:45 a.m. in Room 4F and a training session on Wednesday, August 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 4G. RSVP at volunteer@selahfreedom.com

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 August 26 or September 23.

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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