



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

***Joining Our Voices**

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Let us praise God!

With all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Let us seek God!

Whether we come bearing doubts or joys.

Let us thank God!

Whether in the company of friends or at table among enemies.

Let us glorify God!

Who gathers us with a loving embrace.

* 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** “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Ever-present God, in word and deed you offer us a testimony of hope.
You give the world a word of comfort and challenge,
yet we grieve because distraction and distress prevent us from speaking or hearing it.
With mighty acts, you provide generously and love abundantly,
yet we lament because greed and selfishness
cause us to withhold your goodness from others.
So our friends and households, workplaces and communities,
and even our own souls all suffer. Forgive us.
Free us from what we grieve and lament.
Give us boldness to share your grace in word and deed. 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 34:4–10, 17–22 (*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: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

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

Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 22:6–21. (*New Testament, page 134*)

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Poem and Musical Reflection

Poem: "The World I Live In" by Mary Oliver

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"

We Feast Together

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)*

Blessed Creator, through your son Jesus you set a table for us.

**Upon it you give us faith for food and forgiveness for drink
and call us to share this grace with a watching world.**

In gratitude to you, O God, empowered by the Spirit

let us strive to serve Christ—who sets the table—in our daily tasks.

Help us live holy and joyful lives, watching for your new heaven and new earth. Amen.

***Sending Song**

“We Are Marching
in the Light of God”

***Benediction**

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,

bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love,

bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be,

bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the sacred three

bless your eyes and cause you to see.

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow	Minister for Evangelism
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Roger Wilson	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 Resources

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

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, which offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian church history and beliefs—next meets Sunday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. To register for this one-session class that is also a prerequisite for membership, visit www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. Visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
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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.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—

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

Music and the Arts

The final 2018 Music by the Fountain concert will be presented Friday, August 31 by Jazz at Four pianist Amr Fahmy at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the Choral Society will begin Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” tickets are already available for the concerts on December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Order tickets at www.cso.org (312.294.3000).

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days and months ahead. You'll also find calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Just visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



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 and those in need.

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

Jazz at Four will be held in Buchanan Chapel on Sunday, September 9; we will be welcoming our neighbors, Chicago Sinai Congregation, to the Sanctuary that evening as we do each year for their Rosh Hashanah Eve service.

Children, Youth, and Family

Register by this Saturday, September 1 for eighth-grade Confirmation and the fall retreat. Sign up at www.bit.ly/8thconf

Sunday School and youth gatherings will resume after Labor Day, on Sunday September 9. Join us for food and games in the courtyard at 12:00 p.m. that day.

“Together We Play,” an interactive class for parents and children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., September to June. For information about this class and other Day School openings, contact Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Sunday Night Supper volunteers

Ushers for 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services

Pianist to play in Children’s Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. three Sundays a month

Administrative volunteer to enter data four hours a week through December

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

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

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

Individually packaged salty snack items

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).

Enrichment

The Tuesday meditation group meets this Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room

Cornerstones—a group for those fifty and older—will meet on Friday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a presentation on “The Legacy of Faith” led by Lucy Forster-Smith. Register online at www.bit.ly/cfpc0918

John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman will be teaching “In the Beginning: God and Humankind in Genesis” for four weeks beginning Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

“Just and Unjust Wars” is an adult education class that explores questions about just war tradition and peace. This four-week class will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

The new program year for the Center for Life and Learning kicks off Monday, September 10. To register online for classes and to renew CLL memberships go to www.fourthchurch.org/cll or contact Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386).

The new men’s discussion series on the Gospels will begin on September 12 at 7:00 a.m. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults group meets next week for their weekly Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Join summer volleyball at Oak Street Beach for its final game on Monday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Book Club will meet this Monday, August 27 at 7:30 a.m. at a member’s home. Contact Anne Ellis for details (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org)

Men’s Bible Study will meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 4 in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369)

Mission and Outreach

Fourth Church’s Meals Ministry is participating in the Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk on September 8. Learn how you can get involved online at www.classy.org/team/181904

Fresh produce is available from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm’s Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Voter registration will be offered Sundays, September 2, 6, and 30 during morning Coffee Hour for those who have not registered or whose name or address has changed. Two forms of ID will be required: one with name and current address and a second ID with name.

Knitting and Crocheting will meet this Tuesday, August 28 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.

Chicago Lights Tutoring is looking for tutors for the 2018–2019 school year. RSVP information and orientation dates are online at www.bit.ly/CLtutoring2018

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.

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 Sunday, September 9 or October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers). 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 (member@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) or go to www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

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 considering baptism or becoming a member of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, 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 September 23 or October 28.

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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