



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

We live in a world where many cautiously guard their time and possessions,

but here we are called to generosity.

Many among us shout and insist on their way,

but here we are called to prayerfully listen.

We live in a world where those suffering are often kept from view,

but here we are called to let the distressed speak.

Many among us chase after fame or riches,

but here we gather to seek the Lord.

* 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** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of all bounty, in every season of life you provide for our needs.
Yet we speak and act as if our blessing were gained through our own wise efforts.
We insist that your goodness is ours alone to enjoy.
Or we extend it only to those deemed worthy.
So many in true need go unheard, unseen, and unloved.
In your mercy, forgive our arrogance and selfishness.
Fill us with a spirit of generosity that declares you alone as the source of abundance.
Open our hearts so that we may give to others freely and gladly.**

(Please hold silence.)

Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**We hear the good news,
we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news.
Thanks be to God. 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 17:1–7, 13–15 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Leader: Rise up, O Lord, confront them, overthrow them!
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
from mortals—by your hand, O Lord—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.
May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;
may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.
As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24–37 (*New Testament, page 40*)

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Poem and Musical Reflection

Poem: "Hunger" by Emily Dickinson

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 and pledges 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

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

God of abundance, as we heard your Word we were nourished.

As we ate of your bread we were satisfied.

As we drank from the cup we experienced unity in our diversity.

Never let us forget these signs of your abiding love.

Lead us from this place in hope,

blessing those we encounter as we have been blessed. Amen.

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

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow	Minister for Evangelism
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Clyde Yancy	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Leslie Beukelman, 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

This week we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they again hold Rosh Hashanah services in the Sanctuary, which they are doing this evening and tomorrow morning.

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! Next Sunday morning, September 16, all are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for our annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour—which will include opportunity to fill out interest profiles, participate in photo-booth fun, and identify ways to connect with the Fourth Church community through educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities.

Inquirers’ Class, which offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian church history and beliefs, will next be offered on Sunday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

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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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). Use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members with gifts for leadership and ministry. Paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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

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

Music and the Arts

This week’s free Friday Noonday concert features the instrumentalists of Credo Chicago at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Those interested in singing with the Fourth Church Choral Society for its November 9 evening concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The concert will feature readings, letters, poetry, and music by Elgar, Bainton, Tavener.

Needed: 5,000 single-serving snack items!

We need your help in collecting 5,000 snack items during September. These single servings of granola bars, chips, pretzels, and fruit cups will be used by Fourth Church Meals Ministry to pack in the bag lunches they serve each Tuesday–Wednesday–Thursday in Anderson Hall. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk.



Worship

A Blessing of the Animals service will take place on Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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.

A candlelit Taizé service with meditative song, silent reflection, and prayer will be held on Friday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m., as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

Fellowship

TwentiesThirties (formerly known as the Young Adults group) will no longer have Sunday morning Gathering time but is focusing on establishing small groups instead. For details, email Abbi Heimach-Snipes (aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org). Registration for their October 19–21 weekend retreat in Michigan is due by Thursday, September 20; sign up online at www.bit.ly/2030retreat1018

Books by Women book group will discuss Julia Baird's *Victoria the Queen* on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men's Breakfast next meets on Saturday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

Children, Youth, and Family

Youth programming kicks off next Sunday morning, September 16 with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m.; a time of fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m.; and Senior High and Confirmation gatherings at 11:00 a.m.

Registration for the Confirmation retreat (which takes place the weekend of September 21–23) can be completed online at www.bit.ly/8thconf

Sunday School for three-year-olds through fifth-graders meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Choirs for children and youth rehearse on Sunday mornings in Room 4F: the Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir at 10:00 a.m. (grades 9–12, with grades 6–8 joining at 10:15 a.m.), and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Book Nook volunteers for the 12:00 p.m. Sunday Coffee Hour

Tutors to mentor Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; to sign up for a one-session orientation, visit www.bit.ly/CLtutoring2018

Sunday Night Supper volunteers

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

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

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

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).

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Enrichment

The Center for Life and Learning's new program year for adults sixty and over kicks off this Monday, September 10. Class registration and CLL membership renewal is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/cll or by contacting Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386).

A meditation group of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Room.

A men's discussion series on the Gospels begins this Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 a.m. in Room 5A. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman are teaching a four-week adult education class, "In the Beginning: God and Humankind in Genesis," on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

"Just and Unjust Wars," a four-week course taught by Richard Hoskins, also takes place on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Men's Bible Study will next meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 18 in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

The humanitarian crisis in Syria will be the subject of a presentation by Mary Mikhael, of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, next Sunday, September 16 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5G.

Fourth Church's Racial Equity Council will host a book lecture on *Strength for the Struggle* by Joseph Ellwanger—author, pastor, and civil rights activist—on Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. To RSVP for a 12:15 p.m. lunch beforehand, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create handmade stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters and taggies for infants in the NICU at Lurie Children's Hospital. (*No sewing experience necessary.*)

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.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, available from the ushers, 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.

Worshippers 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 Sunday, October 14 or November 11 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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